



Anzac Day 2018

The Tooraweenah Anzac Day Committee wishes to thank all who attended this year's service in the hall. Again, the hall was almost at capacity with in excess of 170 participants including a large number of children. It is attendances like this that make the committee realise their efforts are more than worthwhile.

The service was led by Chairman Ken Gordon, a relatively new member of the committee who was backed up by Secretary Lester Thurston. The service began by noting the passing of Tooraweenah returned serviceman, Bill Jenkin (RAAF), since last Anzac Day.

In recognition of the centenary of the Charge of the Australian 4th Light Horse Brigade on the town of Beersheba in the Sinai and Palestine Campaign of 1917, Tony Webb, grandson of a member of the 1st Australian Light Horse, read extracts from articles written by witnesses of the now-famous charge and resultant capturing of the town.

Once again, the children of the Tooraweenah Public School participated in the service and although small in number, and size, they excelled in their duty for which we are all extremely grateful.

Each year there is an increased number of wreaths laid in the hall then carried reverently by the children to the War Memorial in the park after the service. At least 18 wreaths commemorated family members who served and survived, or gave their lives in conflicts since the Boer War.

The Anzac Day address was given by Sally Pratt, daughter of long-time Tooraweenah district resident and returned serviceman, Noel Whale. Mr Whale lived and raised his family on the property "Dill Doll" south of Tooraweenah.

Noel enlisted at the age of 18 years. After initial training at Bathurst and Wollongong he was sent for jungle warfare training to Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Cairns.

He subsequently served for a long period in the jungles of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands with the 61st Battalion. Sally spoke of the hardships, including extremely rare periods of leave, encountered by the Australian forces in inland Bougainville, largely cut off from supplies by ship. She also emphasised the privations suffered by the Japanese soldiers and her father's compassion for the enemy whose march south all Australians feared.

As with so many returned servicemen, Noel seldom spoke of his experiences, instead focusing on making a happy life for his wife, Joy, and four children in the slopes of the Dilly mountains in western NSW.

The Anzac Day Committee thanks all who helped in the preparation of the hall, in particular those who provided the floral arrangements, not an easy task in the current climate. Jodie Peart gets a special mention for providing the music for the hymns, a skill not possessed by all of us!

Cooking for the BBQ at The Mountain View Hotel was organised by the Lions Club and some 200 sausage sandwiches were consumed. Not a bad effort for our little town.

Doug Robertson, Lester Thurston, Jenny Zell

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Tooraweenah Anzac Day
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Tooraweenah Public School

Grandfriends' Day

What a fantastic day we had for Grandfriends' Day. Grandparents, parents and friends were welcomed into classrooms to see the students' beautiful bookwork and the new John Fleming, explicit 'Reading Warm Ups' in action.

The students did an amazing performance of *Mamma Mia*, *Blame it on the Boogie* and *Proud Mary*. They looked fabulous in their costumes. Pre-schoolers performed *Freeze Game*, *There Was a Crocodile* and recited nursery rhymes. A big thank you to Mary Imrie for her fabulous coffee van and Leonie Harvey for the wonderful catering. Thank you to all for helping make this day so special for the children.



George's Marvellous Medicine - Workshop

Our Years 3-6 students were treated to a workshop with the actors of *George's Marvellous Medicine* the day before the show. Only 30 places were offered and we were lucky to secure the free tickets. During the one-hour session, students played hands-on drama games with the actors. Tooraweenah students worked with students from other schools to convey meaning and represent different scenarios through dance, non-verbal communication, body positioning and the use of their voice. It was a very entertaining workshop and one that produced many smiles. Thank you to Mrs Nadine Jenkin and Mrs Shannon Brown for providing transport and to Mrs Ashley Starr for helping supervise.

