



## Hints From The Dog House with Brendan Butler – Body Language



When starting to train a working dog, one of the first drills we use is to get it to go around a small mob of a couple of sheep and balance them to us.

At this early stage the dog hasn't learnt its working commands so we use our body language to guide the dog on where we want it to go. As we move around from left to right the dog hopefully, will mirror our movements around the stock and stay on balance on the other side of the sheep.

When moving around the yard we should always face the way we want the sheep to

go and stay side on to the dog, including gateways so the dog will pick up on our body language on where we want to end up. To get the dog to stop we step into its direct line facing up to it with a command to stop, as soon as we get a reaction we relax and praise the dog.

If we wanted the dog to go around the other way from right to left using our body language, we would step into its direct line to pull the dog up and move towards it with our left shoulder pointing towards the pressure point in front of the dog and make it want to turn around and go back to the point of balance. A garden rake is a great aid at this early stage as it is used as an extension of our arm to guide the dog around and used as a block up to make it stop.

A common mistake is to use the rake to push the dog back around, once having

blocked the dog if we are in the right position we should be able to guide the dog back with our body position.

Anyone keen to learn more of these little advice tips should book into the Show Societies WORKING DOG SCHOOL for started dogs, to be held on September the 13 and 14. There are only a few spots left so get in quick. Cost is \$200 for the two days, with proceeds going to the Show Society.

Contact Brendan Butler 0447 481 048.  
Happy Mustering.

**Pictured:** 1  
Dog School  
March. 2.  
Bret French  
using the  
rake, Dog  
School in  
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### THE UNDER THE GUMS 2023

#### ARTIST LINEUP - IS EPIC

Under The Gums 2023 has a stellar lineup of music acts, including the most streamed country artist for Australasia and singer on The Voice Australia of 'Keith' (played to Keith Urban) which now has over 40 million streams, **Kaylee Bell!** And Golden Guitar Awards winner, and debuting #1 on the ARIA Australian Country Album chart, get ready for those 'Summer Nights', with **Casey Barnes!**

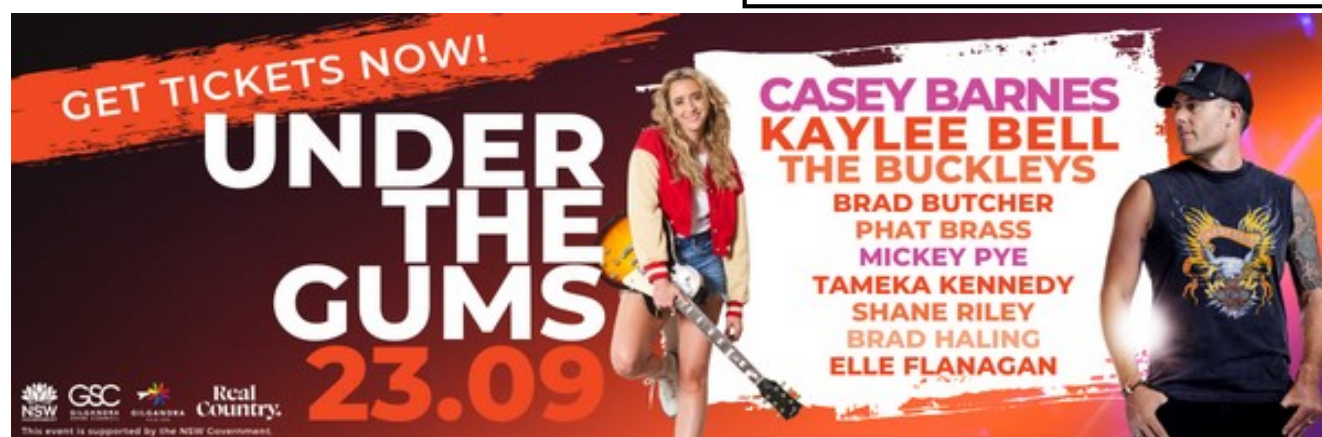
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## Around The Traps ☺

### Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of July to date (26/7/23) was 30.1mm over 6 days. A reminder that your local post office has the Gilgandra Weekly available each week.

### Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 2nd of August 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 68481017

### Community BBQs

The Tooraweenah PA & H Association hosted the community BBQs in July and the Tooraweenah Town Bushfire Brigade will be catering in August. Come along to have a great night out and support your

local organisations each and every month.

### Wanted to Buy.

Wanted to buy, a copy of the book, Gulargambone Homes and Holdings, compiled by the Gulargambone Historical society in 1992. Please contact Lester if you can assist at Tooraweenah Trading 6848 10 11.

### Mountainside Beauty



Hairdresser will be in Tooraweenah **Sunday 13th August at Mountainside Beauty and Massage.**

Call Emma for an appointment on **Mobile; 0439 470 549 or just show up!**

## Tooraweenah Golf Rounds!

I have been very slack with getting the Golf Club write ups to the Bungles so you are going to get hit with a couple of months in one go.

The first round of the Garling Shield was played on the 6<sup>th</sup> May with Pat Foran taking the win for this round & Geoff Hill runner up.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May Dan Harte and Pat Foran were the winners of the 2 person Ambrose, this was followed by the Ryan & Rankmore 3 person Ambrose on the 27<sup>th</sup> May which saw 15 players take to the course.

The Net winners for this day were Pat Foran, Matt & Rodney Job, although Rodney did have some problems with Mr Wilson who at times wanted to stray from the course. Daniel Roach, Scott Smith & Roger Estens took out the win for the Scratch. Individual wins went to Brain Marchant for the Men's LD, Daniel Roach won the Men's NTP with Brooke French winning the Ladies

LD and Robin Dowsett the Ladies NTP although I think the last one was rigged, I'm pretty sure Brooke won both. Thank you to Roger Estens and Ryan & Rankmore for the great prizes and a yummy lunch.

June kicked off with the second round of the Garling Shield with Dan Harte taking the win and Phil Herbert runner up.

Night Golf was played on the 17<sup>th</sup> June and this was once again a roaring success with 21 players braving the cold. The winners being Simon Timmins & Paul O'Hagan closely followed by Matt & Rodney Job.

The Toora Motors day was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June with lunch and prizes being supplied by Steve Watt. Net winners on the day were Dan Harte, Gavan Seaman and Karen Poulter with Steve Masling, Matt Job & Rodney Job taking out the Scratch win. Men's NTP Phil Herbert, Men's LD Steve Masling, Ladies NTP Karen Poulter and the Ladies LD Leeanne Herbert.

## Tooraweenah Show, 82 Days To Go!

There is still plenty of time to practice your baking, make some Lego, do some drawings, get your horse ready or if you have a kelpie start training it up.

The committee have been working hard behind the scenes and this years show should be jam packed. We have yard dog trials, Rodeo, Speed Shear, pavilion, market stalls, entertainment for the kids and plenty of food and drinks.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on show day and in the lead up, just contact our secretary and we can find a job to suit everyone.

It is not too late if you would like to become a member of the show so, to get your gate tickets early just email our Secretary Kristy Gale at [toorashow@gmail.com](mailto:toorashow@gmail.com) or phone mobile: 0429 780 323

## 👍 Diary Dates 2023 ☺

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

### **August**

**Saturday 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Community BBQ'S — 6pm**

**Toora Bushfire Brigade**

**Wednesday 2nd**

**Grandparents Day**

**During Education Week**

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### **October**

**Tooraweenah Show**

**Saturday 21st**

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## Tooraweenah Preschool, 'Developing Wings of Independence' Marie Gale (Jacobsen)

We were all happy to return for Term 3 and catch up with our friends after the holidays. It's hard to believe that we are more than halfway through our school year!

