

Toora Bungles



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Around the Traps with Lester

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah in April 2021 was 4.2mm over one day with a YTD total of 300.2mm over 21 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 will hold its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on Wednesday May 5 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Please book in with Ash Starr on 6848 1017. Lions members have had a busy few weeks with wood cutting for our seniors and catering at the Gilgandra Show.

Weekly raffles are going well at the Mountain View; 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 support team.

We would like to thank 3D's butchery in Gilgandra who have been supplying our recent meat vouchers. We have sold our last vouchers from them as they are closing their business on Saturday May 1. We wish Wes and Geoff all the best and thank them for their help over the past years.

Support the club that supports our town.

Anzac Day

The Anzac Committee held a lovely commemorative service in the War Memorial Hall, well supported by the local community. Thank you to all the people involved. No matter how big or small your job was, it all went well. Over fourteen wreaths were laid in the hall, then carried reverently by the school children to the War Memorial service that followed, commemorating family members and friends who had served in various conflicts.

The guest speaker for 2021 was to be Mr Alan Wykes, but unfortunately he was too ill at the time. A big thank you to Henry Webb who spoke on the role of Bomber Command during World War Two. With only 48 hours'

notice to prepare, Henry's talk was very relevant for the fact that this year is the 100th anniversary of the forming of the RAAF in Australia. Henry offered inspiring information about Bomber Command personnel from this district, including Harry Chandler, husband of Dell and father of Peter and Barry, and their feats while based in the UK during that dark time.

We are thankful to learn that Mr Wykes' health is improving and we look forward to hearing from him at a future Anzac service.

Community BBQs back at the Pub

The community BBQs are back with only one per month on the last Saturday of each month. Tooraweenah Public school will conduct the BBQ on Saturday May 29. Any other community group that wishes to have a turn please contact Ash Jenkin or Ash Starr at the pub on 6848 1017.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Cancer Council fundraiser, the Biggest Morning Tea, is on again at Tooraweenah Trading Co. 2020 was a non-event with Covid 19 but 2021 will be great on Saturday May 22 from 10am. You can assist with catering by bringing a plate to share. Looking forward to seeing you all at Tooraweenah Trading on Saturday May 22.



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

We finished first term with a fabulous fun-filled Easter Hat Parade with Tooraweenah Public School, followed by a picnic lunch and an exciting Easter Egg hunt. It was lovely to have families join us after last year's parade being very small in number and via 'Zoom'. The children had enjoyed playing with colourful (plastic) Easter Eggs and making up fun Easter Bilby games as well as sorting the eggs, placing smaller size eggs into larger, using pom poms inside the eggs and joining the two halves together to make a whole. There were a great deal of measuring, sorting and mathematical links with this fun activity and lots of mathematical language was used throughout this child-initiated and led experience.

We will start our 'Bush Preschool' programme every second Wednesday in terms 2 and 3. We received a rating of 'Meeting' in 'Educational Program and Practice' and



'Collaborative partnerships with families and communities' in the National Quality Assessment and Ratings Assessment in September 2020. We wish to ensure we continue to grow and achieve in these areas with our goal to be rated as 'Exceeding'. It is important for children to have a connection with nature and a



On the trail of the Easter Bunny at Tooraweenah Preschool and Public School

Tooraweenah CWA with Cath Waller



Hi to all

We have been busy attending the CWA council meeting at Collie, with Beverley, Elizabeth, Denise and Ann having an interesting day. Our market day was successful with lots of visitors passing through. Next market is May 15, the third Saturday of the month. Ring Denise to book a stall. We laid a wreath on Anzac Day at Tooraweenah with a few of us in attendance.

Our conference in Bega from May 2 to 7 will be a big one for us as Sue, Ann, Denise and I will attend and have lots to discuss

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

clear understanding and knowledge of, and about, our natural world and environment.

We are looking forward to exploring our local area in detail in a safe manner, taking a closer look at places such as the Tooraweenah Creek and surrounds, thinking about how and where the water flows, how much water is in it and if it is even flowing. We will also investigate the different plants, both big and small, and the trees we see and know grow in our area. We've discussed as a group the different birds, insects and other animals that we may see in this environment, so we will keep an eye out for these animals too.

It is our intention to combine our 'Bush Preschool' programme with learning more about Aboriginal Culture. Extending our knowledge of nature, the environment and Aboriginal Culture is all intrinsically linked. This will be done with the assistance of some local Aboriginal/Wiradjuri Elders and Leaders when they are able to join us.

