Toora Bungles



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100 Plus People Attended The Lions Trivia Quiz!



We had a lovely, fun and laughter afternoon at the Lions Trivia! Thank you to those of all ages who attended - the hall was full, and the children spilled outside enjoying running around the back of the hall and wearing themselves out!

To the Committee, the caterers, trivia master and trivia tragics, we hope you had as much fun as we did!



Tooraweenah Lions donated \$5,000 to the winning team's charities of choice, as follows:

1st: Thurston's Bushrangers: \$2,500 to ABAM

2nd: Pike's Pikelets: \$1,000 to Dubbo RFDS Base

3rd: Rodway's Roving Rebels: \$500 to Dubbo Sing Out Choir

4th: Hazelton's Mountain Goats: \$500 to Wings 4 Kids

5th: Gilgandra Lions DADs: \$500 to the Lions Foundation.

Wooden Spooners: Halings - aptly named, 'here for the spoon!' Otherwise we have been assistant hospitality workers at a lovely wedding held at the Tooraweenah Hall (congratulations to the

newly wed couple!), as well as wood cuts.

Thank you to **Brendan Butler**, **pictured top left**, for his year of service as President, and we wish Gary Gesell pictured centre with the winning team, the best as he embarks on his first yearMore pictures page 10

Paul Bennet Praises ABAM & Tooraweenah

Paul Bennet and his Team at the Paul Bennett Airshow could not have been happier with the preparation of the Arthur Butler Memorial Aerodrome for this extraordinary event.

The ABAM group had done an amazing job making his job easy, as the aerodrome was in outstanding condition along with the Public set up for the Airshow.

Paul Bennet confirmed to Gary Weston that he was totally blown away by how great the aerodrome was and the beauty of the location, as it was his first visit to Tooraweenah.

ABAM has also received glowing feedback from spectators and others who had heard about the Airshow, and the great preparation by ABAM and the Tooraweenah community, to facilitate such an acclaimed event.

The committee is currently working hard to continue to maintain the aerodrome, as it's reputation is spreading.

Member for Barwon Roy Butler, attended and along with Gilgandra Council acknowledged there is a lot of interest in what the future holds for ABAM and the rebirth of aviation in Tooraweenah.

To relive the event, please checkout pages 6, 78, & 9 for pictures by local photographer Jo Miller (Nee Robertson). They are a

spectacular reminder of a world class event, successfully staged in Tooraweenah. Enjoy!





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Get creative and join us in bringing the street alive – whether that's by marching, singing, dancing or riding a float!

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check out! Seats are limited so book early.

IT'S GREAT!

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Around The Traps ©

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of July 2025 to 28th July 41.6mils over 5 days giving a total for the year of 49.6mils over 38 days.

Stamps have gone up to \$1.70 for general post.

Tooraweenah Lions Club



The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 6th of August at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Long afternoon quiz was a great success with over 100 adults and children in attendance.

Five thousand dollars in total was won by participants on the day and was distributed to ABAM, RFDS, Lions Foundation, Sing Out Choir, Wings 4 Kids.

The Club will be catering at the Gular Races on August 30th.

All welcome.

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

Thank you to Geoff Hill for connecting the dishwasher in the Hall and if you wish to book, ring Scott Quilter during office hours 6848 1133.

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Snap Shots!

Great to see the RAIN come in spits and spurts. Wonderful help to all the crops in the district. A bit of a shame about the temperatures though, minus 3 degrees in them there hills!

Skip to page 11 for all the Diary Dates

COMMUNITY BBQ'S

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

Term 3 has started with a bang everyone was very excited to be back at different art experiences and talked preschool after our school holidays break and what fun we had learning about everyone's holiday adventures and fun. We have learnt more about this at our 'news' sessions each day, with lots of interesting 'showing news' and 'talking news' being shared. We have been reading maps and learning about different animals, birds and plants, particularly those around Far North Queensland and Cape York after Miss Marie's recent holiday.

We welcome several new friends, including Sophie, John, Joe, Hugh and Ralph, and their families to our preschool and hope you enjoy your time with us. We all love making new friends, and it is lovely to see our preschool friends both new and returning, enjoying playing, learning and having lots of fun.

We have some fancy new dress-ups, including, colourful pirate pants, pirate and magician waistcoats that are reversible. Friends have enjoyed performing impromptu dance parties, and using their imaginations while playing dramatically with the ocean animals, the doctor's set and the farm. We've problem solved together at the puzzles and spent time investigating and experimenting with different magnetic counters and items at the light table making different colours.



During our first week of term we acknowledged NAIDOC Week through a range of craft and other activities. We used our Aboriginal symbols templates,

counters and posters for several about what they mean, 'reading' the pictures is something we are very good

We also read different Cultural stories at group time, including some new **Torres Strait Islander Cultural stories** that Miss Marie's bought at Thursday Island.



