

“Winging It Down The Castlereagh!” - Tooraweenah, You Did It!



Pictured is Mark Pitts, who oversaw his dream to acknowledge his Grandfather, Arthur Cecil Butler's contribution to aviation, fly into reality, as light planes were flagged off from the Memorial Aerodrome for the inaugural 'Winging It Down The Castlereagh' event.

Tooraweenah, you did it!
'Winging it Down the Castlereagh' was a resounding success, due in no small way to the support and efforts of the Tooraweenah community.

'Winging it Down the Castlereagh' was devised to acknowledge the late Arthur Cecil Butlers' contribution to Aviation and in so doing, profile Tooraweenah's potential as a destination for short- and long-term stays.

The organising committee decided to direct its efforts towards attracting the people who fly small aeroplanes for recreation and holiday travel. On Saturday, May 20th thirty (30) light aircraft arrived on the historic Tooraweenah Aerodrome.

Spokes person Mark Adams said, “Those of you who know me, know that I've just landed here. Didn't know a thing about the place and its history. The first thing I saw as I came in to land was the picturesque

village in the valley. The view took my breath away.”

“And, when you add the grandeur of the Warrumbungles, the senses become overwhelmed.”

Thirty pilots and their passengers discovered this, as Mark did, when

he first landed. Thirty pilots and their passengers went home Saturday afternoon, to begin spreading the good news about Tooraweenah.

The success of the day did not only rest on the air event. The support given to the village fair by the many community groups and individual stallholders, really made the event a success. Mark was very pleased to learn that it had been worth it financially to them. He was especially pleased to see the local community groups – P&C, Lions and CWA – were able to make some much needed money to further their aims. The support of the Gilgandra unit of the SES to oversee the safety of everyone added to the high standard of the village fair.

The Mountain View Hotel, Caravan Park and Cross Roads Cabins also shared in the benefits brought by the event. It is acknowledged, these businesses are at the core of tourism in Tooraweenah and from here, who knows how things will develop.

Back in the day, Arthur Butler wanted to establish, what was known then by the

American term, a “dude ranch” to take advantage of Tooraweenah's holiday potential. Remember back to 2019 when a town meeting was held to discuss sustainability? *Winging It Down the Castlereagh* has now shown we have a way to keep the village alive and create opportunities for future generations.

Captain Tailskid.

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Roy Butler, independent Member for Barwon flagged off competitors he is photographed here with 'Winging it Down the Castlereagh' team member Mark Adams



Six of the pilots who took part in the inaugural 'Winging It Down The Castlereagh'!

Tooraweenah Prime Endless Opportunities!

Tooraweenah Prime, are working hard towards opportunities for a Fuel Hub, for Tooraweenah, a Field Officer and Boxed Lamb!

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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of May to date (25/5/23) was 2.0mm over 1 day.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 7th of June 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 68481017

Community BBQs

The Tooraweenah Endurance Ride has hosted the community BBQs in May and the Tooraweenah Public School P&C will be catering during June. Come along to have a great night out and support the School during June.

Biggest Morning Tea

Tooraweenah Trading Co hosted the biggest morning tea in front of the shop on Saturday the 27th of May from 10am. Details of the day will be reported in the next bangles. Thank you everyone for your continued support of this worthwhile cause.



Mountainside Beauty

Mobile hairdresser is back in Tooraweenah at Mountainside Beauty and Massage 2nd July

2023 Bookings via Emma 0439 470 549

Thank You Jenny

A heartfelt thanks to Jenny Zell, for gifting her time to complete the summary of the eulogy delivered by Donna (Zell) Dommerson and Glen Zell during the funeral service for their mother Margaret Joan Zell OAM on the 17th of April so we could all share and acknowledge Margaret's wonderful contribution to her family and the broader community.

Birthday Congrats to You Know Who?

One of our local celebrities celebrated his birthday last Saturday. Not sure exactly how old he was, 60 something? We all hope you enjoyed the Happy Birthday song, sung in your honour. ☺

Blackman Sisters, Visited Paddy Gale

The Blackman sisters Leila and Jo from Canberra and Sydney visited Paddy Gale in early May, along with other Gale family members and the Blackman's at Gundair.

