

# Toora Bungles



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## Lions Roar – Toora Lions is Back in Business!



Well, Toora Lions have been in hibernation because of that “COVID thingy” since our June 2021 Changeover which was a very entertaining evening to kick off our 43<sup>rd</sup> year of community service.

It is of interest to note, that Lady Lions President Kathryn Larkin (aka “KT”) again took over the helm of Toora Lions under pandemic conditions, coordinated some woodcuts for senior citizens and then went back into pandemic lockdown for the second successive year. We fondly remember Kathryn’s speciality fairy bread for our woodcut morning tea!!...so wholesome, unlike second rate chocolate cakes.

Importantly, Toora Lions is back in business, we had our first post lockdown meeting in early November and Community BBQ’s at the Mountain View Hotel will recommence from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December though to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. COVID rules and protocols will apply.

Not only will there be the usual BBQ, hot dishes and

deserts but there will also be Xmas ham and seafood raffles. Tess Schulz is organising and taking orders for boxes of Cherries. (the traditional annual Macca & Moira Cherry run!!)

It is timely to reflect on the memories of Lions stalwart Len ( Macca) McKenzie and club activities supporter, Sam Blackman, who lost their battle with life this time last year. Our thoughts are with Moira, Jill and families.

2021 has been a challenging year with very limited opportunities to undertake community activities.

Toora Lions extends to our community a Merry Xmas and a safe and Happy New Year. **Lion Mock**



## Tooraweenah Preschool & Tooraweenah Public School - How Lucky We Are!



How lucky we are to have such a vibrant and outstanding Preschool and Public School for our local students, right within our Village. Participation, enthusiasm and enjoyment gained from their education is certainly on show in every edition of the Toora Bungles. Congratulations to all the teaching staff, students and the broader school community. Well done!

Photos: Left Preschool friends buisy creating a special picture for Santa. Right, Congratulations to CWA Country

of Study Malaysia PowerPoint Slideshow winner Lexi Trickey centre, and runners-up Indiana Brown - 2nd and Lily Smith - 3rd. As winner, Lexi Trickey’s entry will proceed to the regional CWA competition for judging. *Enjoy all the news from the Preschool page 7 Public School page 6, you wont be disappointed.*



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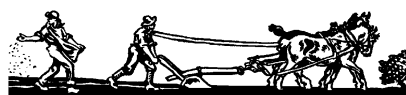
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## Councillors Corner - Cr Mockler Reports



Gilgandra Shire Council's (GSC) extended term of 5 years has concluded, and electors will now choose their next

term, community advocates and representatives.

May I recommend taking the time to look at GSC website and the 2016/21 End of Term Report. It is a comprehensive report and highlights the multitude of achievements which deserve acknowledgement and recognition.

***The totality of community outcomes have been significant. As the Mayor Doug Batten reports, Council has managed to return sound financial results which is an OLG requirement, with Council investing \$41.8M in capital works and with a record \$11.5M delivered in 2020/2021.***

***GSC is a proactive Council,*** notwithstanding criticisms and complaints, and this is illustrated in the comprehensive report. Some examples of Council initiated projects include, 12 days of Xmas, The Gil Collective, Shop Local Campaign, A night under the Gums, Big Ideas Program, Signage, Gil Library Hub, CBD activation development, Winter Wonderland, Cooee Heritage Centre upgrade, McGrane Oval lights, new fence and upgraded player amenities and

facilities, plans for the exciting new Hunter Park Sports and Recreational Precinct, completion of the New Works Depot, (project cost \$4.2M), installation of a new bore water supply at Tooraweenah, rural bridges replacements, ( only 2 wooden structure bridges left), traineeships and Inland Rail project.

Successful Council managed grant funding applications have been crucial to community infrastructure improvements and economic development.

Skilled to qualified program has been a great initiative which supported 23 locals into employment ready positions with Inland Rail.

Nineteen (19) employees have been involved in traineeships and apprenticeships with Council to the end of September 2021.

GSC is the largest employer with over 230 employees in a range of community sectors.

Council has recently received notification of Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4 funding of \$776,383. More will be reported on this project.



***Recent community engagement responses emphasise the ongoing importance of Councils roads network, particularly rural, and this is likely to be central to the incoming Councils Community Strategic Plan and its delivery to the community through Councils Operational Plan.***

Electors now have the opportunity to select 9 out of 11 candidates to represent them, listen to issues, consult with the community and achieve meaningful outcomes as Councillors in the interests of shire ratepayers and residents.