We are looking forward to our combined "Grandparents and Friends Day" event with Tooraweenah Public School friends on Wednesday 6th of August 2025 at 10.30am.

Everyone is most welcome!

We have been enjoying and practicing our version of the story, "A Fly Went By" which we will perform on this day, along with singing some of our favourite songs while we play our instruments. After our 'concert,' families and friends can join us at preschool for morning tea and a play in our playground until 12 noon.

We are again enjoying our weekly visits with big school friends for shared reading, something that we all look forward to on alternate Wednesday's and Thursdays, along with our Bush Preschool adventures held on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to those parent and family members who join us.

This term our friends from the Gulargambone Preschool hope to join us for Bush Preschool and some other

fun adventures and visits together. We can't wait - watch this space!



Above; Aria, Lottie and Matilda experimenting at the light table.



Above; Ted having fun playing dramatically with the ocean creatures at the small world table.



Above; We love using the Yabby nets and we were so excited to find lots of Yabby claws along the edge of the pond.

Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

School Boccia Competition



The competition concluded with the Grand Final featuring the top two teams Turtles and Jenkins vying for the championship title.

It was a very tight game with some brilliant shots from both teams. By the end of the fifth end, the second last one, both teams were equal on three points. The final end was a real nail biter with Jenkins breaking through to get two points to win the game. Congratulations to the winning team members Maddison Jenkin, Eloise Jenkin and 'honorary Jenkin,' Rose Alison! Pictured above, right to left. It was great to see all games played with fun at the forefront and great sportsmanship demonstrated. We are very thankful to Mrs Quilter for organising and refereeing this lunchtime competition for our students.

<u>Athletics Carnival practice -</u> <u>High Jump</u>

During Term 2, Mrs. Jenkin has been enthusiastically training our students in all things athletics during PE, including the art of high jump, in preparation for the upcoming Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by the students have been truly impressive as they work on improving their technique and height. To enhance the training sessions, we were fortunate to have parent Nicole Harte join us. As a former State level high jumper, Nicole brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the students. Her insights and tips on technique, strength, and strategy greatly benefited everyone involved. Students from Year 2 to Year 6, who are eligible to compete in the Small Schools

Athletics Primary Carnival, participated in the training sessions

We are grateful to Mrs. Jenkin for her dedication to coaching and to Nicole Harte for sharing her expertise with our students. We look forward to seeing the results of their hard work at the upcoming Small Schools Athletics Primary Carnival!

Ultimate Frisbee

Every Friday of Term 2, our students had been enjoying a

new Sport with Mrs. Lummis teaching Ultimate Frisbee. The dynamic game quickly captured the attention and enthusiasm of the Tooraweenah students, who loved the opportunity to learn and play this fast-paced sport. Mrs. Lummis, having trained in Ultimate Frisbee, brought her new knowledge of the game to our students, helping them develop their skills and understanding of the sport. The energy on the field was infectious, with students actively participating and honing their teamwork and coordination.

We are also grateful to parents Nicole & Dan Harte, who are regular players of Ultimate Frisbee. Nicole & Dan shared their expertise and enthusiasm with the students, enhancing their learning experience.

The combination of Mrs. Lummis's instruction and parental involvement has created a supportive and fun environment for our students to learn Ultimate Frisbee.

Welcome back - Term 3

Welcome back for Term 3! We are excited to dive into a busy and enriching term filled with activities that promote learning and community spirit.

We have some exciting events planned, including Grandparent's Day to celebrate Education Week, a Book Fair, the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival in Dubbo, Inter-School Public Speaking (which we are hosting), and a Sydney Excursion for Years 3-6.

Reading with Preschool

We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to read with the Preschool

students each week. This is a great opportunity to invite Preschool into our classrooms ahead of Transition to school beginning this term.

Book Donation

The school was delighted to receive 5 new books for our library this week, that were the result of a donation from NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction.) Our students can't wait to explore these great new books!

Book Fair

During Week 3, from Monday
4th August to Thursday 7th August,
there will be a Book Fair in the
Tooraweenah Public School Library.
Students may browse the Book Fair
during break times and parents are welcome to call in any time between
8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to
Thursday.

Education Week And Grandparent's Day

We are looking forward to welcoming families and community members to the school for our annual **Grandparent's Day on Wednesday 6th** August. This year we would like to welcome School and Preschool families to our open classrooms from 9:30am to see first-hand Tooraweenah Public School's explicit instruction warm-ups in action (9:30am K/1, 9:45am Year 2 and 10am Year 3/4/6). At 10:15am in the Year 2 classroom, there will be a screening of Tooraweenah Public School's film which was entered into the Gilgandra Film Festival earlier this year. There will be a combined school and preschool concert at 10:30am followed by morning tea. Tea and coffee will be available.