George's Marvellous Medicine - Excursion

Students spent their final day of term enjoying a performance of *George's Marvellous Medicine* at the Dubbo Regional Theatre. The production was an amazing combination of theatre, music and dance together with a brilliant and ever-changing set. It really brought the story to life. The actors generously gave their time to answer questions from the

audience after their performance. We heard about their careers so far and were encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to be involved in drama during school, as they are not so easy to come by as adults. It was surprising to hear that the cast and crew had three weeks to rehearse before their show went on the road. It was a marvellous performance!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As our PBL celebration while on our excursion in Dubbo, students enjoyed a special after-lunch treat. Students had worked hard to collectively achieve 550 Class Dojo points in the latter part of the term. Points can be gained by positive behaviour in and out of the classroom and by their work ethic.

Anzac Day

Thank you to the Tooraweenah Anzac Day Committee who did a wonderful job organising this year's service. As a school, being involved in this important occasion helps develop better understanding for our students of the sacrifices made by our service men and women. This year our students presented the Anzac version of *I am Australian* at the Anzac Service in Tooraweenah. School leaders, Brock Trickey and Souljah Hughes lay the wreath for the school and students were proud to march from the hall to the memorial at the park.

The Term Ahead

We are looking forward to another busy and productive term ahead. During May we will be starting fitness classes in Tooraweenah each Friday with Mark Pitts; travelling to Gilgandra for John Fleming's visit on May 14; Year 3 students will be completing NAPLAN; school leaders will attend GRIP Leadership and we will start training for our Cross Country. The P&C Meeting for Term 2 will be held on Monday May 7 at 3:15 pm.

Karen Smith, Relieving Principal



Mrs Smith with current and past students preparing to march to the Tooraweenah War Memorial



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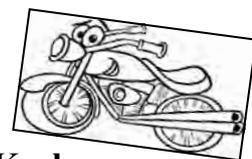
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Lions Roar



Toora Lions has elected a new executive team for the next 12 months with Ken Gordon as president; Kathryn Larkin, secretary; and Jane Gesell, treasurer. That means some incumbents will return to the 'back bench' although not for the same reasons as our former Deputy Prime Minister. Expect some structural changes with proposals to create positions more relevant to the functions Lions members perform throughout our community. An opportunity exists to be more innovative and creative with how 'we serve' as a community service organisation. There is a host of activities and projects currently in the pipeline courtesy of our incoming president. As always we invite community suggestions for projects to take on and embrace.

Perhaps a worthy illustration of how Toora Lions members and supporters are proactive is that at the last meeting 185 hours were recorded for voluntary service. That is equivalent to a full time job contribution of approximately 40 hours per week, not a bad effort on most people's standards. Some may not know, but Toora Lions was the major supporter of the successful Royal Agricultural Societies' (RAS) kitchen upgrade application for the Toora Memorial Hall. Installation is planned for completion within a few months utilising the skills of our expert team of unqualified tradesmen, such as carpenter Larry Priddis and the infamous Macca McKenzie and hopefully a few others who know what they are doing.

Thanks to our Lions team who coordinated and managed Shellharbour Anglican College Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme students on the painting facelift of Toora airport terminal building, an example of another constructive

achievement for Tooraweenah. Toora Lions has also committed to contribute, equally with Gil and Gular Lions Clubs, towards the acquisition of a Bladder Scanner for Gilgandra Health Service patients and community.

Toora Lions 39th Annual Changeover will be held at Tooraweenah Memorial Hall on Saturday June 16. Tickets and table bookings will be available from Lester at Toora Trading Co. An evening of fun and entertainment is on the agenda. More details next edition.

Toora Lions members' sympathies are extended to Doug Diggs and family. As a Lions family we share your sadness as we all remember Kay and the memories you treasure.

Lion Mock



Councillor's Corner with Cr Brian Mockler

Whilst dry times prevail and challenge our resolve there are positives from a shire council perspective. State Government Stronger Communities Fund applications, subject to approval and priority allocation, will generate significant benefits for the Tooraweenah community. Project applications include a \$30,000 Memorial Hall façade upgrade, \$20,000 Toora playground and \$75,000 for walking track from the GK Rohr Viewing platform, as part of the Village Beautification Program. Community consultation and feedback determined priorities for these projects. A special acknowledgement to Kathryn Larkin for her contribution through council to the grant applications and engaging so constructively with our village and district. Council's WWI Armistice Commemoration Project, Tooraweenah Sculpture, a soldier returning from war, is great work for the concept conceived and promoted by

Kylie Moppett, council's cultural officer, in conjunction with Brett Garling. It has been ratified by council for November 11 2018 centenary remembrance. Wow! What a wonderful recognition for our village.

