



Jenny Johnston — Citizen of the Year 2023



The Australia Day Awards presentation was held at Hunter Park on Thursday, 26 January. Attendees heard the address from our Australia Day Ambassador, Victor Kovalenko.

Congratulations to all our winners and all finalists of

the Awards.

Top: Jenny Johnston, Citizen of the Year,

Left: Robyn-Lee Holland Young Citizen of the Year.

Left Bottom : Community Group 2023 Come Home to Gilgandra Committee

Right: Tom Quilty

Gold Cup

Tooraweenah.

Community Event

2023. Sonya Bonham accepts on behalf of the Quilty Team.

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Tooraweenah Celebrates!



Australia Day 2023 Tooraweenah Style!

Tooraweenah Mountain View held their first ever Speed Shear, and what a huge hit it was.

Ashley Jenkin expressed a massive thanks to Ash Starr for kicking the idea into gear along with help and guidance from the amazing Amy &



Kevin Lane (Little Lanes Shearing Crutching & Lamb Care) plus, Howard Pastoral for the sheep, making the day go off without a hitch.

Ashley said, "We had so many amazing sponsors, without them we wouldn't have been able to have the day. There were over 40 nominations which is an unreal amount for our first ever speed shear. It was so good to see the young and older shearer's giving it their all."

"We had heaps of helpers on the day, from truck drivers, to sheep wranglers, judges, time keepers, food providers, glass picker uppers, well, yeah you all get the point, way too many people to thank!"

Hopefully, this is the start to many Speed Shears on Australia Day at the Mountain View!

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Branch activities get underway with a Handicraft & Cooking day on Wednesday 15th February from 10am in CWA Rooms. **Note** the change of date. Morning Tea, Handicraft display, cookery judging and demonstrations. Guests are welcome. If you need more information contact Anne or Beverley.



The day will be conducted by renowned dog handler, breeder and trialler, Mr Gary White of Nyngan.



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Christmas Lights Competition Winner

A huge thank you to everyone who decorated their houses with Christmas Lights, it gave Tooraweenah a very festive look. Congratulations to Iain Hayes for receiving the most votes for his amazing display. Congratulations also to Robin and Craig Dowsett and Clayton Fanning for being the runners up, well done!



Clayton Fanning accepting the trophy on behalf of Iain on Christmas Eve

Iain finally getting his hands on the trophy, when he had some time off work.



Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

Rainfall for 2022 in total was 1113.5mm (A little over 44 inches) which fell over 98 days.

The rainfall for the month of January to date (25/1/23) was 22.6mm over 4 days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 68481017

Community BBQs

No community group was available to do the BBQ's in January 2023 and we look forward to the Tooraweenah Preschool who will be delighting us each Saturday during February. Watch the local notice boards and Facebook

for the weekly menus.

Paddy Gale Celebrates

Leila Blackman from Canberra visited family and close friends at the weekend. Leila was thrilled to be invited to join life long friend Paddy Gale when he celebrated his 88th birthday on Friday, 27th January. It was a very special gathering, beautifully arranged by Tim and Marie Gale.

Paddy was thrilled to catch up with everyone. Happy birthday Paddy, with many more celebrations to come.

Gilgandra Film Festival

Save the date, Saturday 22 April, 2023 Local Sue Armstrong is helping organise this special Film Festival with Simon Target. Sue as Festival Director/

General Manager and Simon is the Creative Director.

It will be held at the Gil Shire Hall (300 capacity) and will have complimentary drinks on arrival, three films, and supper.

Sue has a great committee, and she envisaged that she will be very buisy up until the 22nd April. Make sure you keep this date free.

Lots More to come.

