



## Tooraweenah Show 11 Oct 2025 — A Celebration of Rural Life!

Preparations are in full swing for the 109<sup>th</sup> Tooraweenah Show. With our committee members & show stewards busily working away behind the scenes to bring you a spectacular day filled with rural delights, friendly competition, and heart-warming community spirit.

With something for everyone, check out some of what's on:

- Squadron Energy Tooraweenah Show Speed Shear- with over\$6000 in prizes!
- Agricultural Exhibits & Pavilion Displays.
- Tractor Pull
- **Dog High Jump**
- **Warrumbungle yard dog trials- Including the final round of the Castlereagh area challenge!**
- Equestrian Action - Horse ring events
- Mechanical Bull & Pooka the clown
- Rides & show bags for the kids
- Fully stocked licensed bar with entertainment from the extremely talented Clancy Pye! Plus, lots of food and market stalls

Make sure to keep an eye on our socials to stay up to date with events and updates.

Join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October for a true celebration of rural life- where everyone, from local legends to first-time visitors can join in on the fun. And, there is so much more!

## Public Speaking Champions !



Pictured left are Eloise Jenkin, Ryder French-Hughes, Eloise Semmler, Ally Hutchison, Xander French-Hughes and Hamish Jenkin during the Inter-School Public Speaking.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for the young speakers to showcase their confidence, creativity, and communication skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. Congratulations!

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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!

### UNDER THE GUMS >> TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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### IT'S GREAT!

The Goin' to Gil Weekend will transform Gilgandra, Tooraweenah, and Armatree streets with interactive art, parade, family entertainment, and vibrant lighting displays. We encourage you to be involved in the activations across the weekend!

If you or your organisation are interested in either of these activations, please contact the Under the Gums/Goin' to Gil Planning Crew on (02) 6817 8800 or by emailing [underthegums@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:underthegums@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au)



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# Around The Traps ☺

## Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of June 2025 to 26th Aug 24.2mm over 4 days. The total for the year of 388mils over 44 days.

## Tooraweenah Lions Club



The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 3rd of September at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm All welcome.

## Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

Booking Officers Scott and Janelle Quilter, (Bookings can be made at the caravan park office, or by phoning during office hours 6848 1133)

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## 👉Diary Dates 2025 ☺

**September**  
**Community BBQ**  
**6, 13, 20, 27**  
**Tooraweenah Golf Club**

## TOWN GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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



**We had a fabulous time recently with lots of visitors joining us for the annual "Tooraweenah Preschool and Public School Grandparents and Friends Day" to celebrate Education Week.**

We were so excited to see so many Grandparents, family members and community members join us and our 'big school' friends for our concert and then morning tea and a play in our playground afterwards. We told the fun story 'A Fly Went By' and everyone spoke on the microphone for their part: with lots of different animals joining in the story. What an amazing effort preschool friends – you put on a fabulous concert for everyone!

**We've enjoyed our weekly Bush Preschool (when the weather wasn't playing games and tricking us!) and Reading sessions with our friends in Years 1 and 2. These sessions are such fun that no one even hears the bell ring for lunch – we are all too engrossed in our stories!**

We've had Miss Anne visit a few times so Miss Marie could do some one on one work with friends; they are so clever at cutting, threading, counting and colours. They do amazing problem solving and can match puzzles really well – even the very hard ones!

**Singing has been fun with everyone enjoying some 'preschool specials' where we make up our own song to the tune of another song we sing. No doubt, one of our favourite songs is the song 'I'm H-A-P-P-Y' with children often singing this to themselves and friends as they are busily playing, both inside and out!**

We have been thinking about lots of different things at our group time sessions, with some big discussions around friendships and being kind. "Space" has also been a topic of interest lately, so we've been checking out some information books and learning more about the planets, comets, asteroids and meteors.

We've even made up a song about the names of the planets, and some friends can remember things like Neptune being the windy planet, Saturn's rings are made out of ice, Uranus is gas so it's smelly and you'd bounce right through it, and Jupiter has a

big eye.