It was a memorable Tooraweenah Anzac Day ceremony with an inspirational address by Sally Pratt née Whale, daughter of Noel and Joy Whale late of Dill Doll. We are so privileged to live in such a vibrant community. Thank you from all of us Tooraweenahites.

Tooraweenah CWA



After our very successful Women's International Health Day, the Tooraweenah CWA's involvement with the

Endurance Rides continued on the weekend of April 21-23, a very well-attended and profitable two days. Many thanks to all who donated food and time – it was much appreciated.

We welcome Jeanette Cruickshank to our branch and hope you find your time with CWA rewarding. Marcia Van Gelder is moving to be with her family. We will miss your smile and your help, Marcia. Lorna Jenkin laid the CWA wreath on our behalf at the Tooraweenah Anzac Service this year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 9 at 10am with lunch at the Mountain View Hotel that day. Don't forget our *Sip and Snip* craft days on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. Bring your lunch, perhaps something to contribute for morning tea and enjoy our company.

'Til next time

Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

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Pub Community BBQs

The April BBQs at the pub were run by the Tooraweenah Hall and Anzac Committee. Thank you to all the helpers and chefs for doing such a great job. The May BBQs will be run by the Tooraweenah town bush fire brigade. If you can assist by working or cooking a hot dish, please let a fire brigade member know. Look out for the weekly menus posted around town.

Tooraweenah Lions Blood Run

The next blood run date is May 28. If you would like to give blood and haven't got around to it, 2018 might

be the right time to start. Anyone interested can contact Lester at Tooraweenah Trading Co; on 6848 1011 or by email: lester@ttco.com.au. Every donation can save up to three lives.

Biggest Morning Tea

Tooraweenah's *Biggest Morning Tea* is on again from 10am, Saturday May 26, in Denman Street near Tooraweenah Trading and the Tele Centre. Mary's coffee float will be on duty for a lovely coffee. If you can, assist with catering by bringing a plate to share. Looking forward to a great community morning where we can raise a few dollars for cancer research.

Anzac Day

This year's Anzac Service was well attended and we were very fortunate to have Sally Pratt née Whale give a very heartfelt talk about her father Noel Whale. It covered his time in Tooraweenah and his service in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands during World War 2.

Chairman Ken Gordon along with the Anzac Day Committee introduced a

few new additions to the service by having poppies available at the door of the hall and white crosses on display at the recreation ground representing various service men and women. The dedication of each wreath was announced as it was laid at the hall.

(Thanks Lester for this regular column)

Grandfriends' Day: Patron Jeanette Cruickshank with pre school and school students



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The 2018 Tooraweenah P A & H Association has a new committee. Congratulations to all who have been elected and accepted these positions. President: Sue Armstrong, Vice Presidents: Marion Schulz and Peter Burtenshaw, Secretary: Kristy Gale, Assistant Secretary: Robin Dowsett, Treasurer: Brian Mockler, Assistant Treasurer: Lester Thurston, Ring Steward: Christine Stuart, Pavilion Steward: Kylie Moppett, Assistant Pavilion Steward: Marion Schulz, Wool Steward: Brendan Butler, Ground Steward: Ben Gale, Publicity Officer: Tess Schulz, Public Officer: Lester Thurston, Rodeo Steward: Ashley Starr, Catering Officer: Geoff Pike, Assistant Catering Officers: Brian Mockler and Peter Burtenshaw, Ground Keeper: Geoff Pike. We are waiting to fill some other positions as not everyone was able to get to the meeting. Congratulations to Lester Thurston and Brian Mockler who have received Life Memberships.