*Cr Brian Mockler*

### UPDATES PROMISED

***CWA Grant, Tom Quilty National Endurance Championship, updates will be included in the February 2022 issue of the Bungles. Thanks for your patience. January 2022 issue will be produced. Thanks. Ed***



**Sunday**

**19th December 2021**

**Presbyterian Church**

**from 6pm Under The Tree.**

**Icy cold drinks & nibbles provided**

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### Around The Traps ☺

#### Tooraweenah LPO

Postage stamps are available for your Christmas cards and they are 65cents each, again this year. All customers are reminded to post their Christmas mail and parcels early to get to their destination on time. The rainfall for Tooraweenah (until 24/11) November 2021 was 155.6mm over 9days with a YTD total of 766.8mm over 58 days.

#### Tooraweenah Lions

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

**The club will be having their December meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Please book in with the hotel on 6848 1017.**

**Members will be doing the Community BBQ's at the hotel on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December and they will be raffling hams and cherries on those nights. Please come along and support the club that supports your town.**

Some club members will also be assisting with a BBQ at the Preschool concert on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

#### Tooraweenah Anzac Day Committee

Mr Harold Leonard Sandford better known to everyone as Sonny passed away on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Sonny was the last returned soldier from WW2 associated with the Anzac Committee.

The committee extends its sympathy to his family at this sad time.

**The Toora Bungles Team wish everyone a joyful, shared festive season and a**

**healthy and bountiful 2022.**

#### Dalene—Wet But Triumphant!



**Dalene, wet but triumphant, completed 35klm of "The Bloody Long Walk" to help raise funds for Mitochondrial (Mito) disease Well done!**

#### Toora Preschool Please 'Come to My Party' 3rd December 2021

**Our preschool concert is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at the Tooraweenah Park – 5.30 pm for 6pm. It is titled 'Come to My Party'. You would be most welcome.**

### Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler



for a pat or a highly trained sniffer dog or work dog, the training basics are really the same and even the highly trained dog had to start

Owning a well trained and good mannered dog can be one of life's most pleasurable pastimes and is so rewarding having a four legged mate that just wants to be with you and always want to please. Whether it be a work dog or a house pet there is always satisfaction from having them respond positively to us when we ask them to.

To get to where we have our pets responding to our requests takes at least some amount of training, whether it be just getting our housedog to come to us

with learning its name, getting it to come, sit, walk calmly on a leash and stay.

With very young dogs, food, along with affection and repetition is one of the best bribes for getting them to do as we ask for things like learning their name and getting them to sit and stay. As they mature we can use the dogs natural instincts to train them. Such as a work dogs instinct is to want to herd its prey to its pack leader, in this case us. We can use this herding instinct to train them to

cast to the stock, to go left or right around them or get over their backs to force them into a tight space.

Getting the pet Labrador to chase a tennis ball or fetch your slippers is using its instincts to chase, gather and bring back to the pack leader and the sniffer dog is using its keen sense of smell to find something to bring to its master.

When starting a work dog pup we want to see its natural instinct to want to go around the stock and bring them to us, which is why it is important to start them on a few quiet sheep, in a small confined yard and keep tight control on them so we can then build on this and not start their work life out in the paddock, where they will only want to chase every thing that moves.

*Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies*

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*Mountain view Christmas markets! Free stall entry From 4 pm 11th Dec Join in our Christmas festivities*



*Our Community BBQ's are returning in December!! Every Saturday from 6pm. Come along and support our community!*





*Entertainment by Phil Varty! Sat 11th Dec from 7pm*

*Phil's joining us from Coonabarabran to celebrate our Christmas festivities!*



*Markets @ the Mountain View Sat 11th Dec from 4pm! Join in the Christmas festivities on the day All stalls welcome*



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



Preschool friends have kept very busy with lots of amazing games and investigations, that have all been led by the children. We have had cubby houses and cars, and a special favourite is the shopping trip in the car where all the friends put on their 'best clothes' (from the dress ups) and take their babies with them as well as pack the cash register in the car (after all, they are going shopping and need cash!) and head off to the shops, after the 'mum' has made sure everyone is strapped in safe and sound. The 'mum' is also really clever at giving the 'dad' instructions on how to drive and where to park .