**We've had fun dancing to 'The Moon Dance', and lots of other fun favourites, as well as getting busy making sun catchers and kaleidoscopes at the craft tables.**

Friends have been very busy creating at the 'busy table': Miss Marie now has a one of a kind 'happy hat' to wear at preschool and other friends have been busy threading necklaces and playing while wearing some 'cool sunglasses'.

**There have been lots of stories acted out with the dress-ups being well utilised; we've had parties, sleep over's, dances, the hospital and doctors, and so much more. Friends have also been very busy with the farm animals and machinery, needing both of our yards out as well as the wooden garage!**



Lottie & Sople with friends and a baby Emu chick



Hugh, Aria & Sophie saying hello to the Emus who were drumming to us happily!

We were so excited to visit "Thea's Emu Farm" on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 with our friends from Gulargambone Preschool. We had the best time at the emu farm, patting little tiny emus and then feeding the bigger ones some saltbush through the fences at the paddocks.

**And yes, we still all have all of our fingers! Then we all headed back into Tooraweenah for a fun play at the park together and a picnic lunch of chicken nuggets and hot chips from the pub. This was the perfect way to end our fun day.**

We waved goodbye to our Gular Preschool friends and headed back to preschool. Thanks to the parents and

grandparents who joined us for this special day. We had so much fun, and can't wait until our friends from Gulargambone Preschool come back in Week 9 and join us for Bush Preschool!

**We have so much to look forward to – what a busy Term 3 at Tooraweenah Preschool!**



Joe, Henry S and Ralph proudly showing their sun catchers.



Malia, Hugh Matilda concentrating hard as they enjoy threading.



Henry B Matilda & Lacey taking turns to hold a fulol emu egg with Malia



A very buisy doctor's surgery.



# Tooraweenah Golf Club Champions

*The Club Championships were played on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July with 19 players on the first day and 18 on both the other days.*

The 19<sup>th</sup> was a cold sunny day but the weather turned against us for the following weekend with players battling wind, rain and cold.

They were certainly a dedicated bunch.

Jakhia Hughes, a Junior member was consistent over all 3 days taking the win each day and winning the Junior Championship.

Karen Poulter successfully took out the Ladies Championship with Brendan Hammond winning the B Grade. Gavan Seaman was our A Grade Champion and also Club Champion.

This is the second time Gav has won both these events.

Thank you to our sponsors Mountain View Hotel – A Grade Sponsor, Jason Fletcher Building – B Grade Sponsor, Jordan Taylor Air Conditioning – Lady Champion and Toora Team Roping – Junior Champion.



## CHANGES TO PHOTOGRAPHY AT THIS YEARS SHOW

Due to the popularity of the photography section



All photography entries MUST be submitted by 5pm Friday the 10/10/25

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

There will be an entry drop off point situated in Tooraweenah Trading for the week prior to the show for early entries.

Please ensure your entry forms are completed correctly (including contact details) & entry fees are enclosed.

Please contact stewards for more information.



## Friday Flicks @ the Library



Sit back and enjoy a FREE movie for adults on the big screen at the Library Hub!

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Friday, 5 September - Adult Session

Friday, 19 September - Adult Session

10am

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## Tooraweenah Golf Club — Patrons Day

***It was great to have our Club Patron Barry Chandler at the course to watch everyone tee off on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August for Patrons Day.***

Barry presented each player with a new ball prior to tee off and also provided the Yeti prizes for all categories and a cap for the Junior category.

It was a windy cold day that greeted our 20 players, but this didn't faze our young guns Jahkia Hughes and Simon Timmins who were the winners on the day with Joanne and Brandon taking out the runners up prizes.

Tammy Nicholls took out the Ladies Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin prizes with Simon Timmins taking

Nearest the Pin for the men and Matt Job the Longest Drive.

Jahkia Hughes took out the Junior Nearest the Pin with Rod and Wayne winning the coveted Wooden Spoon prize.

***Thank you to Brooke French for the photos.***





## Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

### Small Schools' Athletics Carnival



On Friday August 8th, our school participated in the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. Athletes from Dubbo and Wellington Small Schools gathered to compete in a range of track and field events, showcasing their skills.

