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has commenced key strategic work in the vision of population growth Towards 5000. Strategies include the Gilgandra Region Health Vision and Child Care (0-12) for Gilgandra Region and will soon be open for community consultation.

Mayor Doug Batten says the strategies are community plans for the future and encourages feedback from residents.

"The plans are a key to understanding the gaps, challenges and opportunities the community currently face, and how Council, community, government and private partners can work together. We envisage these strategies to be community plans, and the insights we can gain over the consultation process will help form the future for health, wellbeing and care in the Gilgandra Region"

The Community Health Vision strategic document will not only address existing health challenges but also empower the community to actively participate in their well-being, creating a healthier, more vibrant Gilgandra for all its residents.

Lake Advisory have been engaged to deliver the Community Health Vision. They have a current engagement with Gilgandra Shire Council (GSC), undergoing an Orana Living NDIS review and have strong experience in the health and strategic planning space.

The Child-Care strategy seeks to understand quantifiable data related to current and future needs of

child-care of ages spanning 0-12, including early childhood, before and after school care and holiday care.

Insight Consulting Australia are working with GSC to deliver the Child Care strategy, with an extensive background in youth services, government and strategic work, we are excited to see their data analysis and consultation review, along with an action plan for delivery to our community.

Consultation for both strategies will commence Monday, 4 March with 1:1 and group facilitated meeting with service providers, and community surveys available.

Residents are encouraged to take part and share the consultation information to ensure the best reach and insight from the community.

A list of industry, community and government stakeholders is being compiled to assist with the consultation processes. A draft plan is expected for a May public exhibition.

The Community will be able to Have Their Say by: Completing online surveys via Council's website Provide feedback inperson: Gilgandra Lifestyles @ Cooee Lodge and Jack Towney Hostels, Gilgandra Shire Library Gilgandra Youth Services, Gilgandra Visitor Information Centre Service NSW,

## Community Care and Warren Road Offices

Write to the General Manager, 15 Warren Road Email council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Keep an eye on our Council's social media pages and website for more information.

Contact: Kathryn Larkin Project Manager Strategy & Collaboration Phone: 02 6817 8800

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#### **Tooraweenah LPO**

The rainfall for the month of February to date (22/2/24) was 49.8mm over 5 days.

Total rain for the year 144.2mm over 12 Days.



#### **Tooraweenah Lions Club**

The next club meeting will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The executive elections for 2024-25 will be conducted on that night.

The club had a very busy December and January, with BBQ's and raffles at the Hotel and cooking a BBQ for the preschool Christmas concert in the park.

We started back this year with lunch and dinner catering for the speed shear, which was a very hot day.

Lions clothing bin has been receiving donations of many things that are not clothing. The club provides this facility



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#### **Tooraweenah Trading Co**

Tooraweenah Trading will not be opening on the Saturday mornings during March 2024.

#### **RIP**

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ian Webb of "Wallaroy" Tooraweenah.

# Under the Gum's & Goin' to Gil 2024

Call out for all activities in the Gilgandra Region for the 'Goin' to Gil' weekend, 27-29 September 2024!

Does your business, group or club have an activity you'll be running that you'd like us to advertise? Let us know! Email: under-

thegums@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

#### **Mountainside Beauty**

Hairdresser, Keryn is coming again on March 10th.



Please, if you can, support and share the following dates with family and friends. Kids are always welcome.

Next Dates for the Diary are; 10th March, 21st April 2024, 2nd June 2024

Please book via Mobile: 0439 470 549

## Checkout page 5 for more Information about;

Free Professional Bra Fitting Event coming up, with Phillipa at the Tooraweenah Studio on March 17th!

#### What's Next for the Toora Bungles?

What are your thoughts about the Toora Bungles continuing beyond December 2024 please— email gundair1@bigpond.com or phone the Editor 0428 432 536. It would be wonderful to get some feedback from readers and advertisers. Perhaps the publication has reached it's use by date! Perhaps other technologies have taken the Bungles place! Ed.

#### 

Take Time out!!
Relax and Enjoy Life!