Thank You Karen & Marie

Special thanks to Karen Smith for all Winging Down the Castlereagh photos this month along with the regular school pictures. Also to Marie Gale for the wonderful preschool pictures each month. We all enjoy them. Ed.

Tooraweenah Prime — Fuel Hub, Field Officer, Boxed Lamb!



Tooraweenah Prime are moving ahead with new and exciting ideas, projects and opportunities.

To keep the Community updated, we have approached the Gilgandra Shire Council regarding the establishment of a Fuel Hub for Tooraweenah.

We have submitted a Development Application in relation to this important project. The Hub will be self serve to enable the Community to access both Diesel and Unleaded fuel. It will also have limited operating hours.

We have also employed a new Field Officer, David Amour, who will be available to you to source and sell livestock. We are also looking at selling boxed lamb

that will be available through online sales through Tooraweenah Prime. We will keep you updated on all these projects.

Members have recently been involved in the Over the Hoof competition at the Dubbo Show, taking out some of the major prizes and helping raise money by donating lambs to the charity auction which raised \$40,000. A substantial amount of this money, going to the Gilgandra Cancer Fundraisers, thanks to Paul Alchin from Christie & Hood, Livestock & Property Agents Gilgandra.

If you are wanting further information on Tooraweenah Prime or the projects we are championing, please call either, Matt Howard President or Peter Bonham Board Member.

👉 Diary Dates 2023 ☺

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

June

**Saturday 3, 10, 17, 24
Community BBQ'S — 6pm
Tooraweenah School P & C**

**Friday 23rd
Mexican Food Night
Mountain View — Book in
Or Takeaway**

**Saturday 24th
Risque Quiziness Long Lunch
Tooraweenah Lions
Check the Ad Page 5 for details!**

**Sunday 25th June
Arty Party is on Again 10am
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Book, at the Mountain View**

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

Preschool friends have been loving Bush Preschool each week on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. Balancing carefully along some logs has also tested us – especially if we have our drink bottle in one hand! Everyone has now mastered their



climbing skills when getting up the steep mountains and conquered our fears of slipping by remembering to walk sideways (like a goat) and place our feet sideways on the dirt as we climb.



We sure have established our 'running track' for going down! It has been really lovely seeing the children help each other and encourage one another as they balance and climb. We have also ventured in and along the creek, taking note of this environment closely. There was great excitement when several children found some yabby claws in the rocks on one visit. Children have been looking at the



Zebra Thea and Giraffe Sophie, enjoying stories.

water depth and the water grasses growing here. We've been making boats with sticks and leaves, watching them float along with the stream, and exploring the riverbank in general, again testing our new-found confidence with climbing.

Some preschool parents have also joined in the fun when they have accompanied us on our walks; for which we are most grateful. On our walks through the paddock, we've discovered some baby galahs and parrots nesting in the big trees near the 'swamp' we walk past. We've found various foot prints (cows and horses) and it's been interesting to check out how busy the native bees are at their hive at the base of a tree as we walk around it.

The giant ants' nests have also sparked our curiosity, with one friend informing us "They are all busy getting food for the Queen Ant and looking after her". Nature really is amazing! Friends have been enjoying our dress-ups, including some crazy animal outfits. One day we made a mobile phone at the craft table and then used them to call the zoo and let them know some of their animals had escaped to our preschool!

Some incredible art and craft masterpieces have been made and we have been learning about and practicing being kind and caring to each other, taking turns and sharing. (Puppet friends Kate, Jack and Anna from PALS: Playing and Learning to Socialise Program; have given us some tips.)

Miss Shannon went shopping and brought lots of new tractors and farm equipment toys. We now have a large range of these vehicles, all of different makes and colours, with lots of smaller ones for inside play on our 'farm'. Everyone has loved using these along with the sheep yards, farm animals, our green paddocks and also a ploughed paddock (brown floor mat) at our busy preschool farm. Friends have been carting stock, shearing and drenching sheep, chasing the wild pigs away, feeding cattle and checking the chooks too; just as we have been with our real chooks that Miss Shannon brings in each day. Several good crops have been sown and some have even been harvested already as they were such good crops.



