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Fly To Tooraweenah Weekend! August, 17th & 18th



The Arthur Butler Aviation Museum (ABAM) Committee, invite all locals and friends to come down to the aerodrome to welcome visitors from far and wide as they fly into our aerodrome. There will be a BBQ breakfast and coffee van available for all to enjoy.

Our visitors from the sky will fly in for the day, stay in town over night or camp under the wing. *Full details in the flyer on page (6)*.

ABAM local pilot Kooper Fox is pictured left in his historical Norde, a former French Airforce training plane from the 1950's. Kooper and the Norde will be back for the weekend 17th and 18th of August. Lots to see and enjoy.

Celebrate Education Week with us! Thursday Aug 8th

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There will be a screening of the Tooraweenah Public School's film which was entered into the Gilgandra Film Festival earlier this year.

Activities conclude with a combined school and preschool concert at 10:30am followed by morning tea. Tea and coffee will be available from the mobile Country Coffee Cart.

The Book Fair is open from the 5th to the 8th of August during school hours. *Please, check out page 4 for all the details.*

Lions Club Outstanding Contribution — check out page 5



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Under the Gums & more! Save the dates & get ready to get Goin' to Gil! If you or your business would like to be involved in this weekend, please contact Council by phoning 6817 8800 or emailing

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McGrane Memorial Scholarship Luncheon, at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre. This two course luncheon will serve as an occasion to honour the 20th anniversary of Tony McGrane's passing, celebrate his life and acknowledge his contributions to Charles Sturt University (CSU), local Governments and the community.

Ticket numbers are limited, so be sure to get yours now via 123Tix! For more information, contact Council on 6817 8800 or by emailing council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

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EVENT INFORMATION:

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WEEKEND SEPTEMBER

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Around The Traps 🙂

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of July to date (22/7/24) was 22mm over 5 days. Total rain for the year 363.0mm over 41 Davs.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

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



Forthcoming activities for the club will be the combined charity golf day on Sunday 11th of August as well as

another wood chop and some catering at the fly in on the 17th of August 2024. Thank you to everyone who assisted at the long lunch and Quiz afternoon on the 14th of July.

Toora Bungles

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

The Tooraweenah Hall committee

Lions Club for their first prize of

vou to all involved.

Mountain View Hotel

August - Toora Show

would like to thank the Tooraweenah

\$2500.00 from the Quiz afternoon and

long lunch. That will go to the local Hall

for necessary improvements. Thank

Draft Calendar Community BBQ'S

Please let Ashley know ASAP if you

Tooraweenah Show

Save the

Date!

HOW HAS A NEW DA

October 5th

2024

See you there!

September - Endurance Ride

October - Can you help?

November—Toora Show

can fill the vacant month.

December - Lions Cub

Take Time out!! **Relax and Enjoy Life!**

August

Saturday, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Community BBQ'S—6pm Tooraweenah Show**

> **Thursday 8th Grandparent's Day Education Week**

Saturday 10th **Tooraweenah Golf Club 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance**

Sat 17th & Sun 18th Fly to Tooraweenah Weekend All Welcome

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Celebrate Education Week with us

Open Classrooms: K/1- 9:30am - lesson demonstration and student sharing session 2/3/5 - 9:45am - lesson demonstration and student sharing session 2/3/5 - 10:00am - Tooraweenah PS's Gilgandra Film Festival entry

Performance:

Combined School and Preschool Assembly - 10:30am Morning tea with coffee van, to follow Book Fair: open all day





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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Tennis Coaching



During July, students and teachers alike, enjoyed a fun filled day of tennis coaching lessons with Rodney Kirk, from JSP Sport Development based in Narrabri. Students practiced their skills and had lessons in correct grip and stroke techniques, using forehands, backhands, volleys and smashes. Taekwondo

integrity, perseverance, self-control brought their favourite toys from and indomitable spirit. It was a wonderful experience to try something new and learn a new sport.

New School Fence

Work is underway on our new school fence. Trees have been removed, electrical and plumbing services located and trenched, and form work completed and concrete poured. Work continued throughout the holidays. We thank you for your patience as the egg fridge and school parking have been temporarily impacted.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Celebration

Students enjoyed a whole school celebration on Friday 5th July (last



In the 2nd last week of school we had the final lesson of our 6 week Taekwondo program with instructor David from Fit-For-It, Taekwondo Academy in Tamworth. During these lessons, students not only learnt about the physical aspects of the sport but also the five tenets that underpin the sport: courtesy,

day of school) for their PBL Celebration. The students loved the opportunity to be out of uniform for available from the day and enjoyed some hands-on the mobile play in the morning which included Lego play, puzzles and fun with kinetic sand. In the afternoon they enjoyed movies with popcorn and time with technology. Students also

home to play with during the day and they all enjoyed some birthday cake celebrating Maddi's birthday.

Book Fair

During Week 3 Term 3, from Monday August 5th to Thursday August 8th, 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 during school hours on those days.

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Lions Roar - Change Over Celebration

PRESIDENTS REPORT



In 1979 a group of locals banded together to establish the Tooraweenah Lions Club which was chartered by Coonabarabran Lions Club.

