



No Coal Seam Gas Gilgandra and District Inc: Update from the Chair

Where are we now with the Santos Narrabri Gas Project (NGP)? Despite expectations that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment would hand down its recommendation regarding the NGP and set an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) hearing or meeting date by the end of 2019, this hasn't eventuated. Two negative findings from the IPC for Gloucester and the Bylong Valley coal/gas developments have created a major push-back by the mining industry. The NSW Minerals Council launched a public advertising campaign in September 2019 claiming the planning system is "broken". Their lobbying has resulted in a review of the IPC. The IPC's future is now uncertain and the established "climate change consideration in decision making" precedent that they set is also in doubt.

There has been a concerted effort by the NSW Planning Minister, Rob Stokes, to push through a bill that would reduce the importance of Scope 3 (downstream) emissions, an important climate consideration in the planning process. The passage of the legislation met with strong opposition and will be delayed until after March 2020, when the upper house votes to refer it to a parliamentary committee for further inquiry. If the legislation passes it can influence the final NGP decision.

The development of the Central West pipeline to transport the gas from the NGP met enormous opposition from

landholders. Santos had a change in fortunes over the past three years which has seen their financial situation improve. This has allowed them to develop strategies about how the NGP gas will be used and how the project may develop. Originally, they argued that it could supply up to half of NSW's gas needs. They have already increased the capacity of their trial electricity generation plant, with plans for more, and established Memorandums of Understanding with heavy industry that would see the gradual growth in industrialisation around Narrabri. This reduces the requirement to establish pipelines to transport the gas away from its origin and removes a stumbling block.

A CSG moratorium bill was introduced into the NSW Senate in August 2019 and will go to the Lower House in early 2020. Its outcome could affect the NGP decision. The Chief Scientist's report from five years ago remains largely unfulfilled, causing significant concern. The NGP has been delayed for many years by the public's scrutiny of every aspect of its development. The outcome is still unclear but the diligence will continue. The importance of water security has never been so crystal clear. *No CSG Gilgandra District Inc* remains up to date with the process and appreciates the great community and membership support it is receiving.

Jan Robertson, Chair NCSGGD Inc

Tooraweenah P A & H Association

The Tooraweenah P A & H Association ended the year with a children's Christmas Party held on December 1 at the showgrounds.

The Christmas gifts were donated by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation helping children in drought-stricken areas by way of their local show. Santa arrived on a fire engine and was mobbed by very excited children. Santa handed out gifts to over 120 children and it was a joy to see the wonder in the face of each child. Well over 120 adults were in attendance to enjoy the day and the sausage sizzle.

After a very hectic 2019 with all the upgrading of facilities, we have big plans for 2020 and look forward to a very busy year ahead.



The Show Committee wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Sue Armstrong
Show President

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Tooraweenah Roundabout with Lester

Tooraweenah LPO

Rainfall figures for Tooraweenah for December and the whole year will be published in the February issue.

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changing world of online purchasing, many parcels can be delivered but the receiving roadside mailbox is far too small.

Pub Community BBQs

December BBQs at the hotel were run by the Tooraweenah Lions Club and the January BBQs will be run by the Tooraweenah PA&H Association Rodeo Committee. Watch the local notice boards for menus.

Lions Clothing Bin

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

Editor's note: Many district residents have received only a trace of rain for December and substantially less than average for the year, as little as 192mm in some cases or even less.

Some years ago, Lois Raglus, née Dicks, who grew up in Tooraweenah in the 1940s and 1950s, shared with this editor her moving judgement of childhood as part of a close, industrious village family.

“What did we have?” she asked. “We had a peaceful, beautiful place to live in. We had freedom and independence. We had endless physical exercise and simple games. We could roam the village with our friends and play anywhere. There was no stranger danger - everyone ‘looked out’ for us. We had clean, fresh air and no pollution. We had the responsibility of shopping and patient shopkeepers to help us. We had plenty of home grown fruit and vegetables and simple, healthy food. We had very few toys but we had loving parents and a mother at home who was there every afternoon ready to hear about school and encourage us. We had no need for anything else.”



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Mountain View Hotel
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Save the date

February

Saturday 8: Huge family fun day!
Tooraweenah Cup - Bus departs at 11:30am and returns about 5:30pm.
\$20pp booking essential
Nathan Whippy Griggs, whip cracking world record holder 6pm (pass the hat around)
Huge water slide from 12pm (**free**) as for Australia Day 2018
Mrs Whippy ice-cream van here all day

Free pool on **Wednesdays**
Happy hour on **Fridays 5-6pm**

January

Monday 20: Closed for our staff party

Friday 24: Pizza & Pasta food night 6-8pm
RSVP appreciated

Sunday 26: Australia Day
Aussie lunch 12-2pm
Famous lawn mower races 5pm
Yabby Races 6pm
Pools to cool off in too

Lions Roar with Lion Mock



President Lester’s loyal team of “elves” have had a busy month catering at Tooraweenah’s Mountain View watering hole throughout December. Thanks to all workers and our BBQ teams and chefs for their delicious menu of hot dishes and desserts. Our Christmas raffles, hams, cherries and fresh prawns, over the three weekends leading up to Christmas were popular and well supported. After winning so many raffles, Leonie French and the Blackmans will in future be put on a handicap!

Thanks to trainee raffle ticket sellers, Geoff Pike and Geoff Hill. Our club’s appreciation to Ash Jenkin for allowing Toora Lions to conduct these fundraising activities at the Mountain View Hotel. Toora Lions assisted Tanya Hutchison to coordinate ‘Coasties’ hamper deliveries, a

mammoth task during the lead-up to Christmas.

President Lester presented Lions sponsored prizes at Tooraweenah Public School end of year presentation. Our senior member Lion ‘Macca’ aka Len McKenzie coordinated our club’s end of year gift of Christmas cakes together with a complimentary bottle of wine to our senior citizens. Macca has been organising this community service activity for so long, he is now eligible for long service leave!

As we start a New Year Toora Lions welcome ideas and requests for assistance with community activities and projects in 2020. We have a range of versatile tradespeople who relish the challenge to undertake a local project. This is how we achieve the Lions Motto “WE SERVE” and enjoy the social fellowship of being members of Toora’s community service organisation.

Councillor’s Corner with Cr Brian Mockler

The Federal Government Drought Communities Programme has allocated another \$1m to Gilgandra Shire Council (GSC) with similar guidelines, summarised in Council’s December 17 business paper, to last year’s. Objectives are to deliver support for community infrastructure and other drought relief projects. Council resolved to advertise the program and invite applications for community organisations for infrastructure projects, events, activities or initiatives. This presents a prime opportunity to achieve a pro-active outcome

for community organisations. Applications from the community close 28 February. Check out Council’s website for further details, criteria and the application form.

Development applications total to the end of November 2019 are \$ 6.5m. Three applications are under assessment: fuel depot, roo chillers and SES shed.

The Cooee Lodge kitchen refurbishment is underway courtesy of successful grant application funding.

Tooraweenah Public School finished the year close to Christmas and news of its end of year events will be published in February

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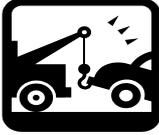
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