PAUL BENNET AIRSHOW — ABAM













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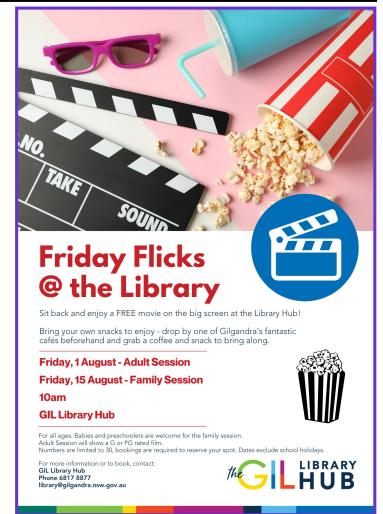
AIRSHOW!











Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



How quickly the months pass by.

very productive, with five members in of Korea.

Tooraweenah school students will participate, lunch menu has been finalised and invites go out on August Our July meeting was 13th. Everyone can come along to enjoy everything about the Republic

attendance.

The estimates and quotes are almost complete to support the upgrades to our kitchen and meeting room for consideration for funding.

Beverley, Tanya and Denise attended the Macquarie Group Council meeting. It will be interesting to hear their report during our meeting on August

All members would have received their Surprise Butter Cake with two Invoices for the annual membership \$53.50 State and \$10 for Group total \$63.50. These are to be paid by August luck with your baking. This is well 31st please. This allows time for everything to be finalised by our Treasurer Tanya, for our Auditor. Thank you all for supporting this request.

Macquarie Group was placed 3rd in the Handicraft section at State level during the recent State Conference. Tanya's Bear was one of the items included. Well done to Tanya and all the group members involved in this success.

Beverley's planning for our Republic of Korea International Day on September 23rd is well underway.

A couple of important dates to note include, Grand-Friends Day at the Tooraweenah Public School on Wednesday August the 6th and Macquarie Group International Day on August the 9th in Gilgandra.

For all the cooks amongst our members, the new Schedule was in the June issue of the Journal and you can watch a video about the 75th Anniversary Committee Challenge: contrasting colours and to include an internal shape of your choice. Good beyond my culinary skills!

The Goddess Workshop has a change of date and time. It is now on Sunday, August 10th from 12 noon in the CWA Rooms. If you wish to attend please give Tanya a quick ring on Mobile 0428 481 041 by August 4th. Cost is \$20.

Our August Meeting will commence 9.30am for a 10am start on Wednesday the 13th of August. Your membership can be paid on the day via our square or you can pay cash if you choose to do so. Thank you all in advance.

Our next catering day is for the Tooraweenah Show on October the 11th. Just two month away.

Lastly but most importantly we wish Cath, Sue and Jenny well as they advance to a return to good mobility. JB on behalf of our Publicity Officer Cath.



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<u>Above</u>: 2nd place 'Pike's Pikelets' recipient RFDS \$1,000.

Photographer — Narelle Rodway

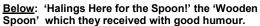
Right: 3rd 'Rodway's Roving Rebels' recipient, Sing Out Choir Dubbo \$500



<u>Left</u>: 4th 'Hazelton's Mountain Goats' recipient Wings for Kids \$500

Top job Toora Lions and Trivia Tragics to gift away \$5,000, all those groups would be thrilled. Such a wonderful volunteering spirit!

<u>Below:</u> 5th 'Gil Lions DADs' recipient Lions Foundation \$500





Students Enjoying Their Education — ABAM Thank you Tooraweenah!

Pictured right; Bonnie, Hamish, Eloise, Maddison and Jack with Books donated by the National Association of Women in

Construction!











<u>Pictured above right;</u> Heading out on our Bush Preschool adventures and <u>left</u>, taking a closer look at things on the ground.

August

Wednesday 6th

Grand Parents Day

School—9.30am

Sunday 10th
Goddess Workshop
CWA Rooms 12 Noon

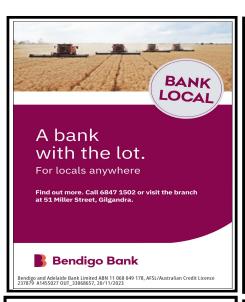
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Gil Library Hub 10am

Saturday 30th Gular Races

Pictured right;

right;
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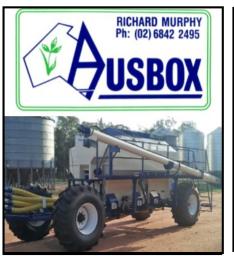
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