



## "Winging It Down the Castlereagh!"

A well-attended town meeting this month, was presented with a plan for a community event the Arthur Butler Museum is planning, for May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.

It is hoped, that an annual flying event will become part of the Tooraweenah Events Calendar alongside the Annual Show and Endurance Ride. And like those events, it will benefit the businesses and bring the people of Tooraweenah together.

So, how can you help?. There are three main areas where people are needed – the public areas, emergency response and the flying event itself. Each of these will be led by a coordinator who organises a team of people so everything runs smoothly. The SES will coordinate all things safety, from first aid to emergency response. The Museum will coordinate the flying event and a Public Areas Coordinator will need volunteer teams to help with parking and keeping people away from danger areas.

Several local businesses have indicated they will set up stalls displaying their wares or providing information about their activities. There will even be a colouring competition for the kids. The organising committee would welcome more stallholders, so the event has an atmosphere of a "village fair".

Since it is an aviation event of significance, there will be lots of very interesting aeroplanes to see.

You can contact Mark Adams at [arthurbutlersociety@gmail.com](mailto:arthurbutlersociety@gmail.com) to sign up to help or have a stall.

In other news, a representative of the Museum recently attended a Stakeholders Forum organised by the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. The overriding message was that local museums in Regional NSW are recognised as essential to the cultural and educational needs of their local areas, their Regions, the State, and the Nation.

For that reason, State and Federal Governments are backing local museums to the hilt, not only with cold cash, but with the support of experts in all matters from collecting and preserving items, to developing interesting displays and education programs. Those experts will advise museums on the steps needed to obtain the financial resources to access that cold cash.

As a result of attending the Forum, the museum now recognises that its role in the community is not simply to preserve the history of Arthur Butler and Butler Air Transport, but to include the history of the people of Tooraweenah. After all, without the Garling's, the Yeos and the other local families, Butler Air Transport would not have existed. *Happy landings! Captain Tailskid*

### CWA International Day School Visit

Winners announced. Story pages 6 & 5



### We Love Milk!

Thank you "Little Big Dairy."  
Story page 5



### Sidings Springs Visit!

Preschoolers special visit. Story page 4



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We look forward to seeing lots of #Local Legends shopping local this festive season!

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### A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

We are seeking involvement to bring the community, local businesses, community groups and residents together as we light up Miller Street for an evening of grazing, shopping and connecting!

#### Details:

**Thursday, 15 December 2022**

**Twilight event from 5.00pm with closure of Miller Street**  
**Visit from Santa, thanks to the Gilgandra Rural Fire Brigade!**

**Market Stalls, thanks to our CWA Gilgandra Evening Branch!**

**Make Australian Christmas decorations with Gilgandra Youth Services!**

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### LOCAL ROAD/STREET INFORMATION

Following the recent weather there are numerous locations on the road network that are impassable due to boggy conditions or deep holes. Council's crews are undertaking emergency works at these locations as a priority in order to restore access.

### COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

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## Around The Traps ☺

### Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of November to date (24/11/22) was 90.0mm over 4 days.

### Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 7th of December 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 68481017

Upcoming events;  
Community BBQ's in December, raffles of hams and Cherries during December.  
Hosting school students from Shellharbour Christian School for a working bee.

### Community BBQs

Thank you to the Tooraweenah Golf Club for doing the community BBQs at the pub in November, the December BBQ's will be done by the Tooraweenah Lions Club. Roar on down for a good feed any Saturday night and try your luck at winning a ham for Christmas.

### Mountainside Beauty & Massage

The festive months are upon us, remember to book your massage and beauty appointment before 24th December.

We will be opening in Tooraweenah 28 29 30th. Then from the 1st of January only open weekends by appointment until February.

### Tooraweenah Show Society

Everyone is looking forward to 2023 for a bigger and better October Show . Our next meeting will be in February so check the January Bungles for the date and time. And, please bring along any suggestions and questions and if you wish to help out in any way, please come along and find out how .

## Tooraweenah CWA - Cath Waller Reports



Our last meeting for the year was very busy and productive. Final touches were made for our International Day. Cake judging was completed, thanks

to Jena, John and Gary, our judges.

Beverley has hit the ground running for our cooking program and keeping it on track.

Thanks to all who made our International Day go so well. The food was so different and as always, there was plenty of choice, all with a Latvian flavour.