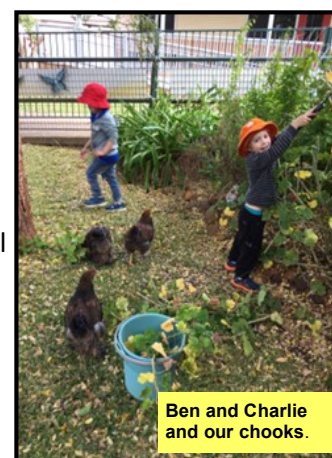
Charlie and some of our new sandpit farm toys.

There are also some new tractors for the sandpit collection which have gone down a treat, with friends enjoying time outside together at the sandpit, riding the bikes together and lots of dramatic play around the fruit shop, with the babies and prams, and the picnic table at the sandpit.

Our garden is growing, and many friends have been helping with pruning, watering, tidying up and caring for our plants.

We've seen some lovely butterflies fluttering around in our yard and also watched some birds eating from our various bird feeders that we check and fill often.

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Ben and Charlie and our chooks.

Hints From The Dog House with Brendan Butler

BONDING



As the year rolls around the Oakfield Kelpie Stud has been busy with pups being placed around the local area and

as far as Nyngan, Dunedoo and Lighting Ridge.

The pups are usually placed at around the 8 week old mark and the new owners have to be able to settle their pets into their new homes. At that young age, there is not a lot of training that can be done. But, they can be taught their names, get used to being tied up and then taught to lead and come when called. But, none of that early training will happen easily unless we form a close BOND with our new pets so they develop a strong respect and willingness to want to please us.

The young dogs need to learn early that we are their pack leader and can be

trusted, be relied on for a comfortable environment, supply of food and get appropriate affection.

At that young age, plenty of interaction and affection will pay off many times over as they develop and mature.

I like to try to interact with them every day if I can and have them with me as much as is practical.

It is often said that to have a good dog you have to like it, and it has got to want to be with you and want to please you. So that time and kindness invested in the early days will definitely make a big difference later on.

Happy mustering.

Brendan Butler. Oakfield Kelpies

CWA Chatter with Cath Waller



By now, the State Conference in Bathurst has concluded with lots more motions passed for us all to become familiar with. We can look forward to hearing from members who were in attendance at our June meeting.

Members have received an invitation from Gilgandra Evening Branch to attend CWA Sunday service on Sunday June 4th.

On Wednesday May 24th some members from Macquarie Group and our Branch flew to Malaysia. They will

have lots of interesting experiences to share with us in June.

Our Hot Soup catering went well on such a cold day for the "Winging Down the Castlereagh" event, which was a hit with all who attended. Congratulations to their organising committee and everyone who supported the day. Thanks also to our members who provided the soups and those who gave their time to serve the public.

Our trip to the wetlands has been postponed, but only to our June meeting when a date will be decided.

Our next catering will be when we welcome CWA Macquarie Group members to Tooraweenah on July 31st. The Tooraweenah Show in October will be our final catering activity for the year. Don't forget our Sip 'N' Sew day continues each Wednesday, please call in for a hot cuppa and a chat. You would be most welcome.

Our next meeting is Wednesday June 14th, 9.30am for 10.00am start. Till next time.

Cath Waller. Publicity.

Lions Roar with Kathryn Larkin



Congratulations to all those involved in the Winging it Down the Castlereagh event; And lovely support and turnout for the Biggest Morning Tea, well done to Lester and all bakers involved!