We are also preparing for Mother's Day with some special surprises for our Mums, Nanas, Grandmas, Grannies and other significant and super special ladies in our lives. The surprises will remain 'top secret' until Mother's Day, on Sunday May 9 (well, that's the plan 😊). We wish everyone a very Happy Mother's Day and hope the special ladies in our lives enjoy their day and get spoilt by their family and friends.

Tooraweenah Preschool has been gifted a piano from Pendle Hill Public School in Sydney. We need to get the piano from the school to Graham Baker, piano tuner, in Orange, prior to his bringing it out to Tooraweenah.

If anyone can help transport this piano from Pendle Hill Public School to Orange, please contact Miss Marie at Tooraweenah Preschool on 6848 1060 (Tuesday to Friday).

Piano Tuning Opportunity in Local Area

Marie Jacobsen can arrange for Graham Baker to tune pianos in this district when he comes to install the piano donated to the Tooraweenah Preschool. Please phone Marie with enquiries or to book.

at the monthly meeting in Tooraweenah on May 12 at 10.30. BYO morning tea. Dalene and Sue have made it to state level with their handicraft. Congratulations to you both.

We had a very successful and enjoyable two days at the Endurance Ride and many thanks to all who helped in any way.

'Sip & Sew' is held on Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.

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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Easter Hat Parade

It was wonderful to be able to have our 'normal' Easter Hat parade this year. So many creative hats were displayed to our parents and visitors. It is always a colourful parade and we hope it helped everyone to get into the Easter spirit and school holidays.

Student Volunteers

During the Easter holidays Shellharbour Anglican College students travelled to Tooraweenah to volunteer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Service requirements. Tooraweenah Public School hosted nine keen volunteers on Friday April 9. The volunteers completed yard work and gardening projects. We very much appreciated their skills and hard work tidying the surrounds and grounds of our school. Their contribution has enhanced the garden and wicking beds.

Staff Development Day

This Staff Development Day was a little different from usual as the teaching staff utilised the expertise of, and were 'entertained' by, Glen and Karen from *Film By...* about the finer points of visual literacy, creating storyboards and taking stories to film. The sessions were both theoretical and hands-on, creating great opportunities for professional development. All teaching staff attended including Mrs Smith, Mrs Jenkin, Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Barry and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Film By ...

After participating in a Film workshop, our students have found inspiration and realised further skills in film making. They have even been busily creating their own movies in their lunchtime. We would like to thank Glen and Karen from *Film By...* who are passionate about travelling around to schools and working with students on film. It is great to see the students inspired and motivated to create film in this way and we look forward to "Zooming" with Glen and Karen and making quality short films in the future

Sheep Showing Lessons @ Tooraweenah

We had some very excited students raring to meet Jenny Bradley at the showground for a session in 'Showing Sheep'. They learned about parts of the sheep, wool, qualities of a well-bred sheep and how to judge, lead and stand a sheep. I was very proud of the way our Kindergarten to Year 6 students listened and were able to put into practice very quickly the skills required to begin to show and judge.

We would like to thank Jenny for volunteering her time to

teach our students and looked forward to some of our Primary students joining the 'Sheep Team' to participate in showing sheep at the Gilgandra Show. We are very thankful to Gavin Duff for transporting the rams to the showground and to Blake Duff for choosing and preparing the rams to be led for showing. Thanks also to Sonia Bonham for helping coordinate Jenny's visit and to Shannon Brown who assisted. Lester Thurston also kindly donated some prizes from Tooraweenah Trading and we thank him for this very generous gesture.

Gilgandra Show – Sheep Team

Lara Duff, Indiana Brown and Daisy Wykes represented our school in sheep showing at the Gilgandra Show, on Saturday April 24. The students showed much interest, patience and skill in showing the sheep to the best of their ability. Thank you to Gavin and Blake Duff and Sonia Bonham for transporting the sheep and to Sonia Bonham and Shannon Brown who supported our students during the competition. We are fortunate to have such strong parent support in enabling these opportunities for our students. Lara, Indiana and Daisy came away with a pile of ribbons. Well done girls!

Anzac DAY

Anzac Day gives us the opportunity to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in combat and peacekeeping operations. It was wonderful to again be able to mark this important occasion as a community at the Tooraweenah Anzac Day Service. Our students presented the song *We'll Take Beersheba* and participated in the Anzac Day march.

Save the Date

This year's Sydney Excursion has been organised for Week 9 Term 3, September 6 to 10, 2021.



Maree, Jen, Hannah, Eliana and Lily Smith at Tooraweenah Public School in search of the Easter Bunny

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Tooraweenah P A & H Association with Sue Armstrong

A PA & H meeting was held on Wednesday evening April 21 with ideas for the 2021 Tooraweenah Show. There will be yard dog trials once again with plans underway for implementation of Covid QR codes and maybe pre-ticket sales. The committee is excited to be building a First-Aid room and office with funds from a government grant. Plans are drawn and building is scheduled for this year, hopefully completing before the show.