Fast forward 45 years: Tooraweenah Lions has three charter members still in the club; Kevin Milgate, Sir Jack Parkes and Don Zell. All have been stalwarts of our community. We now have 20 members.

Throughout the last 12 months our club's donations total \$10,872, with 833 hours of volunteer community service.

We have welcomed Michael 'Dominic' White as a new member to our club. Sadly we lost Brian Armstrong as a member, a true 'gentleman' in our Lions family. May Brian rest in peace.

Fun and fellowship, sometimes a tad disrespectful but in good humour, is a hallmark of Toora Lions' activities. These range from woodcuts, catering at clearing sales, Gilgandra Show, Tooraweenah Show, Australia Day event and at our local Mountain View Hotel, as well as organising Christmas raffles, fundraising and hosting our annual Senior Citizens Lunch.

This year Jan Robertson was awarded Tooraweenah Lions Senior Citizen of the Year.

We have a membership group who are multi skilled, although the quality is often the subject of some debate!! Together with the Tooraweenah Show Society we hosted a charity golf day, well supported with numbers exceeding all expectations. The Bradman trophy was, as always, hotly contested.

The Cool room and porta-loo hire have been a revenue source – thank you to Lester as chief co-ordinator. training schools organised by Oakfield Kelpies' breeder, Lion Brendan Butler. Toora Lions distributed three educational scholarships to local students.

In a change to tradition, we held the club's inaugural Changeover Long Lunch Quiz last year, with \$2500 donated to community groups and charitable organisations. These are examples of the activities Toora Lions club members and friends undertake and achieve as a volunteer community service organisation based in Tooraweenah, the gateway to the Warrumbungle National Park.

Welcome and well wishes to our incoming executive pictured below: Brendan Butler as President, Tanya Hutchison as Secretary and Jane Gesell as Treasurer.



As Lions We Serve Lion Brian Mockler



Long Lunch and Trivia Quiz wrap up. 1st prize - \$2500 to Tooraweenah Hall Committee.

Equal 2nd prize and 3rd prize shared : \$1500 between Arthur Butler Aviation Museum and Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers.

4th and 5th prizes \$500 each to Cooee Lodge and Wings for Kids Bradman award was hotly contested by the other 6 teams.

Donations 2023-24

Arthur Butler Aviation	250.00
Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation	250.00
Gilgandra District Cancer Fundraisers	515.00
Licola Camp	500.00
Lions District 201N4 Convention 2023	150.00
Macquarie Homestay	730.00
Tooraweenah Golf Club – Hole Sponsorship	100.00
Tooraweenah Lions Scholarships	1,750.00
Tooraweenah Public School Presentation	100.00
Tooraweenah Senior Citizens Day	526.72
Wish for Willy	1,000.00
Nominated Local Community Organisations/ Charities	5,000.00
TOTAL	10,871.72

Most unsuccessful team included a challenged bunch of individuals who shall remain nameless and shame less other than they have surnames something like Harvey and Jenkins. **Publicity Brian Mockler.**

Congratulations on your teams outstanding year Brian.

How fortunate we are to have such a dedicated Lions Club supporting our Tooraweenah community and the Gilgandra region. Thanking you all hardly seems to be enough. Ed.

Tooraweenah Show — October 5th — 2 Months to Go!

With only two months to go to October 5th, excitement is building as we get close to the Tooraweenah Show for 2024.

For the first time we will be running a Tractor Pull which will be something new for everyone to watch.

You will be able to enjoy a stroll through the Pavilion, watch the yard dogs or horses in the ring and in the afternoon don't forget the novelty events and all the excitement of the Rodeo.

There will be food galore from early morning until the close of the show and entertainment in a family area at the bar, so you can sit back and relax and take in everything the show offers.

Remember, the show only happens once a year so please come and show your support.

The schedule is due to come out toward the end of August so keep an

on your post!

Membership is now due, these came out in the mail so if you may have overlooked this please contact the Secretary to make payment, you must be a financial member to receive your schedule and show tickets.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the show this year with something for everyone it should be an amazing day out!!!

Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



The July meeting was well attended with everyone enjoying a cuppa and a catch up.

Phillip Group Education Grant is now open for applications.

The Branch agreed to put forward Black Sapote as the Primary Product for consideration by Group for 2025. Denise kindly agreed to undertake the research and present to Group. Cooking entries were judged, Pineapple & Onion Relish 1st Denise 2nd Bev, Coconut Loaf 1st Denise 2nd Bev. August cooking comp is, Apple & Cranberry Chutney, State recipe and Sultana cake using your own recipe.

Our next Meeting is Wednesday August 14th. 9.30 for 10am.

Golf Club Rounds! August 2024



Saturday August 3 Fyfe Grosser Day Canadian Foursome 18 Holes Sunday August 11 Lions Show Day 3 person Ambrose 9 or 18 Holes

Saturday August 17

President v Captain 18 Holes 2 Person Ambrose Saturday August 24 Gav & Kaz Games Day. 3 Person Ambrose 18 Holes.

