Toora Bungles



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Tooraweenah, Come Celebrate With Us!



Our celebrations begin with a blast, at the Mountain View from 5pm, Saturday 7th. 11/12 CWA Christmas Party at the Mountain View,12 noon RSVP to Beverley. All welcome. Concert, "12 Days of Bush 12/12 Tooraweenah School Presentation evening, 6pm Memorial Hall. Parents, extended families and friends, warmly invited to celebrate

the achievements of our students. A plate to share is appreciated.

13/12 Tooraweenah Preschool, 5.30 pm, Sausage Sizzle, then Christmas" in the Park.

15/12 Golf tee off 9.30 then, 12.30pm Club Presentations & Christmas Party

Come, celebrate with us!

Christmas Wonderland December 19th

The festive season is upon us! Come, join us on Thursday, 19 December 2024 for A **Christmas Wonderland!** Celebrate everything that makes Gilgandra special as we light up Miller Street for an evening of festive fun, local shopping, and Christmas cheer.

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This promotion will run until 6.59pm on Thursday, 19 December 2024. Collect tax invoice receipt/s from any business within the Gilgandra Shire Local Government Area to the value of **at least \$50**. Entries can be submitted one of two ways:

Envelopes placed into the official Entries Barrel; OR Electronically via www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

The barrel is now located outside of the Gilgandra Pharmacy on weekdays and IGA on weekends. There will be four weekly draws, with the final one being our Major Draw at A Christmas Wonderland on Thursday, 19 December 2024 – winners must be present. Visit Council's website for more information, including Terms & Conditions.

HAVE YOUR SAY 2024 COMMUNITY INSIGHTS SURVEY

Council is inviting our residents to complete its 2024 Community Insights Survey and join the conversation on the facilities and services provided on your behalf, to assist in planning our future over the next 10 years of the 2034 Community Strategic Plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is Council's highest level plan and identifies the community's main priorities and vision for the Region. Your feedback will provide insight into the:

Level of satisfaction of Gilgandra Region as a place to Live, Enjoy & Grow; Level of satisfaction with Council's overall services and facilities;

Council's overall performance;

Community priorities and focus areas that will directly inform the review of the 2034 Community Strategic Plan, ensuring the community's plan for our future stays relevant and targets priority areas.

Share your views on the key issues, challenges, opportunities and priorities:

Complete the Community Insights
 Survey form online at Council's website > www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au
 Find details via Council's Facebook page,
 @GilgandraShireCouncil

There is also the option to fill out a hard copy of the survey, available at Council's administration offices on Warren Road.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM GSC

Council wishes all residents a safe and merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Details for the Christmas shutdown of Council's services can be found on our website, gilgandra.nsw.gov.au > Home > News > Public Notices, or on our Facebook page, @GilgandraShireCouncil.

For urgent Council contact through the holiday break, please phone 6817 8800 and follow the prompts.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS - 2025

Nominations are invited for Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Achievement, Community Event and Community Service Organisation of the Year for presentation on Australia Day 2025.

For more information, please head to Council's website or visit our Facebook page, @GilgandraShireCouncil.















Community Insights Survey



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Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of November to date (27/11/24) was 31.8mm over 4 days.

Total rain for the year 487.8mm over 61 Days.

Lester and Helen would like to wish their customers a very happy Christmas and New Year and would like to thank everyone for their support over the last twelve months.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 4th of December at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Forthcoming activities for the club, catering at the Hotel Saturday night BBQs and the raffles during December.

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

The Tooraweenah Hall has not been hired during November, but has one booking for December as well as additional hire of tables and chairs booked in for Christmas functions.

Thank you for your support. Contact the

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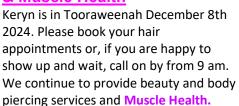
personalised service leaving Tooraweenah 10.30am.
Returns from Gilgandra at 2pm Cost \$15

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Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!

December

Saturday, 7, 14, 21, 28
Tooraweenah Lions Club
Community BBQ'S—6pm

Saturday 7th
Mountain View
5pm Markets, Santa, Eats

April

Saturday 12th 10am to 2pm
Tooraweenah CWA Rooms
100th Birthday 10am—2pm

Saturday—5th

Air Rally, Village Fair &

Mini Air Show

As we continue to the end of the year we have gift vouchers available for online purchase or at our clinic, and if you are after appointments please book as we are filling out appointments quickly.

Mobile: 0439 470 549. In December we welcome our skin hydration facials "special" for just \$75.

Mountain View Hotel
Community BBQ'S Calendar





Toora Bungles future. All will be revealed in the February 2025 edition!

Tooraweenah CWA 100th Birthday, Saturday April 12th. Our community, past and present members and their families and anyone associated with the Branch is invited. The celebration day is FREE. It will be a time to reminisce, reacquaint and celebrate. More details February 2025!