Yes please, to our Lions Unchanged Changeover, the Riskque Quizness long lunch, details below:

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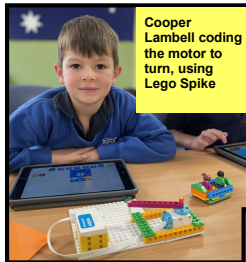
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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Technology Fun



Cooper Lambell coding the motor to turn, using Lego Spike

During May, the first of this term's technology sessions based around the STEM Technology For Learning (T4L)



Eliana Smith having fun during STEM lessons Coding with Lego.

kit – tablet robotics have commenced. This kit includes 12 sets of Lego Spike Essential, as well as other robotics and iPads. Students in Years 1/2/4 class, have been building and coding their

Lego robots including pushing A Lego boat into the water. Kindergarten students also built this Lego and completed the coding. Students are learning spacial awareness, following instructions and coding.

Cross Country

The Tooraweenah Golf Course provided a beautiful backdrop for our 2023 school cross country. Students 5, 6 or 7 years old raced as Juveniles in a 1000m race and students 8, 9 and 10 raced as Juniors across a 2000m distance. Congratulations to our students and it was great to see so many parents, extended families and friends come along. Thank you for your support. Congratulations to the champions in each category.



Cross Country Champions: Madison Jenkin, Hamish Jenkin, Billy Larkin

- Juvenile Boy Champion Billy Larkin
 - Juvenile Girl Champion Maddison Jenkin
 - Junior Boy Champion Hamish Jenkin
- The place getters in each race were as follows:

Juvenile Boy

1st Billy Larkin

2nd Cooper Lambell

3rd Xander French-Hughes

Juvenile Girl

1st Hamish Jenkin

Juvenile Girl

1st Maddison Jenkin

2nd Rose Alison

3rd Eliana Smith

Chicken Caravan fence installed

Our students joined Mrs Jenkin and Dan Harte in installing the fence for the chicken caravan. It was great to see our students



The Chicken Caravan getting into position

listen so well to the instructions and complete this task. Many hands make light work!! We look forward to welcoming 15 chickens to the coop on May 30th.

DCO Visit

Digital Learning Advisors, Tim Cassell and Chris Dodds called in to support our school in all things digital learning as part of the Rural Access Gap program. Tim and Chris worked with Mrs Smith in her role as Digital Classroom Officer, before heading into the 1/2/4 classroom where Chris taught students how to use MakeCode Arcade to design and create their own game. Students created a maze and had a highly productive session.

Mark Pitts - Rugby 7s

May saw the first of 5 coaching sessions from Mark Pitts for 'Get into Rugby 7s.' Students practiced their passing skills, speed and agility. Coaching sessions are funded through a successful Term 2 Sporting Schools Grant.

During the most recent session, Mark Pitts helped students focus on passing, catching and touch football skills. They began with some skills focused games, and really worked on their catching and throwing skills as they played a fast-hands, fast feet crossover game. They moved on to hone their sprinting and try scoring skills and played a one-on-one game of touch. This proved to be much more difficult than anticipated and students had to really work hard to make sure they placed the football down correctly to score a try rather than throwing it over the touch line. Students then finished with a game of Seaweed and Octopi, which focused on lots of skills relevant to touch football like sprinting, sidestepping, endurance, and actually tagging an opponent. We can't wait for next week's session!

Professional Learning

Earlier last week, Mrs Smith, Mrs Altmann and Mrs Jenkin have trained in several School Bytes modules (more over the coming weeks), Mrs Smith has completed some Digital Classroom Officer training and Mrs Jenkin attended the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction Conference in Gilgandra. Later in the week, Mrs Altmann and Mrs Smith

completed finance training in Dubbo on Thursday as part of the Western Plains Network Principal's conference. Mrs Smith continued to engage in PL on Friday including training from the NSW Ombudsman.

Life Education Van



Last Thursday, students visited Healthy Harold in the Life Education van. They helped Harold discover all about our bodies and how healthy food and exercise gives us energy and makes us strong. It is always an exciting and engaging experience for the students when the lights go down and the stars on the roof come out. At the end students were able to play a few games with Harold, give him a pat and have a quick photo. Another wonderful experience that was enjoyed by students and teachers alike.

P&C Fundraiser- Winging It Down the Castlereagh

.....More story & pictures page 7 & 8



Ally, Madison, Amelia, Eliana and Hannah, had a great day out at 'Winging it Down the Castlereagh!'