**Congratulations to Billy Larkin, pictured above, who was the Small Schools' Junior Boy Champion, an amazing feat for an 8 year old, competing in most events against the Junior Boys, being 8, 9 or 10 years.**

Our K-6 students participated in a variety of events, including tabloids, modified field events sprints, relays, long jump, shot put, discus and high jump.

In less than ideal weather conditions, our students cheered each other on, demonstrating exceptional teamwork and camaraderie.

**Congratulations** to everyone who participated to the best of their ability.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our students, from organising transport to cheering from the sidelines.

### Moorambilla

Students Bonnie Alison, Eloise Jenkin and Maddison Jenkin participated in their first Moorambilla Camp 'Birralii' in Baradine over three days. The camp provided opportunities for social as well as musical and performance growth for our students. Bring on the magic!

We are very thankful to Mrs Jenkin for attending the camp as a supervisor, and supporting our students in this opportunity. When asked what was the best thing about camp, Bonnie expressed, "It was really exciting. We did a lot of new songs and made a lot of new friends." Maddi said "Singing was the best part. It was challenging when we had to sing a whole song. We had to follow the music."

They acknowledged that the camp challenged them to get out of their comfort zone, learn new songs, work as a team and challenge themselves to strive for improvement.

### National Science Week

Science Week was celebrated and this year's theme is 'Decoding the Universe – Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language'. This topic aims to inspire and engage students by exploring the mathematics and quantum science that underpin both the natural world and modern technologies we use every day, from photosynthesis to satellite navigation.

They are currently refining their design techniques before designing name tags using TinkerCad (software). These will be printed using two 3D printers on loan from the Department of Education's STEM T4L kits.

### Ten Pin Bowling

Toby Jenkin, Jack Hicks, Hunter Watt and Charlie Hicks took part in an exciting ten pin bowling competition held in Dubbo.

They competed against schools from Dubbo, Gilgandra, Gulgong, Gwabegar, Mudgee, and Wellington. The day was filled with skillful play and outstanding sportsmanship as our students demonstrated their talents on the lanes.

It was a fantastic opportunity for friendly competition and community engagement, and everyone had a great time. **Congratulations** to Toby, Jack, Hunter and Charlie for their enthusiasm and effort!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Janelle Quilter, who coached and supervised our team and to parents for providing transport and supporting our team.

### Inter-School Public Speaking

Tooraweenah Public School had the honour of hosting the much-anticipated inter-school Public Speaking Day, welcoming students from Gwabegar Public School and St John's School Baradine along with parents and friends. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our young speakers to showcase their confidence, creativity, and communication skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Our students delivered impressive performances of poems across all year groups, demonstrating excellent preparation and poise. We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our own Tooraweenah Public School.

- **Year 1 Winner:** Eloise Semmler
- **Year 2 Winner:** Xander French-Hughes
- **Year 3 Winner:** Eloise Jenkin
- **Additionally, we congratulate:**
- **Kindergarten 2nd Place:** Ally Hutchison
- **Year 1 3rd Place:** Ryder French-Hughes
- **Year 4 3rd Place:** Hamish Jenkin

These results reflect the hard work and dedication of all our students, as well as the supportive teaching staff who have nurtured their public speaking skills.

We extend our thanks to Gwabegar Public School and St John's School Baradine for joining us and making the event a memorable

experience.

**Congratulations** to all students who participated - you have made us proud!

We look forward to continuing this tradition and seeing even more talented speakers in the years to come.

We would like to sincerely thank the parents for generously providing morning tea, and extend our gratitude to Seanne Jenkin, Brooke French, Dan and Nicole Harte for organising and cooking a delicious barbecue lunch for everyone.

Our appreciation also goes to our adjudicators—Cath Peart, Jill Bowman, Lorna Spora, Sue Armstrong, Jeff Nott, Julie Cox, and Rachel Lacey—who carefully scored the students and contributed to the smooth running of the event.

Finally, a big thank you to all our dedicated staff for their tireless preparations and support in organising such a successful day.

### Netball

Mrs. Lummis has been leading our Friday sport sessions with enthusiastic netball coaching. Our mixed netball teams have been enjoying great fun and friendly competition while developing their skills and teamwork. It's wonderful to see the students actively engaged and having such a fantastic time on the court!

