

Tooraweenah Show Society Two Day Dog School – Beginners & Advanced

The Tooraweenah Show Society will once again be running a two day dog school for both beginners and more advanced handlers on the 15th and 16th of April.

The beginner school will be run on Tuesday the 15th by

local Kelpie breeder and trainer **Brendan Butler**. The beginner school is aimed at getting inexperienced handlers an insight into the basic's and procedures or starting young dogs on stock, and doing some drills with the older dogs, to help the handlers control their dog.

The advanced school with Matthew Sherwood will focus on the more experienced handlers and dogs, and cover Stockmanship, dog control, and different forms of trialling.

Both schools are fully booked, but for \$20 Fence sitters are welcome to come along for the day.

The Lions Club will once again be providing morning teas and lunch at an affordable price.

The venue is Oakfield Kelpie Stud off the Tooraweenah Mendooran Road, for anyone interested in having a look.

ANZAC Day 2025 Tooraweenah Service

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall
Friday, 25th April 2025
Service begins
at 11.00 a.m.

The ANZAC Day address will be given by Hugh Bevan, a Year 12 student from Narromine. He will talk about the first WWII Japanese prisoner taken captive in Australia, on Melville Island.

To commemorate 100 years of CWA in Tooraweenah, a plaque will also be unveiled on this 25th of April, the day the Branch began in 1925.



Individuals and organisations are encouraged to participate by laying a wreath on the day.

Tooraweenah Pre-school will be catering with a BBQ lunch at the Mountain View Hotel.

All welcome to attend.

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Tooraweenah CWA Chatter — Celebrate 100 Years



Hi to all,
 Thank you to those members for all your help with the Pub BBQ'S. They have been going very well.

Great support has also been received from the community, particularly the cricketers, along with their supporters who came back to Tooraweenah to celebrate their win. We hope everyone was fed as we were caught a little left footed on the night. Thanks for your understanding.

A big 'shout out'! To Ashley and her team at the Mountain View for their help and for allowing us to raise funds for our Branch. Can't thank you enough.

Again, we are getting ready for a very buisy April. First up, is the ABAM Airshow Spectacular. We are one of the catering team with hot soup fresh dinner roll, plus, cakes, slices and a cuppa.

On April 12th we will celebrate our 100th Birthday from 10am to 3pm. If anyone hasn't accepted yet please do

so by April 4th. The date for acceptances has been extended.

It will be a wonderful day to share memories, meet up with friends and acknowledge the 100 years of service to our community and beyond. We look forward to welcoming everyone on the day.

Next up is ANZAC Day, April 25th. We will be laying a wreath and one of our members will be giving a brief talk about CWA members contribution to the War effort.

After the ceremony concludes at the Park, a Plaque will be unveiled to Commemorate the establishment of Tooraweenah CWA Branch 100 years ago on ANZAC Day.

Then, on April 26th & 27th we run the Canteen for the Endurance Ride. If you can help in any way please let Jill or Tanya know. Outside help is always appreciated.


If you enjoy 'Sip 'n' Sew', check if the sign is out, then please call in for a cuppa and a chat.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th April 9.30am for 10am start. Two main items for discussion are finalising everything for our 100th Birthday and catering for the Endurance ride.

Till next time, Cath Waller Publicity.

Pictured below, Preschoolers Lacey, Hannah, Aria and Malia checking out the 'insect world' in our small world tray.







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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of February to date (21/02/25) was 54.1mm over 4 days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 2nd of April at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.



Snap Shot!



Don't forget to RSVP for Tooraweenah CWA 100th Birthday celebrations. Text or ring Jill 0428 432 536. You can call into

our rooms any time between 10am and 3pm on Saturday April 12th. You will probably see some people you haven't seen in a while.