Tooraweenah School News Continues.....

The P&C held a very successful fundraiser at "Winging it Down the Castlereagh." With an estimated 400 spectators through the gate, it was a great community event which highlighted Cecil Arthur Butler's significant contribution to our local history and a strong ongoing aviation connection to the Tooraweenah district.

Simultaneous Storytime

The Preschool students joined the school students in the Kindergarten classroom for a reading of the story The Speedy Sloth, as part of the nationwide Simultaneous Storytime. The event aims to raise awareness of the importance of reading to children for language development. Thank you to Miss Marie and Miss Shannon for bringing the Preschool students to the Kindergarten classroom to join us.



Congratulations Hamish, pictured right, on a great race and representing our school at District.

District Cross Country

Hamish Jenkin competed at the District Cross Country in Geurie. Hamish competed in the 8/9 Years race over 2000m and gave it his all.



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HAVE YOUR SAY – 2023/24 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND BUDGET ON EXHIBITION

Council has placed its draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and Budget for the 2023/2024 financial year on public exhibition and is inviting residents to Have Your Say!

The draft documents will guide Council's activities over the next 12 months and demonstrate how Council will achieve the objectives and visions of its Community Strategic Plan.

The following documents will be available to view on Council's website and at Council's Administration office in Warren Road, Government Access Centre and Gilgandra Library.

- Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan and

Budget 2023/24 – 2024/25

Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2023/24 – 2032/33

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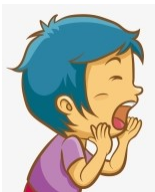
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Tooraweenah Show - Calling All Tooraweenah Kids From Kinder to Year 6!



We are calling all Tooraweenah Kids from Kinder to year 6.



The hunt is on for the next cover design for the 2023 Show Schedule!

All kids who live in the Tooraweenah district who are in kinder to year six are eligible to enter. Designs are to be on an A4 sheet of paper portrait orientation, in black text for ease of printing. The theme is Tooraweenah Show. Entries can be dropped at the Caravan Park by the 25th of June 2023 or contact Janelle Quilter on tcp@tooraweenahcaravanpark.com for further information.

Tooraweenah Public School Outdoor Fun



Rose Alison goes for a try in Rugby Touch 7's skill training.



Chicken Caravan fence installed. Many hands make light work
Cross Country event.



News From The Mountain View with Ashley Jenkin

May has been a super busy month with Mother's Day, our first arty party, Winging it down the Castlereagh and the influx of tourists to our region.

Ash J and Ash Starr headed to orange a few weeks ago for a sportsman lunch where they met up with other members of the Australian Hotel Association (AHA). These get togethers are a great way to network and discuss ideas with other publicans.

We lost one of our dear patrons in May, Geoff Timmins passed away quite suddenly and has left a big

whole in our hearts and an empty seat at the bar. RIP old mate.

In June, we host another Arty Party with Janelle on Sunday 25th June at 10am. All the painters had a ball last party and some have signed up again for round 2.

We are holding a Mexican Food night on Friday 23rd June 5:30-8 eat in or takeaway!

State of origin is here again and game 2 is being played on the 21st of June with \$5 schooners and bar snacks during the game.

Leonie and Ash J are attending a day at Tafe to further their skills and knowledge by updating their food safety supervision certificates.

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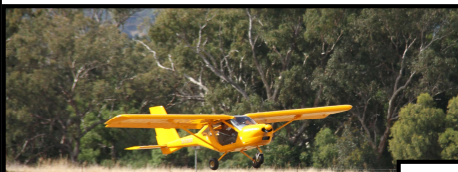
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“Winging It Down The Castlereagh!”




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Jenny Estens & Heather Larkin enjoyed the day.

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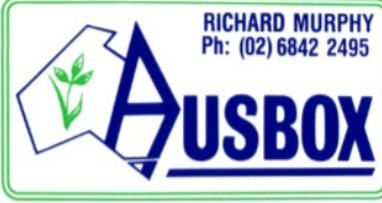



FOR HIRE

Cool Room

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