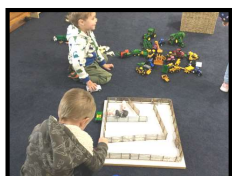
### We finished term 2 with a special visit



from Uncle Ralph Naden who showed us, and our school friends, lots of interesting items. He taught the girls how to dance like an emu and the boys how to dance like a kangaroo. We were all fascinated with his knowledge and loved seeing the things he brought to share with us. We loved listening to and dancing while he played the didgeridoo. How lucky were we!

We were all very excited to discover we had a special visitor at preschool during the school holidays, with the discovery of an echidna hole in our playground with evidence of where an ant's nest once was. There were even some 'claw marks' in the dirt. We're not sure if this visitor will come back, but we hope so. We have placed our garden echidna near the hole to try and encourage him and let him know we are friendly and would happily welcome him back.

This discovery, and frequent investigations of the hole, has sparked some interesting and rather in-depth discussions, with the children discovering that echidnas are shy and like the quiet, and also prompted some more questions around the possibility of him visiting either of the two large ant nests that we've discovered during our Bush Preschool walks for a snack. They are not that far from our playground, so we will have to investigate this during our next Bush Preschool day as we were 'rained out' last week!



Friends have again enjoyed playing together on the mat, with lots of farming games with sheep

yards and sheds being built for the farm machinery and, some pig chasing occurring too.

The dress-ups have been fun, and there has been intrigue and curiosity with our latest 'egg growing experiment', with the children sharing their ideas and thoughts about what will happen (and grow) from our new 'magic eggs' experiment that we have placed in water..... will the shark have sharp teeth, and will the mermaid be scared of the shark?



Everyone has been busy painting their 'sheep' props for our story "Where Is The Green Sheep" we are presenting at our combined Grandparents and Friends Day with Tooraweenah Public School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We love this story and can't wait to tell it – in our unique preschool way! We look forward to having lots of families and friends visit us (and school) during this special Education Week activity.

We are again enjoying our weekly reading sessions with different big school friends, listening to one of our big school friends reading a story to us. We have all enjoyed some great stories with different reading friends each week. We are very lucky to be able to do this at Tooraweenah.



During the holidays we received our wonderful new picnic table and chair sets, made and delivered by Adam Gilmour from Gilmour Engineering. They were certainly well worth the wait! A big thank you to Adam for his fabulous work designing these to our specifications. We

have loved using them for our activities outside and for our picnic lunches. We look forward to using these at our special morning tea with our families on Grandparents and Friends Day.

### Miss Shannon had a great holiday and brought back a crocodile skull for us to look at, as well as some crocodile



eggs. The children have been intrigued with these items and were amazed

about how differently the baby crocodiles hatched, compared to the way our chickens hatched. Miss Shannon told us a lot about crocodiles and showed us lots of crocodile photos. We even measured out how long a female crocodile grows compared to – three preschool children end to end plus some!

We have had a great time with our chickens outside – even the cheeky ones that have managed to hop up onto the veggie gardens for a munch. Luckily, they haven't eaten all of our snow peas and did leave some for us to munch on. The chickens grow fast and have a fun time exploring our playground with us. We give them lots of cuddles and some even play with us!

Friends have also been working hard and



raking up more leaves from the trees. We have used our strong muscles to fill up our wheelbarrows numerous times, and then take them out to the compost pile where we tip

them out. Lots of fabulous teamwork has been happening, and some friends have even been 'strong enough' to use the 'grown up' shovels and rakes too! What hard working friends we have at preschool!

We are constantly beautifying our outdoor area and friends have also helped decide where our latest garden art needs to go – if you come to preschool make sure you check it all out!



## Lions Roar with Kathryn Larkin



A fantastic long lunch was held at the Tooraweenah Hall in celebration of the (un) Changeover!



