

Toora Bungles



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Sonnie Sandford—Lions Senior Citizen Of The Year



Lion, Brendan Butler presented the Tooraweenah Lions Club 2021 Senior Citizen of the year to Sonnie Sandford during the Lions Club St Patricks Day function at the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall.

Sonnie moved to 'Myall'

Tooraweenah, with his family in 1973.

He became involved in organising the very first Tooraweenah Endurance Ride and was responsible for the ride continuing to this day as an annual event.

Sonnie and his wife Helen instigated the start of the Saturday night 'Tooraweenah Pub BBQ's', to raise funds for the running of the Endurance Ride, which in turn provided funds for multiple local charities such as the Tooraweenah School, Cooee Lodge and the Far West Children's Fund.

He organised a Bourke leg for the 'Ride for Life', which raised funds for the accommodation block at Dubbo

Base Hospital for Cancer patients and their families. He also played the part of the mounted horseman in the re-enactment of the Kookaburra Recruiting March when they left Tooraweenah.

Sonnie also unveiled the statue of the 'Returned Digger' at the G.K. Rohr viewing platform.

Being a returned serviceman of WWII, Sonnie has always been an active participant of the Tooraweenah Anzac Day activities.

Sonnie has continually been keen to lend a hand when local charities need help with their fund raising.

Our Congratulations Sonnie, very well deserved.

Constable Ian Hayes With Preschoolers



Tooraweenah Preschoolers were very excited to meet Constable Ian Hayes and they listened carefully as he spoke about what he does in his work, staying safe and road safety. They also had some great questions to ask him.

Check out page 7 for lots more news...

Councillors Corner — Rectification Works — Cr Brian Mockler Reports!



Road rectification tenders were considered during the March council meeting and 4 packages were awarded to various contractors.

Two of the rectification packages relate to local roads, the road details and distances for the work are shown in the tables to the right.

The rectification works packages are ongoing and more announcements will be made in relation to local roads across the Tooraweenah region in the coming months.

Apple Tree Flat	10.6
Back Creek Road	14.4
Bona Vista Road	6.4
Ellimatta Road	1.6
Gaffs Road	1.4
Gyddenboyne Road	3.3
Hannans Road	1.3
Ulungra Springs Rd	27.9

Annaville Road	2.3
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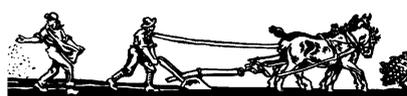
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Tooraweenah CWA , Cath Waller Reports



Hi to all,
Great to see so many attend our first meeting for 2021. Our International Women's Day was a great success, with those attending having a great time. Thanks to everyone who prepared and organised the event and to all the stall holders for participating. Thanks to the Gilgandra Weekly for a wonderful page of photos covering the event!
By now the first Council meeting for the year has happened. Our Market Day in March was a little quiet due to the wet weather. Fingers crossed the next Market Day on Saturday 24th April 9am to 1pm in Hunter Park is bright and sunny. For a stall please give Denise a call M 0458 472 912.
The Tooraweenah Endurance Ride is our next big catering event. Emails

have been sent out so please give your names to Beverley if you are able to provide support. Sip & Sew is going strong 10am to 2pm each Wednesday. Our next Branch Meeting is on Wednesday 14th April 9.30am for 10am start. Bye for now.
Cath Waller Publicity.

Photo:
Janice, Jill, Sarah, Collette and Jane get into the swing of Bolo on International Women's Day



Diary Dates 2021 😊
'Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!'
Thu 1st April 10.30am
Mountain View
Mouse Workshop
Fri & Sat 2nd & 3rd April
Team Roping
Sat & Sun 10th-11th April
Endurance Riding
Sat 10th April 6pm - 10pm
'A Night Under the Gums!'
Sat 17th April—6.30pm
Night Golf
An evening of FUN & HILLARITY from 6.30pm
Saturday 24th April
Community BBQ
Tooraweenah Preschool
Activities may be subject to change!

Due to the current situation Sarah, (Western NSW LHD) will not be doing any clinic until further notice.

Home Visiting
Clinic Visits
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Around The Traps 😊

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah (until 26/3) March 2021 was 123mm over 11 days with a YTD total of 296mm over 20 days.

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 be holding its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on Wednesday the 7th of April. 7.00 for 7.30pm, please book in with Ash Jenkin, 6848 1017.

Lions members gathered to have an outback morning tea last Sunday the 28th March at the recreation ground, any monies raised will go towards the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Thank you to Geoff Pike for supplying some damper and to Jenny Sandford for bringing along the coffee float.

Weekly raffles are going well at the Mountain View, the tickets are normally sold on a Friday night and locals and visitors alike are enjoying them. Thank you to all members

who are assisting with the selling and their support team.