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Saturday—5th
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Saturday 12th 10am to 3pm
Tooraweenah CWA Rooms
100th Birthday

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th
Endurance Ride

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Tooraweenah Working Dog School

Tooraweenah Working Dog School

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Day 1
15th April

Beginner school with local trainer and dog trialler

Brendan Butler

Cost: Adults \$110 Youth \$55

Day 2
16th April

Advanced school with renowned dog handler & champion trialler

Matt Sherwood

Cost: \$330

Fence sitters welcome - \$20

Where: "Oakfield" 4046 Tooraweenah Road, Tooraweenah 2817

When: 15th & 16th of April 2025 - 8am start both days.

Places are limited- so get in quickly!

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Brendan Butler on 0447 481 048

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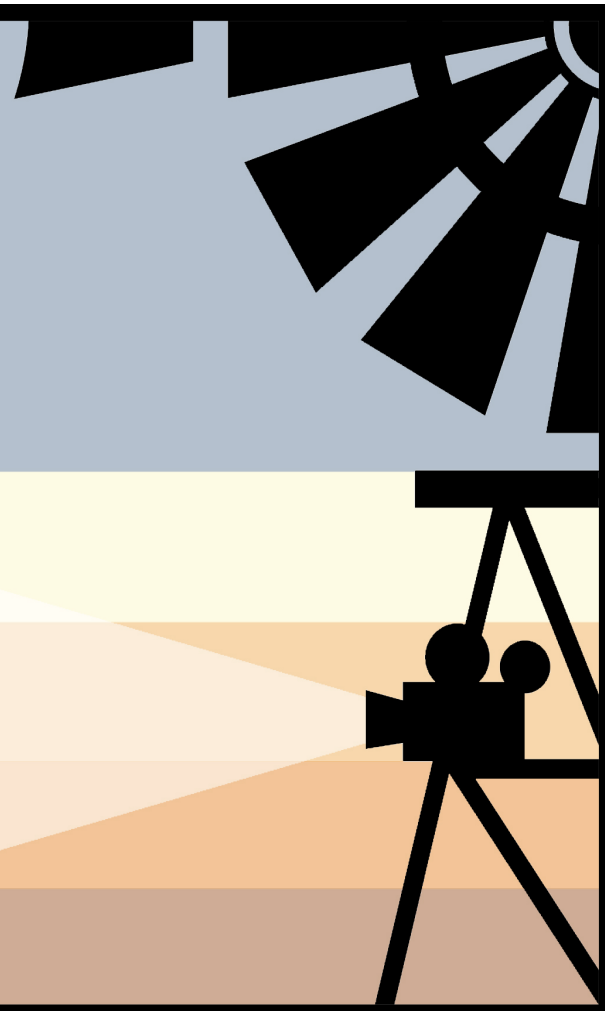


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Tooraweenah Preschool, ‘Developing Wings of Independence’ With Marie Gale (Jacobsen)

Our term has certainly whizzed by, we have been busy enjoying preschool and barely noticed! We will enjoy celebrating Easter before the holidays and practicing our song “Lest We Forget (One More Parade)” with our big school friends and our amazing singing Mum.

We have spent a lot of time over the past few weeks investigating creatures in our world, which stemmed from the discovery of two butterflies and some other insects in our playground. This led to a long discussion about the many different creatures that we know about, how they work together and live together, sometimes they work like a team like our preschool friends do, other times they ‘play on their own’ – again, just like us.

We have enjoyed talking about many different creatures, big and small, and discovering where they live, how they keep safe, and importantly, what they like to eat! While on this learning journey, we have also enjoyed many of Eric Carle’s stories, especially ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ and ‘The Bad-Tempered Ladybird’.

This led to further inquiry around co-operation, companionship, kindness, and community. The children have linked this with how we work together at preschool and with our big school friends at Tooraweenah Public School, even to our combined singing presentation that we are practicing for the Tooraweenah community ANZAC Day service.

We have read some interesting ‘lift the flap’ books about animal homes and insects – we have enjoyed guessing the ‘answers’ before revealing the pictures underneath and had a great time singing some new songs and learning some new dances and games. We love playing ‘Farmer in the Dell’, singing the Pirate Song and dancing “The Kangaroo Rock” as well as the ‘Freeze’ dance. Recently, we had fun singing and marching to ‘The Ants Go Marching One by One’ and playing our musical instruments to accompany us.