ABAM Air Rally, Village Fair & Mini Airshow April 5th. Lots more to reveal in February.

A Big THANK YOU to our contributors, advertisers and readers. Best wishes to all for a joy-filled festive season. Ed.

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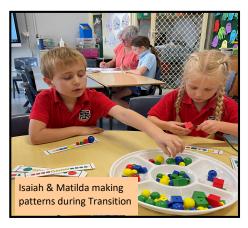
Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Technology Lessons



Students in
Kindergarten to Year 6
have been working on
their creativity and
problem-solving
skills. Students are
using the Lego WeDo
2.0 kits to create their
own working model of
an electronic gate with
motion sensor. The
classes have looked at

the school's real-world example and noticed that the gate runs on a track and cog system. Students have then worked on creating a car to drive through their gate. We are very thankful to Petria for leading these lessons and providing opportunities for students to grow their coding and problem-solving skills and developing future focused learners.



Student Leadership positions for 2025

Leadership speeches were held at a morning assembly where Hamish and Bonnie both clearly articulated what they would bring to the leadership position of 'Librarian' next year. Congratulations to both students for presenting their speeches. School leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

Beach to Bush

In week 4, surf life savers from Ingenia Holiday Parks 'Beach to Bush' program



Sam, Eloise S, Rose, Bonnie, Eloise J, and Cooper, in life guard outfits at the Beach to Bush visit.

visited our school. Students learnt how to stay safe at the beach. Students also discovered there are many different marine animals existing in rockpools and it is important not to disturb them. Rose had the opportunity to test her knowledge and save Mrs Quilter with a buoyancy aid.

Egg Fridge Moved!

We are very pleased to announce that our self-service egg fridge at the front of the school has been relocated to the area alongside the 10c can recycling, close to the front of the school, on the way into the staff carpark. The Egg fridge can be accessed 24 hours per day and payments made in cash, through the QR code, or through School Bytes.

Swimming Skills

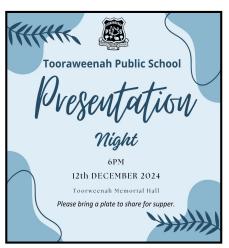
Students were assessed on their swimming skills by Mrs Quilter and Mrs Jenkin at the Caravan Park Pool. Students were put through their paces in the water 1:1 and allocated to a group for swim school in Gilgandra in Week 8. Thank you to Mrs Quilter for running the session and Mrs Jenkin for supervising students who were out of the water.

Tomatoes ready to harvest

Our tomato vines are packed full of fruit, and we look forward to having these available for your purchase soon. It would be greatly appreciated if family and friends could collect used plastic tomato and berry punnets in preparation for our Ag@Toora organic tomato harvest.

Presentation evening

Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 12th December at 6pm at the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall. Parents, extended families and friends are warmly invited to attend to celebrate the achievements of our students.





School Terms for 2025

The NEW Term dates are in place for 2025:

First to last days for students

Term 1: Thursday 6 February to Friday 11 April 2025

Term 2: Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July 2025

Term 3: Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September 2025

Term 4: Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December 2025

School development days (school staff only)

Term 1: Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February

Term 2: Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April

Term 3: Monday 21 July Term 4: Monday 13 October



Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



It's nearly Christmas. We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the

Mountain View on December 11th. If you haven't already given your RSVP to Beverley, please ring her before December 4th. This helps with catering.

Tanya, Beverley and I attended the Macquarie Group Council meeting in Collie April 12th 2025. on Monday 25th November. It was an interesting and informative day. We took Tooraweenah Schools entries in the Ag & **Environment colouring in competition for** years K to 3, Micro Bats. Pictured right is

Eliana Smith's entry, which was a runner up. Our congratulations to all the students who entered. The winner and 4 runners up are pictured on page 7.

The Branch will start our year in February, Wednesday the 12th 2025.

There will be lots to do before our 100 Year celebration on All the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Cath Waller Publicity Officer.



Golf Club, Celebrates



Arthur Butler — Air Rally And, Mini Air Show — April 5th 2025



ABAM are planning an exciting event to be held April 5th 2025. We will be holding an Arthur Butler air rally as we did in 2023 and a village fair, however, while the air rally planes are away completing their course we are planning a very exciting mini air show.

We cannot make any announcements yet to who may be performing the show (air display) but it will be something totally unique for Toora. We also expect many historical planes which is very fitting for the era of the aerodrome during it's thriving days. We have been having a number of planes visiting lately, and we have been receiving glowing compliments on the

magnificent condition of the aerodrome.

Word of mouth is the best form of publicity and these pilots are spreading the word, just as they did a number of years ago when the aerodrome was not given the love that it has today. This is not just the work of ABAM but also council, who are totally supportive and our community. Anyone interested in having a stall at the April event please call ABAM Secretary Michael White by telephone **0425 252 435.** We had nearly 500 visitors over the day on our last air rally and with the air show added and growing interest, that number could be much higher.