MORE INFORMATION: Mark: 0407 962628 Gary: 0427 253257 Michael: 0425 252435 Patty: 0428 254372 Matt: 0407 488 122

ABAM

(Arthur Butler Aviation Museum Committee)

Invites you to FLY TO TOORAWEENAH WEEKEND

17th & 18th August 2024

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

We are excited to be back and hearing about our preschool friends holiday adventures, with some friends having 'big' holidays and finding the sun, others finding the snow and others just keeping warm!

This term we welcome our new preschool friend, Parker, and his family into our preschool community. We look forward to seeing Parker at Preschool each week for fun and play.



We have a busy first few weeks with our Gulargambone Preschool friends coming over in Week 3 on Wednesday August 7th to enjoy a day at Toora Preschool and experience Bush Preschool with us. This had been planned for the last week of Term 2, but with such dreadful winter weather we had to postpone it until now. Let's hope the weather is kind and we get to enjoy Bush Preschool on a sunny day.



We are preparing for our performance of the story "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" for Tooraweenah Public School and Preschool combined celebrations for Education Week, with our special Grandparents Day to be held on Thursday August 8th, commencing at 10.30am. We know this story and are busily making and creating our special 'concert props'.



A very buisy fuel station, with Maggie refuelling friends as they went by on their bikes.

We have been including both Key Word Sign Language and Wiradjuri language in our songs, dances and poems, with children showing us their amazing memory skills when naming the various Australian animals in our songs and finger plays. The 'Wiradjuri Language' app on the I pad has been a great help with the words and the pronunciation of the different words we are learning. Miss Marie and Miss Kristy have also undergone training in Key Word Sign to ensure we are using the correct signs with our preschool friends.

There was huge excitement to discover that over the holidays our new plants in the garden have been flourishing and are flowering beautifully. They look amazing, as does our new black fence around preschool and school.

Some new sandpit toys also arrived for the children to enjoy along with new dress-ups for boys and girls, made by Miss Marie's mum. Some of them have colourful pictures and transfers on them. The broken 'boundary' gate on the small farm yards has also been fixed and given the stamp of approval by all of our preschool farmers.

We continue to enjoy reading with big school friends each Thursday, as well as Bush Preschool each week on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays, with the assistance of a parent/family helper joining us for outside the gate' adventure. The children really enjoy Bush Preschool and have paid a great deal of attention to the various things in nature, particularly how the creek seems to constantly change, the baby birds in the trees and how many yabby claws they find among the rocks. We were very excited to check if our 'stone cities' we built before the holidays were still there after our break, or if the



horses had used them as 'jumps' and maybe knocked them over. The children are helping us to develop our new Preschool Philosophy by sharing with us their thoughts about what they enjoy about preschool. It will be great to include their voices in this new and updated document that is so paramount to all that we do at Tooraweenah Preschool.



Celebrating Oscar's 4th Birthday with friends, everyone enjoying yummy cup cakes.



Most dog trainers, myself included ,are probably guilty of expecting too much too soon from our young dogs . Whether they are work dogs or pets. We just presume that they will pick up and learn our basic commands easily.

Most farmers are time poor and lack the necessary skills to be able to start a young work dog the right way, with a small contained yard and quiet sheep that can't outrun the pup. Our first lesson should be to get the young dog to balance the sheep to us and learn to bring them to us. This is working with the dogs natural instinct to want to go to the head of a mob and bring them, rather than push them away.

Very often what we do with our young dogs is take them out with some older dogs and expect the dogs to drive the sheep away from us, when the young dogs instinct is to want to go and get them and bring them to us.

Pushing sheep away whether it be in a paddock or in the yards, while a skill

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the dogs need to be able to do, is not instinctive, and has to be taught properly. Driving sheep away is what is known as working off balance, and it is usually taught once the young dogs have a good grasp of the other commands, such as the left and right sides and a proper stop.

Teaching a young dog to drive is usually done where you can push the sheep towards a target, for example, yards or shearing shed, with a good fence on one side and the Stockman on the other side of the mob. Even in this situation, we start with the dog bringing the stock to us and we slowly drop back to the back of the mob so that Stockman and Dog are behind the stock.

This drill also needs to be repeated regularly to let the dog know what the expected outcome is going to be. For example, getting the sheep to the yard.

Letting a young dog learn on the job with a couple of older dogs is just asking for trouble, because the dogs

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will just want to compete with each other, won't concentrate on what they're doing, and will take no notice of what they are being asked to do, such as go left, right or stop. The end result of this is that we have no control, and leads to screaming at the dogs and total frustration for everyone.

Like most workers in a business a work dog is no different and has to be trained properly from the very start, at a level that it's maturity can handle, so time and patience is a necessity to get a happy dog and handler. Happy Mustering.





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1. Lacey, Matilda, Maggie and Sophie working in the farm yards

2. Oscar, Sophie and Malia enjoying a spot of fishing in the sun—even the babies are enjoying this.

3. Tennis Coaching









Send prepared articles to the Toora Bungles editors at email: gundair1@bigpond.com by the last Friday of the month