Thank you to Karen Smith, our School Principal and the school children who

were in attendance, along with all the wonderful posters they entered on Latvia. Special thanks to Janice Stanford for her interesting and enlightening talk on Latvia. Our Christmas Party is fast approaching, on Wednesday the 14th of December in the Royal Hotel 11.30am Cost is \$25 and you can RSVP to Beverley. Just a quick reminder to bring an item from your pantry for the Hamper and a gift for a boy or girl for Christmas.

Congratulations to Maddie Hourigan who has been awarded a CWA of NSW Scholarship.

We will be in recess until March 2023 with a possible get together in February to discuss events coming up in 2023. Watch this space in the January Toora Bungles. Sip & Sew will continue throughout the break. Call in for a chat each Wednesday. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful, safe and shared festive season.

Bye for now  
Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

**Pictured:** 1 Top Janice Stanford, Robin Godwin, Tanya Hutchison & Helen Oates 2. Left Janice Baker, Elizabeth Estens & Leanne Herbert



## 👉 Diary Dates 2022 ☺

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

### December

**Saturday 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
Tooraweenah Lions Club  
Community BBQ'S

**Thursday 8th**  
Public School Presentation Night  
Year 6 Farewell

**Friday 9th**  
Tooraweenah Preschool Concert  
In the Park from 5.15pm Sausage  
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**Saturday 17th**  
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## Tooraweenah Preschool Developing 'Wings of Independence' With Marie Gale (Jacobsen)



**We have had a very busy few weeks at Tooraweenah Preschool, and the last few weeks are expected to be the same! We have been enjoying our outdoor environment each morning, lots of**

**work with tractors and farm toys in the sandpit and some very fast friends on bikes.**

Preschool friends have also enjoyed making up fun games and adventures for everyone to join in, both inside and outside. Each Thursday, OT games in small groups are enjoyed, along with reading session with school friends before lunch. Each afternoon the children attending school next year have been participating in the 'Big School' a hands-on play based program enhancing pre-numeracy and pre-literacy skills while younger friends have listened to stories at chill out.



**Miss Shannon has been bringing in some of her chooks each day, and everyone has enjoyed patting them and checking on them. Big excitement when an egg gets laid!**

We have had a number of different hens, with Milly being quite popular, along with lots of fun thinking up names for those who didn't have one. We've also had visits from smaller (6-week-old) chickens, which were fun to watch. Everyone has enjoyed holding the chooks and checking them in our preschool chicken coop! They have been a delight and both the children, and the chooks, have loved wondering around our preschool grass and

playground. We had to keep a close eye on the chickens as they are small enough to fit through the fence and go off to explore the school's footy field! Plenty of preschool friends to the rescue though, deciding to be very quiet 'sheep dogs', as Miss Shannon suggested, to round them back up. Our new walkway bridge, completed by some very clever Dads, Scott Smith and Paul Lambell, is a real hit. We are very grateful to have this footpath and bike track completed and the children enjoy using it as part of the bike track – they apparently go 'very fast because it's a bit slippery on the tyres'. It looks great and we have plans to create some small garden beds on either side when we can.

We had a fabulous excursion to Siding Springs Observatory and the Tooraweenah Emu Farm. We had a special tour of the telescope – just for preschool, with a fabulous tour guide who was brilliant with the children, answering their questions and really engaging with them. Everyone learnt a lot of new things about space, giving our preschool friends even more knowledge about space! We enjoyed having morning tea on the grass before our tour, looking over the mountains towards Tooraweenah. Then, back on the bus with driver Brad and we headed off to "Thea's Emu Farm", for lunch and an afternoon visit at Emu Logic. It was great fun walking through the yards with the smallest emus.

**Everyone enjoyed feeding them salt bush and noticing that some were as big as we were! We even fed the really big emu's through the fence. The children said afterwards that "The little emu's whistle and the bigger emus make drums". It was a wonderful fun day, and a big thank you to the adults who came with us, lots of Mum's and one Grandma, and thank you to our bus driver Brad as well as the team at Siding Springs Observatory and "Thea's family" at the emu farm. What a great day**

**we all had together!**



**We are looking forward to our 2022 Preschool Christmas Concert in the Park on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 with a sausage sizzle from 5.30pm and our version of the story, "One Woolly Wombat" from 6pm.** Everyone is most welcome to join us. We have been practising our dancing and some of our favourite songs, and can't wait to show you our dance moves on stage after telling you a story.