**Another fun adventure game the children have made up has been driving to the vets, with the children using small puppets and making 'cages' for them (from the box construction items) so they travel safe in the car to the vets to get fixed and get better.**



The cash register is also packed for this trip as it will again, cost money! The car is super amazing- it can expand another 2 or 3 seats as required so everyone fits in and has been driven over the most amazing terrain – from 'our mountains' , through flooded rivers and even across paddocks that are being harvested, with 'mum' directing 'dad' to 'watch out for the mother bin!'

These preschool friends have also kept busy doing lots of investigating and research. They have been using their fabulous auditory skills and identifying animal sounds, and some other common items by sound, with the listening post.

listening post and using the headphones. Some of the animal sounds challenged us initially but now we know what a dove, cormorant, dolphin and whale sound like. The common sounds were easier, especially as we all know the sound that motorbikes and vacuum cleaners make! We videoed our production of "Stuck In The Mud" that we prepared for 'Grandparents Day' in August and placed it on our online platform, Educa. This was a lot of fun and very entertaining – especially when the grader drivers went to reverse to pull out the tractor and fell over in their giant grader box! Everyone enjoyed this 'show' and we all laughed and giggled.

**This fun has carried on outside where we now play with the large box green ute, red box tractor and the brown box grader. This child-led imaginative game has grown each day with lots of amazing adventures where tractors are bogged (like in our story) or roads are getting graded and fixed after the ute has driven across and found big potholes that need fixing!**

The playground has been a bustle of activity everywhere: riding our bikes and scooters around – at speed for another fun child-led game; the sandpit has been a busy place with buried treasures, diggers, sandcastles and lots of cooking, painting with water, playing our fishing game at the bridge and in the river bed, with the fish moving to the café cubby house for fish and chips, as well as a lot of interest in and discussions about our veggie garden, the worm farm and also our plants and beautiful playground environment in general.

We have some new playground friends in the garden, both live ones (a blue tongue lizard has been seen and evidence of an echidna also) as well as some other statue friends.

**Enrolment packages for 2022 went out in November: via Lester and Helen at the Toora PO. If you want an enrolment package and did not get one please ring me at preschool (6848 1060) and arrange this. We look forward to seeing our returning Preschoolers and also meeting new preschool friends and families in the year ahead.**

We have been very busy preparing our story "Come To My Party" for our Party in the Park that is being held soon. Each child has a special part to play and have made some amazing concert crowns to go with their character – we look fabulous! Children have also selected their favourite songs to sing. We are hoping Santa might hear us as he flies around before Christmas checking up on everyone, and if he does,

maybe, just maybe, he might be able to pop in and say hello? We are creating a special picture each to go in our Story book for Santa as he is always so busy giving presents away, we want to give one to him too! **(See Photo front page)**

We have some busy few weeks ahead as we count down to Christmas and the end of our preschool year.

Lots of exciting Christmas crafts and activities have been discussed and planned with an amazing Advent Calendar of special activities, with children also continuing with other child-led investigations throughout our room. I would like to extend a sincere and very BIG THANK YOU to the wider Tooraweenah Community for their constant and unwavering support of Tooraweenah Preschool. We are so very grateful to everyone: individuals, businesses, Tooraweenah Public School and our families and children. We have had a terrific year at Tooraweenah Preschool with our preschool friends, and everyone being so involved in so much learning, exploring, investigating, discovering, creating, designing and adventures in general. A big thank you to our Management Committee and families for all that you do for Tooraweenah Preschool. The last day for children is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December as Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December is a staff only / clean- up day.

**We wish everyone a Blessed and very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and fun Holiday season and 2022.**

*Miss Marie. Marie Jacobsen Nominated Supervisor*



**1. Eloise & Amelia in the Sandpit 2. Rose & Ally's Farm**

**3. Amelia, Eloise & Cooper experimenting with the Marble Run**

**4. Eloise block construction**



**Gilgandra Region Reports!**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Gilgandra Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for the lease and operation of the new Café/Kiosk, upon re-opening of the Coe-ee Heritage Centre anticipated for early 2022. There are two options available:

- Option A: Kiosk area only
- Option B: Kiosk area plus use of the commercial kitchen

Expressions of Interest close 11:00am on Monday, 20 December 2021. To find out more about this great opportunity please contact 6817 8800, alternatively you can visit <https://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Your-Council/Tenders-Quotations/Current-Expressions-of-Interest>

**2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

The NSW Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday, 4 December 2021 with polling booths located at the Gilgandra High School and Tooraweenah Public School.

