



CWA 100 YEAR CELEBRATION!



And celebrate we did, with past and present members and families. People from Tooraweenah, Gilgandra, Dubbo, Fairfield, Collie, Wongarbone, Coonabarabran, Uralla, Coonamble, Canberra, Baradine and Purlawugh. The historical Rooms

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Spectators were enthralled for 3 non stop hours of breath taking spectacular flying, combined with an excellent commentary. We thank ABAM for this once in a lifetime experience. Well done!

looked a picture and was filled with chatter, memories shared from the past, present and for the future of CWA. All acknowledged the wonderful history of the Branch in supporting the local community through good times and bad, but always with friendship top of mind.

The very special moment of the day was when Tooraweenah Branch patron Cluna Gale unveiled the Tooraweenah Branch Centenary Plaque with support from President of Macquarie Group CWA Marjorie Blatch. They are pictured below. *For more photos see inside.*

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Tooraweenah CWA Chatter — Celebrating 100 Years



Hi to all,
Many thanks to all who helped with the ABAM Air Show. I heard it was a wonderful, spectacular

Event.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to be at our 100 year celebration, but I have heard it was a great day. Thanks again to all who helped in any way to make the day a great success.

A special thanks to the Tooraweenah School P & C, who did such a wonderful job with the catering.

The ANZAC Day commemoration last Friday was a very special occasion, the school children sang beautifully, there where also guest singers and three very interesting guest speakers. Heather Larkin, our Vice President gave a very special speech about our CWA Branch contribution to the War effort. Wreaths

were laid, culminating with a March to the Memorial Park.



Jill and I also had the pleasure of unveiling the CWA Commemoration Plaque which acknowledged the commencement of our Branch 100 years ago to the day, following the conclusion of the ANZAC Day Service.

Over the weekend of 26th and 27th of April we catered for the Endurance Ride. There was a large contingent of horses, which meant there were also many riders, their support crews and families.

There were very buisy times and quieter times, so we could relax and enjoy each

others company, whilst reflecting on two very buisy months.

Don't forget, if you see the Sip 'N' Sew sign out, please pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is always welcome.

Our next meeting day is Wednesday, 14th May 2025 9.30am for a 10am start. Bye for now, **Cath Waller President and Publicity Officer.**



President Cath Waller and Secretary Jill Blackman unveil our Tooraweenah Branch Commemorative

Plaque in the Memorial Park on ANZAC Day.

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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of April to date (24/04/25) was 11.6mm over 2 days. Total rain for the year 210mm over 17 days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club



The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 7th of May at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

Up and coming events include the Gilgandra Show on the 10th May.

We bid farewell to Narelle Rodway from our club during the April meeting, she has sold her home in Gilgandra and will be making a new home in Orange. We wish you well in the future

Narelle and hope to see you from time to time. Thank you for your service to our club and the Tooraweenah community.

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

The Hall committee held it's AGM in the hall on Thursday 13th March 2025.

The Executive for the next year are as follows. **President:** Malcolm Webb, **Vice President:** Karen Smith, **Secretary:** Lester Thurston, **Treasurer:** Tony Webb **Booking Officers:** Scott & Janelle Quilter (Bookings can be made at the Caravan Park office, or by phoning during office hours 6848 1133.

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Big Thank You to our Photographers

Tanya Hutchison, Karen Smith, Marie Gale, Jan Robertson, Seanne Jenkin, Jo Robertson, Brendan Butler and all others who have contributed this month. Their skill, certainly makes for a wonderful colourful contribution to the Toora Bungles for ANZAC Day, CWA 100th celebration, Tooraweenah School and Preschool and the Dog School. How lucky we are.

Thank you all. Ed.

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After a brief chat and demonstrations, the dog handlers were able to put an array of different aged young dogs to work in the round yard on some nice quiet trainer sheep.

The handlers and dogs showed plenty of ability at both levels and one of the quotes from the beginner school was ("my dog won't have to go to the train station now.")

A big thank you to Matt Sherwood for sharing his tips and experience with us, and the feedback from the days were extremely positive, from most handlers, keen to have a follow-up.

Icing on the cake was some handy dollars in the bank for the Show Society and the Lions Club.

Happy mustering.

Brendan Butler.

Oakfield Kelpies.



Sunny skies greeted twelve (12) keen beginner dog handlers, and another ten (10) advanced handlers on day two, at Oakfield, for the Tooraweenah Show Society beginner and advanced dog schools.



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G.R.E.A.T. Day – Combined Schools reading event



On Monday, March 31st, our K-6 students had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Gilgandra to participate in the G.R.E.A.T. Day, an event dedicated to celebrating reading. Our students embraced the spirit of the day by wearing vibrant red clothing, showcasing their enthusiasm for the occasion.