👉Diary Dates 2023 ☺

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

February

Saturday 4, 11, 18, 25
Community BBQ'S
Preschool

Wednesday 15th
Handicraft & Cookery Day
CWA Rooms

Wednesday 22nd
Slow Stitch Day
CWA Rooms

March
Friday 17th
Lions Club Dog Training-Colpa

APRIL
Saturday 22nd
Gilgandra Film Festival

Lions Roar with Kathryn Larkin



This year has started and is getting away quickly already! We are almost to February and I'm sure I've barely blinked! Lions cooked a delicious sausage (and steak!) sizzle at the Mountain View Hotel Australia Day celebrations, what a great turn out and a great day, congratulations to all involved in activities and joy!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 1 February 7pm for 730pm at the Mountain View Hotel. A reminder to book in for the Working Dog training **17 March 2023**, with renowned dog handler breeder and champion trialler Mr Gary White. Cost is a donation to Lions, with lunch catered. Enquiries to Brendan Butler, fence sitters welcome! (see

article page 5 for further information!). Enjoy a wonderful 2023! In Lions we serve, Kathryn.



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Australia Day Tooraweenah — Yabby Races — Tooraweenah Cup February 4th



Steve for running the event!

The aftermath was just as much fun, as we all got a taste of the yabbies!

The slip and slide was a hit with the kids and kept them well entertained and cooled!

I know I say it a lot, but we are so lucky to live in such a great community where everyone is happy to lend a hand and help when needed.

Saturday 4th February is the Tooraweenah Cup at Gilgandra! We have a bus leaving the hotel at 12pm. Please get in contact with the hotel 6848 1017 if you would like to book, as seats are limited.

The community BBQ's are kicking off again in February 2023 with the Tooraweenah Pre-School!

Please come in and support our little people. *Ashley Jenkin — Mountain View.*

The yabby races are always a hit and brings out the inner competitive streak. A huge thanks to Simon and

Gilgandra Shire Council — *Live > Enjoy > Grow*

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS GILGANDRA COMMUNITY PLAZA

Work has commenced on Gilgandra's newest activation project, **Miller Street > Seats, Beats & Eats.**

A walkway from the IGA carpark to the pharmacy and Miller Street will be accessible between the awning of the Gilgandra Pharmacy and the pharmacy building wall.

Works are expected to be ongoing for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Design Plans are pictured to the right



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Hints From the Dog House with Brendan Butler



many dog men to be the best all-round work dog in New South Wales. His style and pedigree should complement and add to the Oakfield Pups.

Pups from this litter could still be available.

Happy New Year, Oakfield kelpies have started the New Year running with a litter of pups already on the ground. All pups from this litter have been sold. Another litter is due, end of February and will be exciting for us because it is our first litter by a young female with an outcross to a sire called Boko Wonder from Boorowa. Wonder is considered by

For anyone interested in improving their dog handling skills a date not to be missed is a dog handling school on March 17 at Colpa woodshed. The event features Gary White from Nyngan, the cost is \$100 donation to Lions and if you are too nervous to bring a dog, but are curious to learn, then everyone is

welcome to come, watch, and sit on the fence. A couple of spots are still available, so get in quick because they won't last.

Lunch will be provided by the Toora Lions. All monies raised, will go back to the local community. For enquiries ring me on my mobile 0447 481 048.

A quick tip for this month is to remember, a one-year-old kelpie is only equivalent to a seven year old human, so don't have too much expectation on young dogs, including house dogs, as even at two-years-old they are still considered immature.

Happy mustering. Brendan Butler

Arthur Butler Aviation Museum News

The past month has been spent assembling the information that is needed to make an application to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) for permission to hold an event involving aeroplanes to which the Public is invited to attend as spectators. That has been sent away, and as soon as the fee is paid to look over the information (\$1600) they should give the event their tick of approval.

Also, the organisers have received quotes for the necessary risk insurance cover and for the provision of Port-a-Loos. One of the first improvements the Museum wanted for the aerodrome was a toilet block, which is essential for attracting visitors to the aerodrome to at least stop for a meal, and hopefully stay at one of the places of accommodation in Toora.

The organisers are going about seeking sponsorship money from various sources to be able to pay CASA, the Port-A-Loo people and insurers, and for sundries. They are also calling for local tinkers, tailors and candlestick makers, and anyone else who has a crafty little sideline to contact the organisers so that a space can be set aside for them to display and trade during the Event.