Support the club that supports our town.

ANZAC DAY

The Anzac committee will meet at the Mountain View Hotel for their annual meeting on the 30th of March.

The guest speaker for 2021 is Mr Alan Wykes. The Anzac Service is at the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall on Sunday the 25th of April at 11am.

Posters with more details will be displayed around Tooraweenah prior to the day.

COMMUNITY BBQs Back at the Pub.

The community BBQs are back, they are going to be a slightly different format, only one per month at this stage, being the last Saturday of each month.

The Tooraweenah PA & H Association held a very successful one on 27th of March. Everyone can look forward to getting a great feed at a great price while supporting the local clubs.

The Tooraweenah Pre School will be doing April and will be operating on the 24th of April.

Any other community group that wishes to have a turn can contact Ash Jenkin at the pub on 68481017

Telstra Small Cell Moves Gently Forward!

Special thanks to Council for advising the Development Application for the 4G Small Cell Tower for Tooraweenah was approved on the 4th March 2021 and the information provided directly to Telstra. Next step, is advice from Telstra for a construction start date. 😊

Mouse Control Workshop

Presented by Steve Henry Senior Researcher, CSIRO Health & Biosecurity.

**March 30 Armatree Hotel 12.noon
April 1st Tooraweenah Mountain View Hotel 10.30am**

**RSVP essential for catering & COVID 19 compliance. Nikki McKeown
Call or Text: 0457 221 872**

News From The Mountain View

Easter Trading Hours

GOOD FRIDAY 2ND - 12-10PM
(NO TAKE-AWAY ALCOHOL, BISTRO 12-2 & 5:30-8)

EASTER SATURDAY 3RD - 12-12
(BISTRO 12-2 & 5:30-8)

EASTER SUNDAY 4TH - 8-11AM
(BREAKFAST, BEER & COFFEE)

EASTER MONDAY 5TH - 12-10PM
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Guess what's back??

Community BBQ's are back! The last Saturday of each month.

**March 27th - Toora show Society
April 24th - Toora Pre-school**



Kicking off from 6pm

Easter Weekend

The Gilgandra C.W.A. will hold a one off special Easter Market at **Coo-ee Park**



Date: Saturday, 3rd of April
Time: 9:00am-12:30
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Golf Club Rounds-

 The 2021 season has got off to a great start. The first match of the year was, as always, a charity fundraiser, with the proceeds being donated to Gilgandra District Cancer Fundraisers.

This year a fantastic amount of \$1,465.60 was donated to help the GDCF support locals and their families through their journeys with cancer.

The upcoming program is as follows
March 27th – Huskers Trophy (1st rnd of Club Champ’ships)– Stroke event – 18 holes – 11am tee off
April 4th – EASTER SUNDAY – 3 person ambrose – 9/18 holes - 11am tee off
April 10th – NO GOLF due to Endurance ride
April 17th – NIGHT golf! – 9 holes – 6.30 for 7pm tee off – Tea available - an evening of fun and hilarity!
April 24th – 2nd rnd Club

Champ’ships & 1st rnd Garling Shield – 18 hole stroke – 11am tee off
May 1st – Ryan & Rankmore Sponsor Day – 3 person ambrose – 18 holes – 10am tea off – lunch supplied

There will be bar facilities and food available at all events.
 Contacts -Brett French (President) 6848 1145 – Ash Starr (Secretary) 0499 975 770

Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler



If anyone saw the Hollywood movie Marley and me, it was about a headstrong Labrador pup that grew into a lovable but over the top, uncontrollable mature dog. While growing up, it basically caused havoc for the family, destroying household furniture and pulling them from pillar to post when ever they tried to do anything with it. While it made for a hilarious movie , in real life one

would not put up with that sought of behaviour from their pet. In the case of Marley ,a lot of their problems could have been avoided if they had taken more notice of the temperament of him as a pup, as he would have been highly excitable at a young age. But even energetic and strong willed dogs can be calmed with the age old remedy of patience, pressure on and off as needed and repetition of controlling drills and constant praise of any successes. A strong dog that wants to pull away in front of you needs to have pressure applied to make it uncomfortable to want to pull you, hence a short leash, once it realises that it is much more comfortable to just walk with you, the leash can be extended and body language

relaxed. To get it to stop, just pull-up as you are walking with pressure to the leash, a slight tug if needed and the command stop! Then praise and patting when you get a success. Once again, repetition will eventually get the penny to drop that it is uncomfortable to resist and rewarding to please the boss. Getting the dog to sit is basically the same, walking along get the dog to stop (praise, pat, good dog) then pressure back and down with the command SIT till the dog sits because of discomfort then relax body language and praise. Once again, patience and repetition will inevitably get you the success .