#### March

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th **Tooraweenah** 

Community BBQ'S

Tooraweenah Public School

Wednesday 13th March
Tooraweenah CWA

Information—Aged & Disability Care
9.30am CWA Rooms

Sunday 17th March

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Senior Citizens Luncheon

11.30 Tooraweenah Memorial Hall

Tue 26th & Wed 27th

Gary White Dog School

Fence Sitters Welcome at 'Colpa'





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#### Coggan Wool — Acquisition of Chad Wool

Coggan Wool, a Dubbo based Wool Broker are please to advise of the acquisition of Chad Wool.

On December 1st, Chad Wool became a part of Coggan Wool, bringing together two very successful and longstanding Dubbo Wool businesses. This acquisition will enable Coggan

Coggan Wool has been selling Chad Wool's clients wool in their catalogue at Sydney auctions for 20 years and

has had a very good business relationship and friendship with Don and Julie Chad, during this time. Coggan Wool have trucks and provide on farm pickup for small and large clips just like Chad Wool.

Wool to grow its client base and still provide a valuable service to its clients in all areas, new and old, as they have done for the past fifty years.

Although Don and Julie intend to take life a little easier in the future, Mark and Cameron Coggan are sure Don will continue to have some involvement in an industry that has been his life long passion. The Coggan family look forward to keeping Don involved as much as he would like.

They will also retain Tim Blackman, as one of their valued employees.

#### Tooraweenah P A & H Assoc. AGM

Tooraweenah PA&H Association Inc will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Mountain View Hotel Tooraweenah on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6pm.

If you have ever thought about volunteering at the local show or on the March 12th and join our amazing team.

For any information about the show and roles within the show or how to become a member of the show please contact our Secretary Kristy Gale on toorashow@gmail.com or 0429 780 323.

Just remember, you don't need to be have ideas for the show, please come on the committee or attend meetings to be part of the show, many hands make light work and volunteering is just as important especially, in a small

community.

Excitement is starting to build with the construction of the new toilet blocks to commence at the beginning of March. These will be an amazing asset to the showground and it will be wonderful to see them completed.

Remember to put October 19th in your diary for another amazing Tooraweenah Show.

#### Tooraweenah Dog School Booked Out — Fence Sitters Welcome. 26-27th March



Previous schools have had up to 20 fence sitters and interest in this school is expected to see that many this time as well.

A feature of the Tooraweenah dog

schools has been the involvement of the year nine Ag students, pictured top left, from Gilgandra High School and they will participate at this school as well.

The 2 day school will have participants that include locals and handlers from around the central west.

All spots are booked out for the third

Gary White work dog school set down

Tooraweenah, in the past 18 months.

for March 26th and 27th at Colpa,

The schools are limited to 12/14 handlers which quickly sold out, this can unfortunately, leave many disappointed who miss out, but, anyone who is interested in knowing how to train a young work dog properly, can still come along as fence sitters and watch and listen in.

The dog school is used as a fundraiser for the Tooraweenah Show, so handlers pay \$200 for the two days and fence sitters a donation of \$20. All students are free.

Lunch's will be provided by the Tooraweenah Lions Cub and priced reasonably for watchers, so, if you have a free morning on Tuesday, 26 March come along to the Colpa Woolshed for

an 8:30 am start, and watch and learn from one of the top dog handlers in Australia.

Happy Mustering. Brendan Butler — Oakfield Kelpies



#### TOORAWEENAH PA&H ASSOCIATION INC

#### ANNUAL GENERAL **MEETING**

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL

**TOORAWEENAH 6PM** 

#### Golf Club Rounds!





#### Mountainside Beauty and Massage! With Emma



Our team at Mountainside Beauty and Massage are thrilled to announce an exclusive event coming to Tooraweenah on March 17th, 2024! Phillipa, pictured above and bottom right, from the fitting studio will be visiting our area to offer free professional bra fittings for women of all ages and sizes.

- Location: Mountainside Beauty and Massage

Here are the details: Date: March 17th, 2024 - Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Phillipa specializes in providing expert more information, feel free to contact bra fittings for a diverse range of needs, including:

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Don't miss out on this chance to experience exceptional service and discover bras that provide both comfort and support. Mark your calendars for March 17th and join us for this special event!

If you have any questions or would like

us via Emma 0439 4705 49 or Phillipa +61 499 991 650

We look forward to seeing you there!

Friendly reminder: Our talented hairdresser will visit Mountainside Beauty on March 10th! We encourage you to take advantage of this convenient service, available every 6 weeks.