**Pre-Polling opened on Monday, 22 November 2021 and closes on Friday, 3 December 2021 at the Gilgandra Shire Hall 9am – 5pm (Monday – Saturday).**

Applications for postal votes can also be collected from the Shire Hall, applications close Monday, 29 November 2021.

**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

We are now well and truly into the silly season with a number of fun events and activities that the whole family can take part in and enjoy. Each event is a great way to show your support to the wonderful businesses within the region and the opportunity to Shop Local this Christmas. Don't forget to keep all your receipts so you can enter our Shop Local Competition.

**Wednesday, 1 December 2021 - Community Christmas at the Armatree Hotel, sponsored by Lion in partnership with Gotcha4Life**

**Thursday, 2 December 2021 – Shop Local Christmas Draw, Draw 1**

**Saturday, 11 December 2021 - Mountain View Hotel Christmas Party**

**Sunday, 12 December 2021 - Christmas Raffle at Gilgandra Services Club**

**Saturday, 18 December 2021 - Bendigo Bank Gilgandra Bonanza Day**

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**Diary Dates 2021**

*'Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!*

**DECEMBER 2021**

**Friday 3rd**

Preschool 'Come to My Party' In the Tooraweenah Park from 5.30pm

**Saturday 11th**

**"Mountain View Festivities"** Christmas Markets From 4pm Entertainment with Phil Varty!

**Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th**

Lions Community BBQ'S Scrumptious Menu Ham & Cherry Raffles

**Sunday 19th**

Christmas Carols Under the Tree Presbyterian Church From 6pm Icy cold drinks & Nibbles provided.

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### Tooraweenah CWA - Cath Waller Reports



Hi to all, What a wonderful Malaysian International Day Luncheon, held at the Royal Hotel Dining Room. It was great to see so many there. Our guest speaker Sue Armstrong, State International Officer was full of knowledge about Malaysia. Our Branch International Officer Leeanne Herbic had some Mind Games about Malaysia for us to figure out plus lots of information. We couldn't fault the delicious Malaysian meal provided by the Chef at the Royal Hotel. Good job all-round Leeanne. **Check out some photographs of the day on page 5.** Branch members are looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Royal Hotel on Wednesday the 8th of December from 11.30am. Cost is \$25 so please RSVP to Beverley

on 6848 1190. Guest speaker will be Mark Pitts who will speak about his Grandfather Arthur Butler. Members will also honour Nancy 'Bird' Walton Australia's pioneer aviator. Please bring along a gift marked for a boy or girl including their age, for distribution via St Vinnies. In February, instead of our usual meeting we will get together for CWA Awareness Day on the 16th of February from 10am. Guest Speaker is Dianne Lawson to speak about 'Homelessness'. **Joy of all joys, Tooraweenah Branch has won the 'Joyce Hollow', Cultural Skills Trophy, Macquarie Group of CWA. Congratulations to Dalene, who is our Branch Cultural Officer, well done! Dalene is photographed to the right with the Magnificent Trophy that the Branch gets to keep for a year.**

Our first meeting for 2022 will be on Wednesday, 9th March 9.30 for 10am start. Best wishes to everyone for a safe festive season and New Year. Bye for now.  
*Cath Waller— Publicity*



### From The Tooraweenah Show Ring

Tooraweenah P A & H members would like to wish everyone a wonderful Festive Season.

We are all looking forward to a great year for the Show in 2022 with some new and exciting events and

activities. We extend to everyone Good health and joy throughout 2022.  
*Sue Armstrong Publicity*

### Tooraweenah — Golf Club Rounds

Just a quick reminder that on Saturday 11th December our **Presentation Day 2021** commences with a 9 Hole 2 Person Ambrose Win A Ham! Event. **Members play for free. Start time is 9.30am for 10am Tee Off.**

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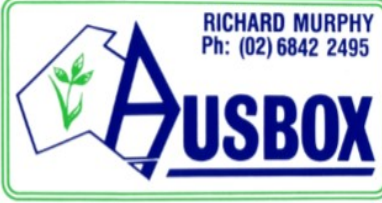


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