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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Dubbo District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Lara Duff, who competed in the Dubbo District PSSA Swimming. Lara came 3rd in her freestyle heat, and 11th of 24 swimmers overall. Lara also swam well in the breaststroke, swimming 7th overall. We are very proud of your achievements in swimming, Lara.

Western Swimming

Our Relay swim team, Indiana Brown, Daisy Wykes, Lara Duff and Lily Smith competed at Western PSSA Swimming last Friday. They all swam so confidently and as a result took 22 seconds of their previous time. What a wonderful effort. The school is very proud of your achievement and your behaviour on the day was exemplary.

Cricket Coaching

As part of our sporting schools grant for Term 1, students participated in cricket coaching sessions during PE on Tuesday during March. Students practiced cricket skills and participated in modified games lead by Angus from Cricket Australia.

DEL Visit

We welcomed a special visitor to our school in March. Our new Director, Educational Leadership (DEL) for Western Plains. Mr Chris Jackson is relieving in the role so it was wonderful to show him our school and share our vision for the future.

Premier's Reading Challenge

As a result in interest from students, Petria is coordinating the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2021. This involves students reading 20-30 books from the Premier's book list or student's choice. Students are encouraged to participate by letting Petria know as they read each book. K/1/2 will also have their classroom stories recorded for the challenge.

Narrative Writing

Our 3-6 class have been focusing on Narrative writing with Mrs Jenkin and are learning how to write an effective characterisation (description of a key character) in their story writing. The class completed a draft characterisation on Mrs Trunchbull (from Roald Dahl's *Matilda*.) Daisy Wykes shared her work with the K/1/2 class.

Film By...

After completing some preliminary professional learning last year, I am very excited to share that the wonderful team from "Film By..." are visiting Tooraweenah on the first days of term 2 to work with teachers on the School Development Day and work on film making with our students including:

- Taking a story to script
- Camera angles
- Music and sound in film
- Editing
- Making a short film

All students will be involved in this opportunity. Films made by students, will be submitted to the "Film By Western Plains" film festival. Students will share films created by other north West schools including Coonamble, Brewarrina, Engonia, Weilmoringle and Lightning Ridge.

The Midnight Gang - DRTCC



The stage of the Dubbo Regional Theatre lit up on Wednesday 24th March, for the performance of 'The Midnight Gang'. The production, based on the David Walliams novel, did not disappoint. The special effects and story brought to life on stage, had our students enraptured and laughing in their seats.

Eumungerie Cricket Day & Harmony Day



Students were welcomed to Eumungerie Public School for their annual Cricket Day which this year was combined with Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging, so what better way to celebrate than with students of other schools from our local area. Students had the opportunity to create a Harmony Day artwork as one of the rotating activities during the day. Eumungerie team organised and hosted this day. It was a great day of fitness while also creating opportunities for our students to meet students from other schools. Thanks also to Mrs Barry for supervising students on the day and to Craig and Robin Dowsett for providing bus transport.

All costs for transport to Eumungerie were covered by our Term 1 Sporting Schools Grant.



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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith continues

Senior Citizen’s Week

It was a pleasure to attend the Senior Citizen’s Luncheon, and sing in front of an audience for the first time in a year. Our students entertained with two songs that had the audience smiling and tapping their feet. ‘Click Go the Shears’ was a standout hit with students playing the role of ‘shearers’ and ‘sheep’ as well as ‘the boss of the floor’. Wool was seen flying from the sheep and the audience were captivated by the scene taken straight from a busy shearing shed. The second song was John Williamson’s ‘True Blue’ which students presented complete with Auslan signing. We are thankful to the Lions Club for inviting us to participate and were delighted to enjoy treats provided afterwards.

Regional Renewal Program - Approval
I am thrilled to announce that our

application for funding to deliver a bike path, playground equipment and landscaping has been successful and the NSW Government’s co-contribution Renewal Program has been approved.

Sheep Showing

Jenny Bradley and Sonia Bonham have kindly volunteered to teach our students about sheep and showing

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

The Tooraweenah Public School and Preschool Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 1st April at 12:45pm. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend and should continue to follow COVID-safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 metres. Visitors are asked to sign in using the QR code and sign on in the book upon entry to the grounds. Students will make their hats

during Wednesday’s art lesson. We are also hoping that the Easter bunny might make an appearance.

Parents/carers are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and are also invited to the showground for the afternoon Sheep Showing session from 1:45-3:00pm.

*Karen Smith Principal - Tooraweenah Public School
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Photos: (1) Sam Tricky Eumungerie Cricket Day. Spot the Ball! (2) Ben Jenkin at the Park in Dubbo on the excursion.