Mark your calendars for future dates:

- April 21st
- June 2nd



#### Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



Hi to all, It was lovely to catch up with members during our first meeting for the year.

By now our Land Cookery is over. There was a lot of cooking by members of Macquarie Group. We learnt a lot from the visiting judge on how our cakes etc should be presented, along with lot of hints to get the best results.

Our President Sue has undergone surgery and is slowly on the mend. Our best wishes to you to get well soon.

Beverley and I will be attending Macquarie Group Council meeting in Wongarbon on March 2nd. Members can look forward to

catching up with all the news from this meeting on March 13th.

Our Branch decided to forgo the March Community BBQ's due to shortages in member availability and concentrate on putting our best efforts into catering for the Annual Endurance Ride on the 20th and 21st of April.

The painting of our CWA Rooms has now been completed giving them a fresh new look in readiness for our 100th year celebration in 2025. This was made possible through a Grant from CWA of NSW and a contribution from our Branch.

Sip & Sew continues, from 10am to 2pm each Wednesday.

Remember, everyone is invited to our Meeting on March 13th when our Branch will host a visit from Emma Meyers, DANS, Manager Disability and Aged Nursing Services. Start time is from 9.30am for morning tea at our CWA rooms, Denman Street Tooraweenah.

Emma will speak about DANS In Home Care services and answer any Aged Care questions you might have.

If you know of anyone within our community who may be interested to learn about the support that is available, please bring them along. RSVP to Emma on Tel: 6885 6407.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone on March 13th, 9.30am

Bye for now, Cath Waller Publicity Officer





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

We have had a busy few weeks at preschool with our many friends easily our imaginative play. settling back into preschool for the year and having a lovely time doing so. We have happily welcomed our new friend Henry to preschool and can't wait to have Malia join us very soon too.

We have enjoyed having Jaimee, Mrs Quilter, Miss Kristy and Ally's Mum at preschool. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kristy Hicks ("Miss Kristy") will be the permanent Educator Wednesday to Friday at Tooraweenah Preschool, beginning ASAP. Thank you to our wonderful casual staff for your dedication to our children and Tooraweenah Preschool during this interim period. We are very grateful to you and thankful that you have been able to assist as you have.

We have had lots and lots of birthday's during February and lots of birthday parties and celebrations, both at preschool and at the park. For Miss Marie's Happy Birthday Party at preschool we made our own party hats to wear (which we loved) and enjoyed super duper icy poles as well as chocolate cup cakes with our big school friends.

Everyone with their very fancy mask on—we thought

the zoo had come to visit preschool!

With everyone loving making party hats, this then moved on to making masks and even 'possum eye' masks too! Friends have loved playing dramatically with these masks, and of course our dress-ups. We have been spoiled by Mrs Quilter and Jaimee with some lovely new dress-ups for our collection - some even came with a mask so that has certainly added to



Our big camping game in the Tent outside. Babies are strapped in safe and sound, as are we, and off we go on our road trip. Maggie has the map, Hannah's having a snooze, Sophie's with the baby, Matilda is driving and Ben is looking out the windscreen. Below, Moved inside ready for fun!



A big game that the children invented, after requesting we get the tent out when outside, has been the campervan / camping trip game. We had the tent and children decided it was a caravan, then a campervan, so we got the steering wheel out, along with pillows that were seats for us

> (our babies could ride in their capsules or prams) and we even found a map (of the North and South Poles) that was perfect for our expedition to find Else and Anna's castle in the 'Frozen' mountains. We even found mountains (the jouncing boards) and we

had a stop-over here to ski along the slopes before back to the campervan

> and more exploration. With the hot weather coming this week, we have moved this play to inside preschool, including the tent and with some more maps, for everyone to continue and enjoy their adventure.

We have been talking about where we live, our community, and our country and

listening to stories about Australia as well as singing some songs including "Waltzing Matilda", "Give me a Home among the Gum Trees" and "Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree" in both English and Wiradjuri.

We've had some fun dance parties with both the piano and the CD's: our preschool friends are really clever at moving and grooving to the music you should see us wiggle our hips! We've had so much fun together and lots of laughs. The children have been so pleased to be 'back' after the long Christmas break.