We will be keeping everyone up to date on the developments. Anyone wishing to assist by becoming a volunteer member or joining the ABAM committee, please call Michael on the above number, we would love to have you on board.







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

The children have been very interested in all sorts of 'machines' this term, so we have been exploring 'machines', big and small, and work inside and outside. We've also built lots of machines with constructions and at the busy table with box construction items. Many friends also drew 'maps' of their machines before they create them. Amazing thinking and engineering has been occurring.

We had a lot of fun in the sandpit with our 'machines', including the diggers, tractors and trucks - everyone has been harvesting here. Inside, the farm has also been busy with friends spraying and harvesting crops and feeding bales of hay (small cube blocks) to the stock using the big wooden trucks to transport the loads of hay. The conversations between our 'farmers' have been really interesting to listen to. Our farming future is in good hands.

Friends have been busy doing lots of matching at the lotto games, problem solving with the new challenging puzzles and experimenting with the magnets. We've also had plenty of fun at the dress-ups, with many great outfits to choose from, after Miss Marie's Mum's big 'sewing spree'. It was exciting opening up the parcel to see what was inside!

We enjoyed learning all about different types of machines, which culminated in a wonderful excursion on Friday 22nd of November to the Gilgandra Rural Museum. Thanks to Craig (who drove Robin's bus) for taking us and to our parent helpers, Kathryn and Jen, for joining us on such a special day.



The Gilgandra Rural Museum was extraordinary, and a big shout out and thank you to everyone involved in this amazing place. We had a lovely visit: finding the old Tooraweenah Gaol, the Uargon School, up the road from Oscar's house, and the blacksmith's shop from Hannah's family farm. We looked at lots of interesting things outside, including the man (statue) on the toilet, different windmills and machines in the outside

sheds and in the paddock, before going into enjoyable 'story time' session with the huge shed to see the 'old tractors'. Our preschool friends were allowed to wander throughout this shed at their leisure and discover things, remembering to keep their fingers off/ out of machines, because they still work. Joe's advice to everyone "Don't put your fingers in silly places". Everyone was very careful and responsible, and totally fascinated with so much in this shed. friends playing 'I Spy' and naming the



We found a table full of old telephones that everyone just had to ring up on, and a row of around 15 cow bells hanging up on a bar, the perfect height for our friends to 'play' them. All of Gilgandra would have heard our 'cow bell music' for various periods of 5 to 10 minutes throughout our

We discovered a wall full of 'old' tools that took Charlie and Joe's fancy, and a wall of 'horse things', including bridles, saddles and stirrups that Sophie loved. Lots of friends checked out the 'pretend' horses that we could pat. We learnt that the Rotary Hoe was invented in Gilgandra by a Mr Howard (same name as Sophie) and saw the H.V. McKay harvester from Miss Marie's home town of Henty, with a 'Mr Semmler's' name on it – like Henry! Many friends were in 'heaven' walking around this shed!

After that amazing visit, we enjoyed a picnic lunch and play at the Gilgandra Park



before walking to the library for a really

Christina. She also took us on a 'treasure hunt' through the library, we played with the parachute, sang and learnt new songs, even 'danced' with some colourful scarves, and enjoyed some special colouring in. Everyone was given a bookmark to take home: how exciting! And our bus trip to and from Gilgandra was fun, with several

> colour, with lots of creative thinking and amazing guesses before the correct answer was given! Everyone enjoyed this lovely day.

> Now we are on the count-down to Christmas and all the fun, excitement and magic that brings to us all. We have been working on our 'happy surprises' for our families, but have more 'surprises' up our sleeves, so we will be busy.

We are getting our concert props ready for our version of the story 'The 12 Days of Bush Christmas'

with some songs and dancing as well. We will present to family and friends at the Tooraweenah Park on Friday 13th of December at 6pm after our sausage sizzle from 5.30pm.

So much is happening – it is hard to keep up, but we are all enjoyed some fun 'water play' outside to help cool us down on those hot days. Friends have been very busy practicing their wrapping skills, making lots of pretty parcels with boxes and Christmas paper. We are also busy doing some other fun Christmas crafts to help get into the mood for Christmas and our Christmas tree is up at preschool.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks which will be the last for several friends as they move on to 'Big School' in 2025. Exciting times for all!

We wish everyone a very safe and extra Merry Christmas and look forward to sharing our Preschool adventures with you all again in the New Year. Thanks for reading, and may you all have a wonderful and special Festive Season.

Merry Christmas!



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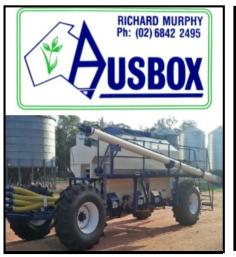
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