Gilgandra Shire Council – General Manager Reports

The Natural Disaster Restoration works from the 2020 flood event will ramp up in April, with 4 restoration packages now awarded to four private contractors.

Council works crews are also continuing restoration works in the south-western section of the Shire.

In total there will be 7 roads crews working throughout the Shire during April and May. Council has also advertised a further 3 packages for tender which include most roads in the north-western to the north-eastern part of the Shire with these works to commence from the middle of the year. Keep an eye out on our website for specific updates on these works.

Council has been delivering a series of consultation sessions throughout March as we work through delivery of the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC) upgrades and the GIL Library Hub projects. Visit Council’s website to view the consultation material and provide your feedback at

<https://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Works-Projects> .

The next session will be held 11am Friday, 16 April @ the GIL, Miller Street Gilgandra.

Join us for some upcoming events!
A Night Under the Gums 6pm-10pm Saturday, 10 April where we invite locals and visitors alike to enjoy pop up food stalls, bar and tastings along with live

music by Sarah Leete! **See image page 7 Matinee Movies** showing ‘Hunt for the Wilderpeople’ from 3.30pm Friday, 16 April @ Gilgandra Shire Hall, an event for the young and young at heart! RSVP essential to 6817 8800 or email enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

We wish the community a safe and happy Easter and school holiday break. Our administration offices along with the Gilgandra Waste Facility will be closed from close of business Thursday, 1 April and reopening Tuesday, 6 April 2021.

In the case of an emergency, please contact Council on 6817 8800 and follow the prompts



Tooraweenah Community Bus
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Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence' - With Miss Marie

Our preschool friends have been very busy practicing our Emergency Drills with our friends from Tooraweenah Public School. We practiced our 'Purple Flower' (lock down) drill and also our Evacuation Drill. We have had some long and interesting discussions about why we need to practice these drills and for what reasons, such as a cranky dog in the yard or a wild windstorm and if we needed to evacuate for a fire or electrical problem.

We have learnt and practiced our Fire Safety messages, including "Ready, Set, Go, 000", and knowing what to do if our clothes are on fire: Stop, Drop and Roll; and if the room is full of smoke, we know to 'Get down low and go, go, go!'. The children all made sure they did their 'homework' and taught their family members these safety messages too.

We talked about Police, Fire and Ambulance and were very excited to have Constable Iain Hayes from Tooraweenah Police visit us at preschool on Wednesday and Thursday.



Everyone was excited to meet Iain and listened carefully as he talked to

us about what he does in his work, staying safe and road safety. We also had some great questions to ask him. We thank Iain for taking the time to come and see us, especially when he was off duty, to meet and chat with us. We will return his visit next term when



we go down and see Iain at the Tooraweenah Police Station. We can't wait!

The children have enjoyed lots of building, designing and working together as a team at the mobilo and also the train set. We've had builders in the sandpit and tool table outside and at the hammering set inside. Lots of fun and dramatic play in and around our new inside tent, as well as some lovely story time together, and fun with the dress-ups and creating interesting characters in our role play.

Our new resources have arrived and it's been fun exploring and investigating new craft items, including screen prints, templates and rollers, and also experimenting with other interesting items, including time turners, 'Magnetic Attraction', new construction sets, small cars and traffic signs and a box of extra train track pieces to help us

build an even bigger and more complex train track. We've also received new buckets, boats, and a new 'aqua play' set for outside too, and a new hat rack and notes pockets banner. We will purchase our other new resources as listed from our successful grant in late 2020. In the near future we hope to get some new lockers for children's bags too.

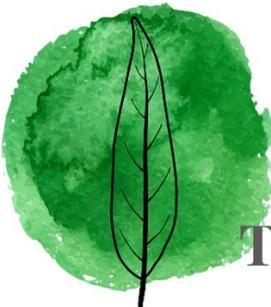
We recently held our AGM and thank the parents who have again volunteered their time to be on our Management Committee and assist with running the 'business' side of our Preschool. We acknowledge and extend our thanks to outgoing committee member, and parent, Jodie Peart for her many years of being a part of our preschool, as a parent and committee member, and for her continued support of Tooraweenah Preschool.

We are currently getting ready for Easter and all of the excitement that goes along with it and our upcoming preschool holiday break.

We are joining Tooraweenah Public School for an Easter Hat Parade and picnic lunch on the last day of term 1.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and a safe and fun school holiday period and look forward to seeing our friends again from Wednesday 21st April.

Miss Marie.
Marie Jacobsen - Nominated Supervisor



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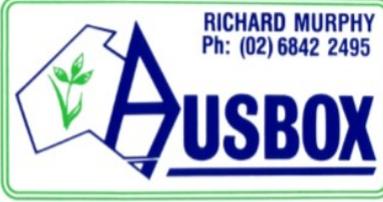


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