### Grandparent's Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating Grandparent's Day at our school, together with Preschool Families and community members who joined us for a day filled with joy and connection.

Our talented students showcased their skills with delightful performances of "Outback Club" and "Ain't No Mountain." Students from each class enjoyed sharing "what makes their grandparents special," as well as their Grandparents' portraits.

We enjoyed having families in our open classrooms and hope grandparents, parents and friends enjoyed seeing a glimpse of how capable our students are becoming due to their persistent efforts with the guidance of our amazing teachers through explicit instruction.

Thank you to all the grandparents, families, and friends who made this day so special! It is wonderful to have such strong family support.

**Pictured: Hunter & Steve Watt at Grandparents Day**





## Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



Our members have had a very quite month, as several of our team, Cath, Jenny and Heather are in recovery. We hope to have them all return to good health over the coming weeks.

**President Cath is thrilled to let everyone know that we have received wonderful news regarding a donation from our Patron Cluna Gale and her daughter Fiona Joshua.**

This outstanding funding will allow our rooms to be modernised, new flooring throughout, modern stove and microwave, new closed in cupboard under the window and an honour board to acknowledge members who have supported the Branch over our 100 year history.

Our thanks to you both for supporting our CWA Branch in such a wonderful giving way.

Our rooms will be a joy to use once everything is completed to become the perfect small meeting and gathering

place in Tooraweenah, for everyone to use and enjoy.

The CWA of NSW Women's Survey has been forwarded to members. Please take the time to complete this confidential survey to identify;

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**Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 10th.** Final arrangements will be made for our International Day Tuesday September 23rd. Beverley has

made all the arrangements as we focus on The Republic of South Korea.

**The Goddess Workshop** proved to be a day for good humoured fun and laughter, arranged by our Handicraft officer Tanya. One of the art works is pictured below, it will be interesting to see how it looks once the firing is complete. On first glance, the piece certainly looks to be a most extraordinary form of Art.



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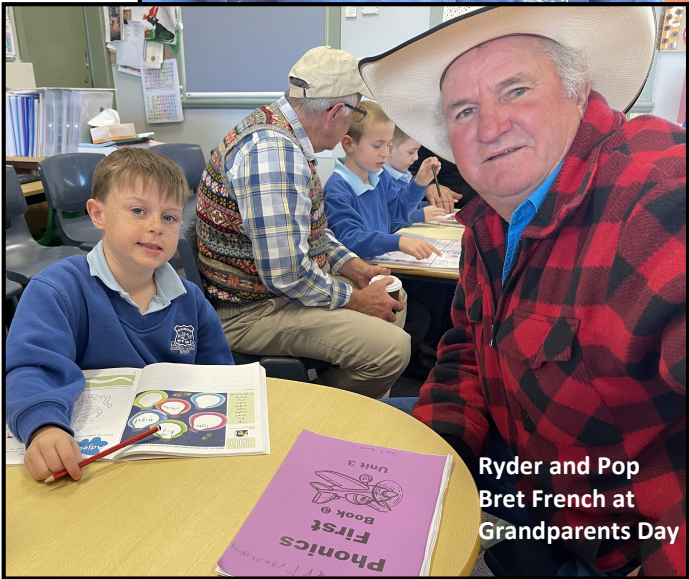
Transition students with K/1 in their dinosaur hats!



Isaiah Venter & Charlie Hicks  
Small Schools Athletics



Tooraweenah  
Ten Pin Bowling Team:  
Toby Jenkin, Jack Hicks,  
Hunter Watt & Charlie Hicks



Ryder and Pop  
Bret French at  
Grandparents Day




Joe, Lottie, Malia,  
Sophie making  
Kaleidoscopes



Pictures 1, 2 & 3 Preschoolers, entertain on Grandparents Day 6/8







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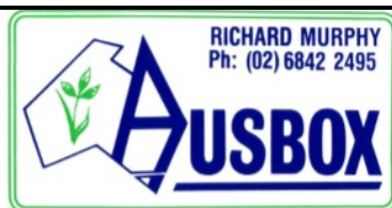


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