We have had some interesting ‘small world’ activities on offer: we’ve had a ‘pond world’ with various pond animal puppets to play with, followed by an

‘insect world’ with large insect counters in trays of Huon pine wood shavings (from Tasmania) to play with. Our floral tree has been a focal point for each ‘world’ with it being the home for birds and a bird nest and also butterflies of all sizes.

Friends have also investigated marbles, magnets and movement, with various activities and experiments, both open-ended and structured. Children have discovered amazing things about speed and movement (with the different marble runs) as well as positive and negative forces and ‘sticking’ or ‘not sticking’ with the magnets – even measuring how far the magnets in the car can make it move with the magnet wand!

Another new activity that has been fun to play has been the ‘buried treasure’ games. The first game had a tray with white ‘snow’ hiding some colours transport figurines that could only be taken out with coloured tongs; they were matching coloured tongs, counters and bowls to sort into for this game. The second buried treasure game was the tray with snow and coloured pom-poms that could only be picked up with the tea-leaf strainers – commonly called a ‘claw’ by some friends!

We welcomed new friend Ted and last week we enjoyed playing basketball and soccer together with lots of different balls for everyone to play with together. They even fitted in our wheelbarrows for a ride! We’ve practiced our Emergency Drills, for both a Bush Fire Emergency and a Lock Down situation and worked together as a team to make sure everyone was safe and knows what to do in those situations. After these drills we learnt our safety messages of ‘Ready, Set, Go, 000’; also ‘Get down low and go, go, go’ if the room is full of smoke and ‘Stop, Drop and Roll’ if our clothes are on fire.

Preschool recently held our AGM and thank the 2024 Management Committee for all of their amazing work and we welcome the 2025 Management Committee with several new parents joining the team. Thank you everyone. We officially accepted the updated Tooraweenah Preschool Constitution at this meeting, which has been approved

by the NSW Fair Trading Commission.

We are excited about receiving four new trikes, purchased using money raised at the February Community BBQs. A big thank you to everyone who donated food and time, to the community for supporting us, and to Ash Jenkin and team at the Mountain View for the opportunity to fundraise this way. Our preschool friends love riding our bikes around the bike track so these new trikes will be a welcome addition to the two large bikes and balance bikes we already have.

Our preschool clock is ‘going round and round very fast’ making our days come and go before we know it, so it will be the end of term in no time! The last day of Term 1 is Friday 11th April, with both Easter and ANZAC Day falling in the school holidays, and children returning for Term 2 on Wednesday 30th April.

We wish everyone a very “Happy Easter” and look forward to seeing as many of our friends as possible when we perform with big school friends at the ANZAC Day service just before we return for Term 2.



1. Team work and engineering skills were used to make this tall tower. We even needed the ladder to reach the top! Miss

Kristy, helping Aria as Matilda, Malia and Lottie patiently wait their turn.



2. Malia, Matilda, Lacey, Aria, Lottie and Henry busy at the playdough table—and even having time to check out what else is going on.

3. Henry, Oscar, Levi and Lacey enjoying one of the marble fun games.



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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Dubbo District Swimming Carnival



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our talented swimmers, pictures Hamish, Eloise and Bonnie, who represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival. Their hard work and dedication were evident as they took to the pool, showcasing their skills and determination.

Hamish impressed everyone with his competitive spirit placing 8th in a field of 19 in the 10 yrs boys freestyle, while also earning several personal bests taking 6 seconds off both his breaststroke and backstroke times. Bonnie, made a significant splash in the freestyle races, taking two seconds off her time. Eloise also shone brightly, demonstrating endurance and skill in her 50m freestyle. Congratulations to Hamish, Bonnie, and Eloise for their incredible efforts at the District Swimming Carnival!

Come-and-Try Athletics Day



On Wednesday, 5th March, Bardon Park in Dubbo was buzzing with excitement as the Come-and-Try Athletics day unfolded. It was a fantastic opportunity for Hunter, pictured left, who represented our school, to experience the thrill of athletics, from running races to field events like javelin

and discus. The day was filled with fun and fitness in a non-competitive environment. We were delighted the day was such a great success!