Volunteers are the backbone of the annual show. Executive and committee members work hard behind the scenes to give you a fun, informative, family event. They enjoy giving their time and if you, too, would like to join the happy planning team, please phone Secretary Kristy Gale on 0429 780 323 or call in and say hi to Lester at Tooraweenah Trading Co.

Sue Armstrong, Publicity Officer

Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler

In the last couple of Bungles' doghouse tips we've looked at getting control of a young dog on a leash with some drills to get them to walk calmly, at heel, to stop on command and sit.

We've done this by using pressure on the leash or a tug to get their attention, and pressure off and instant praise as soon as we get a positive result, then repetition to instill the positives. It is quite rewarding for us to be able to go for a walk with our pooches not having to be wrestling with them for control and equally so to have our working dogs under control, calm and not barking their heads off.

Another handy tool for a house or working dog is to take the 'sit' command to the next level and get them to 'stay'. Still using our leash we get the pup to stop, sit, then we want to move in front of the pup preferably with it calm and relaxed and give the command 'stay' but with us bent over it ready to put down and back pressure if it wants to move up and forward, which it will. As soon as the down pressure gets a response the

pressure comes off, praise. Repeat this procedure until we're getting a few seconds of calm and that turns into many seconds.

It is important to praise the dog when it relaxes but we're not giving it a signal to move yet. We don't want the pup to take the affection as a sign that it is time to go until we decide. Once the pup realises that if it stays put and calm it won't get a checking tug down and will get a pat and a 'good dog', we can move our body up and away, but our body language needs to be over the pup to signal that we are in charge and we will repeat again. If we get some success we praise the dog, stand back for a few seconds then call the dog. This indicates that the staying is over. Go for a short walk then repeat again. Once we are getting the pup to stay when we move up and away a few feet we can keep increasing the distance we move including to the side and eventually metres away and increase time away.

Eventually it will become just another command to the dog where it

sits and waits until told to come. The keys are 'pressure on' until success, instant 'pressure off' and praise with any success and repetition. Your dog will happily sit where you want it while you are calmly putting your ewes and lambs through a narrow gate or ducking into Lester's to grab the mail.

Brendan Butler, Oakfield Kelpies



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Toora Lions has resumed activities that have been on hold for the last twelve months due to Covid restrictions. We held our first woodcut with a team of six, and Lester! our head supervisor. Suffice to

say that certain shameless members turned up with chainsaws that didn't work. Thanks to the Oakfield mob for allowing us to access firewood for seniors and to stockpile bags of firewood for sale to visitors to the National Park.

The Lions Club porta loos have been to a Gilgandra clearing sale, been booked for a local shearing shed and are available for hire for functions and events.

Club members operated our BBQ at Gilgandra's 105th Show on April 24, an all-day event through to the fireworks. Thanks to our members for a successful day which provided

the club with a much-needed fundraising opportunity. It was a nostalgic occasion, not only for our members, but also for customers who acknowledged the legacy and memories of 'Macca', Len McKenzie, who, together with his wife Moira, had been chief organiser of the club's catering at the Gil Show for countless years.

Thanks to the Tooraweenah Mountain View Hotel we have been running two meat raffles every Friday evening, another fundraising activity.

Lock in this date, Saturday June 19 2021 for the club's annual changeover dinner at Tooraweenah Memorial Hall. Club secretary Lester is our 'go to person' for most Lions Club activities as well as booking officer for loads of firewood.

Councillor's Corner with Cr Brian Mockler



It's pleasing to see graders out and about in some areas undertaking some much-needed road rehabilitation works.

Gilgandra Shire is one of twelve regional councils to receive a share (\$598,198) of the State Government High Streets

Revitalisation Program to boost local business, support jobs, create better public spaces and transform streetscapes.

Recently councillors and management attended a briefing by the NSW Parliament Committee Inquiry into the Inland Rail

Project and Regional NSW. Council made a comprehensive submission on economic opportunities, infrastructure and community engagement factors relevant to the shire.

At the monthly meeting on April 21, council adopted rating and service charges models for its 2021/2022 budget. Rural Waste charges remain at \$22 per assessment. That represents the proportionate rehabilitation cost for closed rural waste facilities and a notional charge/contribution towards utilisation of the Gilgandra Waste facility.


Development applications approved in March totalled \$1,286,876. Berakee Quarry extension DA is awaiting Regional Planning Panel determination.

Sam Trickey and Lara Duff proudly showing how it's done.



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Hamish Jenkin 'In the moment'

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