A quiz afternoon by Quizmaster (and an award winner himself, for the second time!, of which I will not comment on!) Matt Zell, with catering by Megan O'Connor and \$2,500 in prizes! Congratulations to the Pikes team who took out victory, with the top teams prize winnings distributed as follows: RFDS Dubbo \$1500 Gil District Cancer Fundraisers \$500 Baradine Football Club \$250

Arthur Butler Museum \$250

A special mention to the Robertson's who's table each took home the (coveted wooden spoons!

Thank you to all the guests who attended and travelled as well as the members that helped with the day. Congratulations to Gary Gesell on his Lions Certificate of Appreciation for the assistance he has given to the club during the year!

And a big thank you to Miss Marie for looking after the kids table! It looked like great fun!



Another year for our trusted executive President Brian Mockler, Secretary Lord Lester Thurston and Treasurer, Jane Gesell!

All that excitement was not quite enough for the Lions, with a woodchop following in July with 9 loads cut and 14 wild woodsmen (and women!) assisting! While morning tea was certainly missing a certain flowerpot mum's fairy bread, the prize winning chocolate cakes and Granny Annie's famous sausage rolls seemed to fill tummy's nonetheless!

We look forward to the month ahead :) take care and be kind.

Yours in Lions, Kathryn



## CWA Chatter with Cath Waller



Hi to all, Lovely to see a good roll up to our July meeting with lots coming up, more heads and hands are a great help. By the time you receive the Bungles we will have had a successful Council meeting with 31 in attendance. Our visit to the Wetlands is set for the 11th of September with members and friends looking forward to the adventure. We have four members who will receive long service badges. The

presentation of these is to be held at our international day, September 13th. Our land cookery went well, with a few entries. Beverley has put August cooking suggestions on your email, they are not hard, just give them a go. Sip N Sew as always each Wednesday 10am to 2pm, come along for a chat and a cuppa. Next Meeting Wednesday August 9th 9.30am for 10am start. Look forward to seeing you there. Cath Waller—Publicity

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## Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

### Welcome Back

I would like to warmly welcome back students to school after the school holiday break. We have an exciting term planned with several events, excursions and learning opportunities.

### Book Fair

During Education Week, Week 3 from Monday 31st July—Friday 4th August, Petria will be hosting a Book Fair in the library on behalf of Tooraweenah Public School.

### Grandparent's Day

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents, parents, friends and community members to our annual Grandparent's Day on Wednesday 2nd August at 10am. There will be a concert, morning tea, including coffee van and open classrooms as well as the book fair.

### New STEM Kit Supplements Ag@Toora



We have been really lucky to be one of the first schools to try the New STEM & 4L Aeroponics Kit which will be with us until the end of the year. This kit allows students to grow 30 plants in a 1 square metre space using hydroponics in each tower. The kit comes complete with liquid fertiliser and PH testing kits for students to

monitor the water quality as the plants grow. Digital microscopes and Microbits in the kit will allow students to investigate living things throughout the unit.

Students planted the first seeds that will be used with the kit and found out more about how Aeroponics works.

### Transition to School



What a joy it was to welcome our Transition students to school. Each transition student had an exciting day and joined in on our school routines and activities. The day was full of songs, puzzles, stories, games, craft, learning about sounds and they even used the iPads for a little bit of Reading Eggs. A great day was had by all and we look forward to welcoming back our Transition students each Monday.

**Pictured** Above and right; Ryder French-Hughes, Thea Harte, and Eloise Semmler

### Opportunities for Professional Learning

We are very fortunate to have staff who embrace opportunities for professional learning (PL) both during their workdays and after school. With the implementation of the new syllabuses in English and Maths and a suite of other professional learning on offer, our staff have been busy honing their skills to benefit our current and future students.





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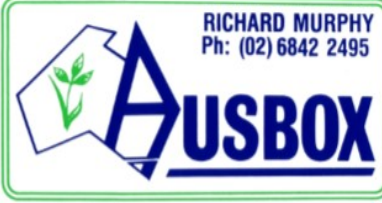



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