Pillowcase Project

We were pleased to welcome Kerrie from The Red Cross's Pillowcase Project to our school.

Throughout the lesson, students participated in engaging discussions that emphasised the significance of being pre-

pared for emergencies. They learned how to prepare their minds for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during, and after such events, fostering resilience and emotional readiness.

One of the key components of the Pillowcase Project was educating students on what to include in an emergency kit. They discovered essential items that can provide comfort and safety in crisis situations, ensuring they feel secure and ready to face any challenge.



As a fun and creative element to the project, each student was given a pillowcase to decorate and take home. This pillowcase serves as a starting point for their own personal emergency kit, encouraging them to actively participate in their preparedness journey. *Pictured above Elian Smith is designing her Pillowcase*

Visit from Warrumbungle EEC

Leading a reinvigoration of our wicking beds, Narelle from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre (WNPEEC) spent two afternoons at school, working with small groups of our students.

Students improved the soil in the wicking beds, planted seedlings, and investigated the germination of seeds. We are very thankful to Narelle for her organisation of these worthwhile lessons for our students and to Principal of the WNPEEC Wes Leedham for supporting us with Narelle's visits this term.

Cricket

Cricket coaching has commenced, funded by the Term 1 Sporting Schools Grant. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Jennifer Baker to Tooraweenah Public School as cricket coach. Skills focused on hand placement when catching, fielding the ball from the ground, holding the bat correctly and foot placement when throwing. Congratulations to all students on their exemplary manners and listening skills during cricket.

Room on the Broom

We are thrilled to share the highlights

from today's excursion to the Dubbo Regional Theatre to see the enchanting performance of *Room on the Broom!* Our students had a fantastic time immersing themselves in the magical world of this beloved story, filled with vibrant characters, delightful music, and captivating special effects.

The excitement was palpable as the show brought the pages of the book to life, sparking the imaginations of our young audience. Many students left the theatre buzzing with inspiration and eager to explore more stories by Julia Donaldson, which can be found in our school library. Prior to the performance, the students enjoyed recess at Victoria Park, where they made the most of the new playground equipment. It was wonderful to see them laughing and playing together, showing teamwork and camaraderie.

A big congratulations to our students for their exceptional behaviour throughout the day! Your enthusiasm and respectful behaviour made this excursion a memorable one. We can't wait for our next adventure!

Technology Lessons

Our students have been actively engaging in hands-on activities that promote creative and critical thinking skills under the guidance of our technology expert, Petria.

In the K/1 class, students have been diving into the world of robotics as they explore the Bluebots to make them 'dance.' Year 2 has embarked on a thrilling project where they will design, build, and code a cable river ferry using Lego Spike Essential. This activity not only enhances their engineering skills but also encourages problem-solving as they work on their individual designs to bring their ideas to life.

In the 3/4/6 class, students have been refining their ferry designs, focusing on improving functionality and efficiency. This process is essential in technology education, as it allows students to learn from their experiences and make necessary adjustments to their designs. We are excited to witness the creativity and innovation that our students will continue to demonstrate in their technology lessons with Petria!

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Tooraweenah Public School and Preschool Continued



1. Hunter Watt, Ben Larkin and Ryder French-Hughes on excursion to see Room in the Broom.
2. Eloise Jenkin, Madison Jenkin and Bonnie Alison reinvigorating the School wicking beds
3. Charlie Hicks and Xander French-Hughes with one of our new hens.
4. Amelia Hutchison enjoying Cricket.
5. Henry and scar having fun at one of our 'buried treasurer games.
6. Aria, Lottie and Malia enjoying making paper plate ladybeetles





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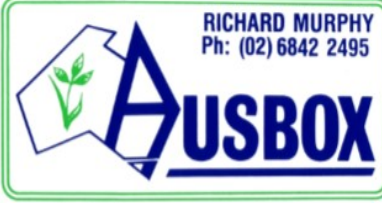


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