The event, known as Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town (G.R.E.A.T.), featured three talented children's book authors: Melania Faranda, Nette Hilton, and Louise Park. Our students were excited to meet these authors and gain insights into their creative processes. Their presence added a special touch to the day, inspiring our young readers and encouraging them to explore new stories.

In preparation for the event, our school library highlighted a fantastic selection of titles from these authors, allowing students to familiarise themselves with their works and get ready for engaging discussions during the event.

G.R.E.A.T. Day was a fantastic celebration of reading and creativity, and our students returned with new stories to share and a passion for books. We look forward to more events like this in the future!

ANZAC Day

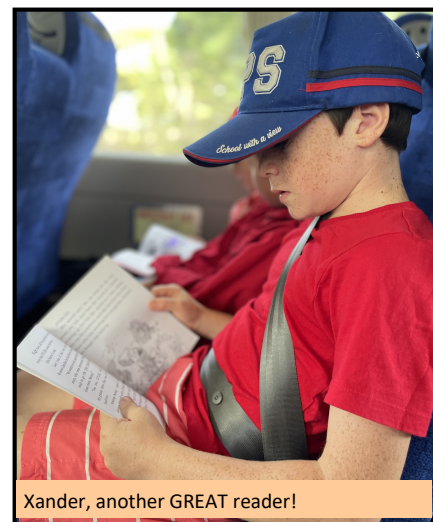
This year, the Tooraweenah community once again, came together to commemorate ANZAC Day with great enthusiasm and

respect. It was heartening to see so many school families join us for the solemn service and march to the Kookaburra Memorial at the Tooraweenah Memorial Park.

Students from both the School and Preschool performed a heartfelt and moving rendition of "Lest We Forget" by Michael Reynolds, during the service. Representing the school, Hamish Jenkin and Sam Trickey had the honour of laying a beautiful wreath at the memorial hall, symbolizing our gratitude and remembrance.

Following the service, Bonnie Alison led the march proudly behind the school banner, demonstrating the spirit of unity and respect. At the conclusion of the short service at the Kookaburra Memorial Park, Sam Trickey (Year 6) hoisted the Australian flag from half mast. Our teachers were immensely proud of our students for their exemplary behaviour and the reverence they displayed as we honoured the sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

Thank you to all families who participated and supported our ANZAC Day activities. Your involvement helps instil the values of remembrance and respect in our students for generations to come.



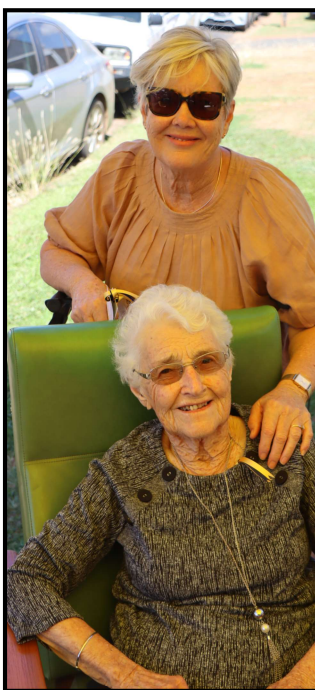
Xander, another GREAT reader!



Tooraweenah CWA — 100 Year Celebration in Pictures.



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

We hope that everyone has had a safe, restful and relaxing holiday period, with Easter and ANZAC Day both falling in these school holidays.

Matilda, Aria & Malia 'Easter Bunnies' cooking up Easter treats in the home corner.



Easter Bilby helpers, Aria & Lottie have fun dressing up.



Lottie, Hannah, Oscar, Malia, Ted & Matilda checking out the eggs we found for the Easter Bilbies Egg Hunt!



We finished our term having lots of fun playing 'Easter Bilby' games with our huge collection of (plastic) eggs from the 'Easter Shelf'. Friends had a delightful time each day creating 'Easter Egg hunts' for their

week, there was a mysterious note that appeared from the Easter Bilby, sending us on a mission to find a certain amount of eggs before we'd even had our 'morning meeting' on the mat! Our friends were very excited about Easter!



We threaded some special Easter baskets and decorated some 'foam' eggs – and the Easter Bilby must have tip-toed into preschool during the last week, as we found bags of chocolate Easter Eggs for everyone, which was very exciting!

Friends were busy creating Easter Bilby puppets, they used newspaper and the 'tear and stick' technique to make sure he was camouflaged and couldn't get eaten by the cheeky cat or fox. The children loved dressing up in our 'Easter hats' and making up even more fun games with each other! Preschool friends used a great deal of imagination, problem solving, story telling and negotiation skills and had such fun as they did so!

We enjoyed lovely days outside, spending the time wisely enjoying our playground and all it has to offer. We are looking forward to our four new bikes arriving that we ordered last term – we used money raised from our Community Pub BBQ's held in February to purchase these.