We will start getting ready for Easter over the next few weeks - it will be here before we know it – and we will be joining Tooraweenah Preschool friends for an Easter Hat Parade and fun on Maundy Thursday.

A big thank you to the committee,

parents and helpers for your assistance with the Pub BBQ's over February. This is always a great community event and we thank our Tooraweenah community for supporting us through these BBQ's, and everything else preschool undertakes.

Happy March everyone!



**News From The Mountain View! With Ashley** 



#### **Tooraweenah Cup**

We had the Tooraweenah Cup on Saturday February 10th with plenty of people taking advantage of the bus into the races.

A great day was had by everyone. Thanks Gary for driving the bus!

# Easter Weekend March 29, 30, 31st & April 1st

We're working on an amazing Easter weekend! With plenty of seafood available for Good Friday, Easter egg hunt on Saturday and heaps more.

# Community BBQ'S <u>Draft Calendar</u>

March - Toora Public School

<u> April</u> - Golf Club

May - Toora Show

<u>June -</u>

July -

**August - Toora Show** 

**September - Endurance Ride** 

October -

November -

**December - Lions Cub** 

Please let me know ASAP if you can fill a vacant month.

#### **Bistro Hours**

are 6-8:30

Just a Reminder, Bistro hours are Lunch 12-2 Dinner 6-8 except Fridays which

#### **Big Shout Out to Ashley**

A big Thank You Ashley, for encouraging all the community groups to operate the Community BBQ'S at the Mountain View to raise much needed funds.

Many groups I'm sure would find it difficult to survive without this wonderful opportunity.

The BBQ'S also provide a valuable service to the community, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to mingle, have an evening out with friends and enjoy life. Perfect for your mental health. *Ed*.



# Stress Less Tips For Your Workplace

We can all agree that work can and will be at some point stressful and that it's really important to manage that stress. Considering work takes up most of peoples time throughout the week we believe that it's not just important, but crucial to manage workplace stress and minimise it's affects.

So, try doing the following to help you maintain a stress reduced workday:

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#### Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

#### **Welcome Back**



Hamish Jenkin & Bonnie Alison had a successful day at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our four new Kindergarten students and returning students back to school for a new year. Kindergarten are already learning new routines and are

A hot sunny day welcomed all who attended the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival in Dubbo in February. Students in K-2 participated in a range of tabloids and novelty races in the shallow pool,

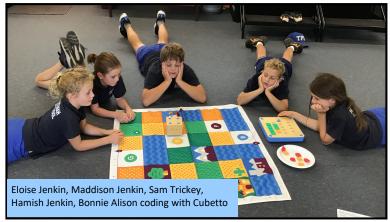
while 3-6 students competed in the swimming carnival.

Proud
swimmers
Hamish Jenkin
and Bonnie
Alison had a
successful day
at the carnival,
winning the

Handicap Points Trophy for the school with the most points per student. This trophy allows all schools to compete on a level playing field regardless of their size.

Congratulations Hamish and Bonnie on a great day in the pool. Hamish Jenkin has qualified for Dubbo District swimming for the Boys 9 yrs 50 Freestyle and we wish him luck representing the school and Small Schools at the carnival.

We are very thankful to the parents and grandparents who assisted with transport, supervision and cheering on our students at the Small Schools Carnival. It is always great to have such strong family support at these events.



impressing us with their enthusiasm and skills.

#### **Technology Fun!**

During Friday technology sessions, students have been working on their coding skills with Petria. The Cubetto robot is operated using tiles to code its pathway on the mat. Students have been coding and problem solving to solve tasks using Cubetto. We are very thankful to Bendigo Bank for funding the establishment of the Gilgandra STEM Library held at Gilgandra Public School, as Cubetto is one of the resources we are able to borrow regularly.

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival



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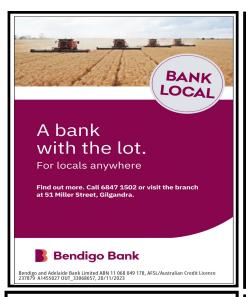






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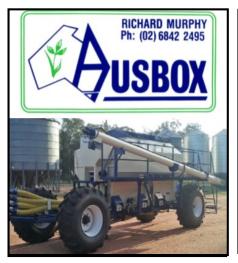
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