The aerodrome itself is getting a lot of attention, both for maintenance to keep the runway serviceable and the terminal area neat and tidy. As a result of this, and the promotion of the aerodrome to the aviation community, there has been an increase in aircraft movements associated with the aerodrome.

The word is spreading through the

recreational aviation community not only about the Event, but about Tooraweenah and its aerodrome.

The organisers need about fifty 20 litre chemical drums to use as boundary markers for the aerodrome and the area where the village fair will be held. So if farmers have an empty drum or two after spraying, could they drop them near the terminal building on the aerodrome, please?

You can contact the organisers by email at arthurbutlersociety@gmail.com, or collar Mark Pitts around town.

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Left: Smiles all round.

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A very Big Thanks also, to all those who provide editorial, news and all the wonderful photos.

CWA News — Lots Happening



Lots of great activities happening over the next two months.

We start our year with a changed date for the special Cookery and Handicraft Day which has been moved to Wednesday 15th February in our rooms.

Activities get underway from 10am with Morning Tea, Handicraft display and the selection for Group. Cookery Judging and demonstrations plus Lunch to follow.

Guests are most welcome. For more information contact Anne (Handicraft

and Beverley (Cookery).

Next on the Calendar, is a Slow Stitch Day, on Wednesday 22nd February with Marjorie Blatch. Marj is putting together some kits with scrap fabric and threads for each person, but we need numbers. Please contact Anne our Handicraft Officer Email coomboona@bigpond.com to book a place for yourself and a friend.

Macquarie Group Handicraft and Cookery Day is on Saturday, 25th February, rounding out the month. **Lots to enjoy!**

President Tanya reminds members we have committed to sell Raffle Tickets for Mothers Day every Thursday in March. So please check your calendars before the 15th February so a Roster can be developed. Wonder who's birthday is on this day?

What else is coming up? The Community BBQ'S each Saturday in March. Hence, we will be looking for working teams and or, Hot Dishes and Desserts. Lots of ways to contribute.

Don't forget, Sip 'N' Sew continues each Wednesday.



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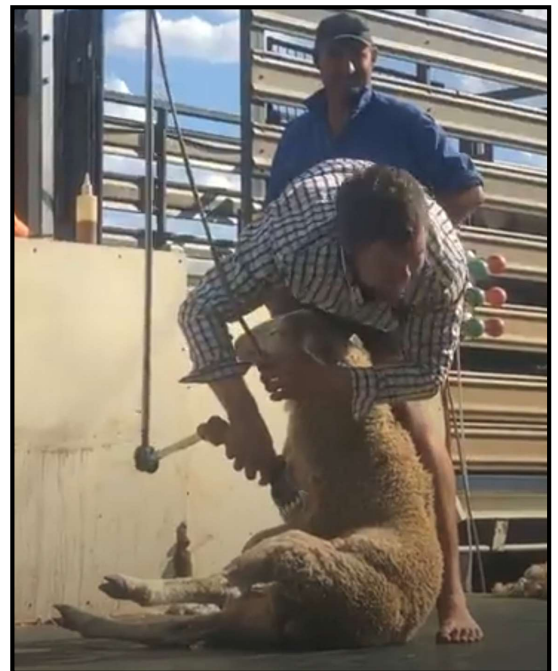
Above: Lions, Brendan and Gary best Barbequers around.



Below: Even a barefoot shearers got into the Shear joy of day!




Above: Crowds, even the baby looks relaxed.
Left: Lions, Jenny & Jane take time out to relax for a few minutes.
Bottom Left some of the Speed Shearers,
Bottom Right: Bill and Ben were all smiles all day. They make you smile too!



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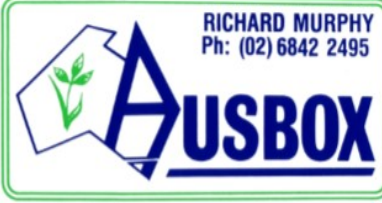


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