**Our 2023 Enrolment Packages are out and available at preschool or from Lester and Helen at the Tooraweenah Store. Please feel free to take one if you have a child who is 3 (or turning 3) and you are interested in coming to Preschool. They are due back at preschool by 13<sup>th</sup> December if possible so 2023 classes can be organised.**

If you'd like to visit preschool, please call us on 6848 1060 to arrange a time for a visit. We would love to see you! Alternatively you can pop in with Connect Five friends when they are next at Tooraweenah (every second Tuesday, 9.30 – 12 noon).

**Thank you to the Tooraweenah community for your support of Tooraweenah Preschool throughout 2022. It has been a busy, fun and fulfilling year at preschool with lots of friends joining us each day. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season along with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2023.** Miss Marie.

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## Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

### Toora Music Makers



The fabulous Frances Evans, together with her colleague Kim Pearson have inspired our students through three days of "Toora Music Makers". The sessions focused on rhythm, pitch and learning about different instruments. Students even got to play the ukulele, violin and flute! Frances and Kim have used the keyboard, viola, trumpet, piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, trombone and euphonium to extend our students' experiences with instruments and learn about elements of musical notation, rhythm and parts of the orchestra.

While playing the ukuleles, Frances showed us how easy making songs can be, as well as how simple some tunes are. Students did lots of rhythmic and melodic dictation – our students were all absolutely fantastic at this! During the last session, Frances and Kim helped the students create a school song for Tooraweenah Public School. Frances also gave us a brief lesson on how to conduct an orchestra. Each day with Frances and Kim has been wonderful. Students always looked forward to the sessions and we hope to build on this great work next year. This initiative has been funded by the Minister's Arts Recovery Grant.

### Dubbo Theatre Excursion - Transition & K-3



Watching Edward the Emu come to life was a great experience for our Transition to Year 3 students. The show, produced

by Monkey Baa Productions entertained through puppetry and clever use of props to tell the stories of Edward and Edwina the Emu. There was even a Q&A with the cast afterwards. This excursion was also funded by the Minister's Arts Recovery Grant.

### Hearing Screening

Rachel Kirsop, Nurse Audiometrist from NSW Health attended our school. She was able to screen all our students including our Transition students for 2023. Rachel will be

doing follow up screening early next year in Term 1 to assess whether there are any changes in their ear health and hearing.

### CWA Powerpoint Competition - International Country of Study - Latvia

Students in the 3-6 class have been working on their CWA Powerpoint presentations on the Country of Study, Latvia. Students attended the CWA International Day on November 17th. We are very thankful to the Tooraweenah CWA for inviting us to listen to the guest speaker, CWA member Janice, who had travelled to Latvia and had many interesting experiences to share.

The winners of the CWA International Country of Study Powerpoint presentations and colouring-in competitions were announced. Congratulations to Ruby Ling, winner of the Primary competition. Thanks also to the CWA for providing a delicious afternoon tea for our students.

CWA PowerPoint Presentation - 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Ling - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lexi Trickey - 3<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Brown - 4<sup>th</sup> Lara Duff

CWA Colouring-in Competition - Design 1 Bonnie Alison - Maddison Jenkin 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eloise Jenkin - 3<sup>rd</sup> Design 2 Maddison Jenkin 1st and Hamish Jenkin 2nd

### STEPS to Success - Mr John Fleming visits Tooraweenah PS

Coach mentor in Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI), Mr John Fleming spent a full day at Tooraweenah Public School in November. Mr Fleming spent time in both classes. The K/1 class greatly enjoyed showing Mr Fleming their skills in recalling sounds and sight words as well as their amazing skills in finding advanced ways to solve addition problems in Maths. Mr Fleming demonstrated three lessons across the two classrooms and Daily writing in K/1 and a Maths Warm-up in K/1 and Year 6. Mrs Barry was able to shadow Mr Fleming for the day and observe a variety of lessons while also spending a Professional Learning session in the afternoon.

### Last Day of Transition before starting school

It has been a delight to get to know our transition students over the last term and a half. We look forward to welcoming them to Kindergarten when they start next year. First day of Kindy 2023 – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Milk in our School – Little Big Dairy  
Little Big Dairy Co. has generously donated plain and flavoured milk to our school on a fortnightly basis. Thank you to Seanne

identifying this opportunity and arranging this for our school. It is fair to say that the milk from The Little Big Dairy Co. has been a hit!!! Students have been really enjoying the chance to enjoy some full cream or chocolate milk here at school. What a great initiative to increase the calcium intake of students and enjoy the wider benefits of drinking locally sourced fresh milk. We are very thankful to The Little Big Dairy Co. for their generous donation of milk to our students each fortnight.

### Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes aren't just a nuisance, in some circumstances they can transmit mosquito-borne diseases such as Japanese Encephalitis (JE). JE is a rare but serious disease spread to humans by mosquitoes carrying disease and has been on the rise across the state. NSW Health advise that the best protection is to avoid mosquito bites. To help our community The Education Department is distributing free mosquito repellent to our schools. Antiseptic spray / cream will also be distributed where infected bites has been raised as an issue.

### Remembrance Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, our students, along with the Tooraweenah Preschool students assembled at our flagpole at 11am to commemorate Remembrance Day. Our senior students led the assembly with speeches to help our students understand Remembrance Day and give thanks to our service men and women. Thank you to Indiana, Lexi and Lara leading a respectful service and to the Preschool for joining us for this special assembly.

### High School Transition

Three of our Year 6 students will be attending their High School Orientation Days in the coming weeks. Starting High School is an exciting time. We are very grateful to the high schools for providing orientation days where students can gain experiences and familiarity to orientate them to their new school for 2023. Yanco Agricultural High School Orientation Days – 29<sup>th</sup> November- 1<sup>st</sup> December Gulargambone Central School Orientation Day – 1<sup>st</sup> December Gilgandra HS Orientation Day – 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Presentation Night & Year 6 Farewell

We look forward to holding our Presentation Night and Year 6 Farewell at the Tooraweenah Showground on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

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## Tooraweenah Golf Round Up

November was 'suck it and see' month with games being played after the usual end of season. It has had mixed results with the smallest field being just 3 players and the largest 12. There were no comps, just social games, bringing those who wish to play together for the sheer fun of it.

If anyone wishes to play in the coming weeks the course will be open but there will be no 'official' games played. Anyone wishing to do so can arrange a round with mates and enjoy the beauty of the Tooraweenah golf course at any time.

**The next date to note is 17<sup>th</sup> December, Presentation Day, when all trophy**

**winners can come and crow about their win, or wins, through the year!**

Tee off will be at 11am, so those wishing to play please be there by 10.30 so play can be organised. The 9 hole, 2 person ambrose will be followed by a BBQ lunch, followed by the presentations. It will be a BYO day as the bar won't be open.

**The AGM will be early in the new year, keep your eyes peeled for date and time. In the meantime Tooraweenah Golf Club committee wishes each and everyone of you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous new year.**

## Christmas Best Wishes

The Toora Bungles extend their thanks and best wishes to all our advertisers and contributors for a wonderful Christmas, shared with family and friends and a New Year filled with joy!



## Lions Roar! With Kathryn Larkin



local and community initiatives and projects.

In November we welcomed a new member, Anne Alison. The dubious minute taker from the November meeting has written "Anne aka the Geranium Cave Gardener". Despite this unique and specific background, we are sure the experience Anne brings to the Club will be useful and we thank 'Grannie Annie' for her

previous and ongoing support of our Club and activities! **Pictured:** Brendan, Steve, Brian, Anne, Lester & Tess.

Toora Lions will be catering the December BBQs @ the Mountain View Hotel. With a number of Saturday nights - including Christmas Eve and New Years Eve - we look forward to seeing you there! Raffles will be on again with our hams, cherries and seafood vouchers!

It is lovely to see headers going in our region, and we are thankful to see this with so many impacted this year and previous years with natural disasters.

We wish for a happy, safe and enjoyable festive period!

In Lions we serve,  
Kathryn.



Can you believe we are in December! This year has just flown by. Over the previous weeks Lions have heated up the BBQ once again catering at the Tooraweenah Pasture Field Day, an initiative by the Tooraweenah Show Society, as well as catering at the "Kintyre" clearing sale. A well practised art, that always sees smiles, preparation, work, (continuous!) jest and a welcomed contribution to the Lions Club so we can continue to support



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### December @ The Mountain View

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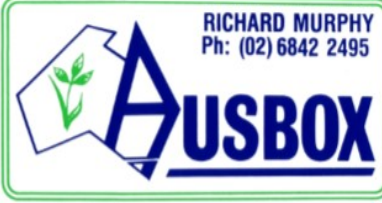



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