We have also purchased a Defibrillator for our premises in the case of any

emergency that requires us to use it. A big thank you to the Committee for their forward thinking on this very important purchase and to those involved in all of the research around defibrillators for this purchase.

A big thank you to all of our children and the families for joining Tooraweenah Preschool on ANZAC Day at the Tooraweenah Community service at the Memorial Hall.

Our singing, with Tooraweenah Public School friends, of the beautiful song, "Lest We Forget: One More Parade" was amazing and a fitting tribute to those service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts. Thank you preschool friends for being a part of this service.

A big thank you to the children who laid our wreath, with a special thanks to Lottie and Suzie Webb for making our floral wreath, and for joining the march and assisting with the second half of the service at the Park. We had very helpful leaders carrying our banner and the children were pleased to be helpful with the floral wreaths, following in the footsteps of our 'big school friends'.

This was followed by a very busy, hectic and enjoyable social lunch at the Mountainview Hotel; with a big thank you to everyone involved and assisting in any way, shape or form. People helped out in so many ways: from organising everything, getting the BBQ items and supplies, donating food for the boxed lunches (sandwiches and sweet treats), cooking and serving at the BBQ and to the community for supporting preschool by purchasing lunch at this significant community event. Thank you everyone.

We are looking forward to a fabulous Term 2 and meeting and playing with some new friends who are joining us soon – we can't wait to see Parker again and have Henry B join us at preschool too!



More mysterious Easter characters (aka Lottie & Aria)

friends, and each day during the last

Tooraweenah CWA — ANZAC DAY 2025 Address 'The War Years'.

Today is significant for Tooraweenah CWA members because it is our Birthday. 100 years ago today, April 25th 1925, a group of ladies got together and formed a branch of the Country Women's Association.

Initially their aim was to provide rest rooms for the women of the district. A place where they could meet, relax, develop friendships share knowledge and no doubt enjoy a cuppa.

With the backing of Mr. C. W. Rohr they were able to purchase the building in which the branch still meets.

The members soon became involved in holding fund-raising events such as Flower Shows, Wool Expos, catering and the ever popular Blue & Gold Balls to raise funds to support both local and national causes.

We have been asked to share with you today some of the activities the CWA was involved in during the war years.

Despite the women undertaking greater work loads at home and having the constant worry of loved ones serving overseas; the CWA members under the guidance of their president, Mrs. Rose Sheldon, worked tirelessly to support the War Effort in any practical way could.

The ladies busily tied and sewed together camouflage nets which were sent to Sydney and then overseas for

the army. Nationally the CWA produced over 150,000 nets saving the government money and manpower. Sheep skins were also collected and sent to be made into warm winter vests.

Everything possible was done to aid in the comfort of the Service men. The CWA members were kept busy knitting pullovers, scarves, balaclavas and socks all from home-spun wool. Flannel shirts and pyjamas were sewn, fruit cakes baked, books and toiletries collected. All to be sent to the troops.

The local branch also supported 'The Snap-Shots From Home League' taking photos of local people and events to help connect the servicemen with their families during this time of great uncertainty and separation.

They supported 'The Australian Comforts Fund' raising £ 2. 12/- annually to 'Adopt' a service man and help provide for his needs.

A special 'War Workers Committee' was established in the village and under this umbrella the CWA worked with other local organisations. One of the committee's initiatives was to farewell and present each person with a watch as they left the district to 'join-up'. Likewise, on their return, a special welcome home function was held.

Such occasions were tinged with a mixture of joyful celebrations and devastating sadness.

After peace was declared, the Branch continued their commitment to helping with the Post War Effort. Food hampers, tins of fat, clothing and donations were collected and sent to help with the Plight of Post-war Europe.

Our CWA motto contains the words 'Service to Country' and 100 years on the Tooraweenah Branch continues to offer help and a hand of Friendship to wherever it is needed.

Later in the park a plaque will be unveiled to commemorate our 100 years. We thank the ANZAC committee for inviting us to share just a small part of our story with you this morning.

*Heather Larkin Senior Vice President
Tooraweenah CWA*

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2. CWA Centenary cake cut!
3. Amelia & Rose reading the new books from GREAT Day authors on the Bus returning to school
4. Some of the display material featuring Mrs Margaret Zell
5. Levi, Lacey & Henry enjoying patterning and hammering together.
6. Fay Winter & Nerida Waterford
7. Playing "Bucking Bulls" outside with Malia & Matilda on the bouncing balls (Bulls) with our fence & Levi our Rodeo clown.
8. Guests at the CWA 100th Birthday celebration.



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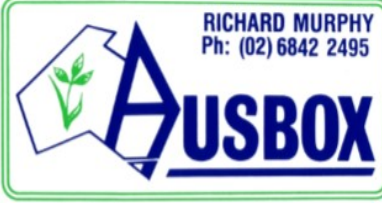


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