We encourage new members to join our show. You receive a show schedule, one member and one guest entry ticket for only \$20.

On April 14 we welcomed Shellharbour Anglican College students who, as part of their community service, painted the showground toilets and golf course seats.

The 2018 show schedule is underway. We always welcome new advertisers and sponsors. Would you like to be an advertiser or sponsor? Please contact Secretary

Kristy Gale on 0429 780 323 by the end of May. We continue to update and maintain the showground. We encourage you to contact a committee member if you feel something is not right at the showground.

'An Evening in the Pavilion' will be held on Saturday, May 5 commencing at 6 pm. It will be a night of art, great food and an RB Sellars fashion parade modelled by locals! If you haven't purchased tickets you can get them from Tooraweenah Trading, MH Thomas Real Estate, Gilgandra and Robin Dowsett, 0427 961 420 or Kylie Moppett, 0428 223 037.

The Rodeo Committee will hold a fundraising golf day on Saturday May 19, 9 hole optional, 18 hole 2 person Ambrose, starting at 11am. \$20 per person, lunch included. Get your friends together for a fun day of golf.

Tess Schulz Publicity Officer



Tooraweenah CWA members catering for the Endurance Ride in the bar facilities at the Tooraweenah Showground

FREE child car seat checks and installations

Parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to have their child car restraints checked and/or installed at Gilgandra Shire Council's free 'Seatbelt Saturday' event on Saturday 12 May 2018 to ensure their children have the best chance of surviving an accident.

Council's Road Safety Officer, Jayne Bleechmore said free checks would be available at the CWA and library car park on Warren Road, Gilgandra. The free checks will commence at 9.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm.

"This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to check they are using a compliant 'Australian Standards' approved child restraint appropriate for the child's height," Ms Bleechmore said. "Equally important is how the restraint has been secured to the car seat. The road can be a dangerous environment and correctly

fitted child restraints give little ones the best chance of surviving a crash."

"Parents and carers can take advantage of this free service and have all their child restraints checked and/or have new car seats properly installed and certified as safe by a Roads and Maritime Services authorised and professional local fitter who will not only check or fit restraints but answer any questions parents and carers might have as well," she said.

"Many parents and carers want to ensure they are doing the right thing for their children and 'Seatbelt Saturdays' are one way council can help them update their knowledge and give them peace of mind."

Bookings are appreciated but not necessary. To make your booking or receive further information please phone council's Road Safety Officer on 0417 667 984.

Warrumbungle Landcare Field Day: Biological Weed Control

Warrumbungle Landcare Group, near Tooraweenah, will soon host a field day for local farmers to learn more about the biological control of local weeds. Broadly speaking, biological weed control is the use of an agent in order to control weeds, rather than by using chemicals. Biological agents, including weevils, moths, mites, beetles and rusts, are available for problematic weeds, such as St John's wort, horehound, Paterson's curse, thistle, dock, prickly pear, blackberry, blue heliotrope and thorn apple.

The larvae and adults feed on the crown, leaves and roots, leading to the death of the plant or reducing seed production. This reduces the density and vigour of weed plants, so they are far more manageable.

"The presenter, Barry Sampson from WeedBioControl, will be available to discuss the biological control options for a

number of local problem weeds, including horehound, Paterson's curse, blackberry, Scotch Thistle and Tiger and Prickly Pears, and will demonstrate how to find and spread the various agents around for each weed. The day's program will very much be directed by the participants and their interests in particular weeds," explained Landcare Coordinator, Danielle Bonnington.

"The field day will start with a relaxed and casual morning presentation and discussion of the particular local weeds that participants are concerned about, and their individual biological control options. We'll head outside after lunch to look closely at the control agents and how to spread them on our own properties," said Warrumbungle Landcare Group Chair Patty Webb.

(See advertisement below for details)



Grandfriends' Day 2018
Tooraweenah Public School

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Biological Weed Control Field Day

9am-3:30pm Friday May 11 2018
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BYO chair.

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