

Toora Bungles



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CONGRATULATIONS – to all Students on their Success.



Congratulations to all Tooraweenah Public School Students on their success throughout 2024.

The two pictures above are the Class award recipients for 2024.

Year 5: Encouragement Sam Trickey, **Year 3:** Endeavour Hamish Jenkin, Academic Bonnie Alison, **Year 2:** Academic Eloise Jenkin, Academic Madison Jenkin, **Year 1:** Endeavour, Xander French Hughes, & Toby Jenkin, Academic Billy Larkin & Amelia Hutchison. **Kindergarten:** Endeavour Thea Harte, Academic Elise Semmler.

Lots more news, Sports Awards, Special



Awards and pictures page 5 and 6 and, throughout the Bungles.

Tooraweenah Preschoolers pictured, move to formal School.

They are: Maggie Lambell, Sophie Howard, Ben Larkin, Joe Barry, Ally Hutchison, Isaiah Venter and Charlie Hicks. *More news and pictures page 9.*



**Paddy Gale,
90 Years Young!**

Congratulations Paddy, you were the consummate fixer and worker with machinery, a generous supporter of activities in our community and a wonderful volunteer over your lifetime. Enjoy every minute of your 90th year. *Ed.*

“Happy 90th Birthday Paddy. 27th January 2025.

Love and best wishes from all of your family xxx

Paddy, pictured, fixing machinery in his younger years and with his sister Barb.



ABAM Air Show Spectacular! Saturday April 5th

Excitement is building, Paul Bennett, will be performing his renowned Air Show which will include the world famous Wolf Pitts Special, pictured below. This will be an event for the whole family and an

incredibly unique experience for Tooraweenah and our region. Set the date in your diary Saturday April 5th 2025. Venue Arthur Butler Memorial Aerodrome. *More story & pictures page 7*



Congratulations

Tooraweenah Show & Rodeo received the

Australia Day award for a Community Event in 2024.

What a great honour. Well done everyone!

More story and pictures page 8



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HAVE YOUR SAY

Gilgandra Youth Strategy:

The Youth Strategy will identify and outline objectives, priorities, and actions for the Council and stakeholders to deliver. These efforts aim to make Gilgandra a great place for children and young people to live, both today and in the future. We need your help to develop the strategy by sharing your experiences, opinions, and ideas by completing an online survey. **Closes 9am Monday, 10 February 2025.**

Gilgandra Green Space Strategy:

Council is seeking the community's input - we want to hear from you about what you see as the needs, strengths, challenges and opportunities for Gilgandra's green spaces. **Closes 9am Monday, 10 February 2025.**

Community Insights Survey:

Council is inviting our residents to complete its 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. **Closes 9am**

Monday, 10 February 2025.

Draft Community Engagement Strategy:

This strategy aims to foster open communication, encourage participation, and ensure that every citizen feels heard and valued. By actively engaging with you, we can make more informed decisions that truly reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. **Closes 5pm Tuesday, 4 February 2025.**

Please visit Council's website www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say to Have Your Say.

Other ways the community can have their say is through:

Emailing

council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Writing to PO Box 23, Gilgandra NSW, 2827

Phoning 02 6817 8800



Have Your Say

Draft Community Engagement Strategy
 Green Space Strategy | Youth Strategy
 Community Insights Survey

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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of January to date (17/01/25) was 36.6mm over 5 days. Thank you to the locals who supported the post office by posting their Christmas cards and parcels during December, every stamp helps.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 5th of February at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.



Mountainside Beauty & Muscle Health

Happy New Year!



Mountainside encourages everyone who was lucky enough to receive vouchers over the holiday period to book in and enjoy our services. Please note that we currently have a two-week wait for appointments, with some lead times extending to 4-6 weeks in advance.

For our regular clients, we recommend contacting Emma to pre-book your appointments for the year. If you're new to our clinic, you can easily book online or

contact Emma at 0439 470 549. When booking, please allow for a follow-up session approximately two weeks after your initial appointment.

We're also excited to announce that our talented hairdresser, Keryn, is back at our clinic for 2025! We're so lucky to have her on our team, providing high-quality services to our area. Your support for Keryn and her amazing work is greatly appreciated. Her next visit is Sunday, 2nd February—be sure to book in!

Important Update:

We now require 48 hours' notice for appointment cancellations or rescheduling. Failure to provide sufficient notice will result in the enforcement of our cancellation policy.

We look forward to helping you achieve your health, rehab, and beauty goals in 2025! Thank you for your continued support over the past 6 years—it means the world to us.

Warm regards, the Mountainside Team

Snap Shots!

Toora Bungles future. The Toora Bungles will continue in 2025.

A BIG thank you to our 12 continuing advertisers and 12 subscribers to date.

Unfortunately, there are seven (5) advertisers and eight (8) subscribers with outstanding payments.

It would be appreciated if they could email me; gundair1@bigpond.com or text me on; 0428 432 536 their intentions. Thank you.

Tooraweenah CWA 100th Birthday, Saturday April 12th. Everyone is invited to attend. The celebration day is FREE. Start 10am to 2pm It will be a time to reminisce, reacquaint and celebrate. Members are busy collecting information, photographs and names and addresses of family members who supported the branch.

ABAM Air Rally, Village Fair & Mini Air-show April 5th. Checkout page 7!

👉Diary Dates 2025 ☺

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

February

Saturday, 1, 8, 15, 22
Tooraweenah Preschool
Community BBQ'S—6pm

April

Saturday—5th
Air Rally, Village Fair &
Mini Air Show

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

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The Lions Roar



Once again Tooraweenah Lions Club is offering student scholarships for 2025 to ensure that money raised within the district benefits the Tooraweenah community.

The scholarships provide educational support and opportunities for students of Tooraweenah and its district who are entering Year 7 at secondary school or commencing tertiary studies at university or TAFE.

They are intended to help reduce the pressures of upfront educational costs. The Scholarships are a valuable contribution towards local students who are striving to achieve success with their secondary and tertiary studies.

Applications for Tooraweenah Lions Club's 2025 scholarships are invited from Tooraweenah district students entering Year 7 secondary school, worth \$250; or those commencing first year of tertiary studies (university or TAFE), worth \$750.

Application forms are available by emailing Anne Alison on a.alison@bigpond.com. Applications close on Friday 23 February 2025.

Throughout the year, Tooraweenah Lions Club undertakes a range of activities, many of which raise funds to reinvest into the local community.

The club will continue with its activities in 2025 with an emphasis on benefiting our local people, local organisations and our village, where it prioritizes its distribution of funding.

New members are welcome to come and join the comradery while contributing to our wonderful local community.

Pictured below is Lions Club President Brendan Butler, who presented the ***Lions Club Encouragement awards to Jack Hicks, Georgia Martin and Ryder French-Hughes during the December 2024, School Presentation Night.***



Pictured above, BBQ Grannies, Marie, Tanya and Anne, about to cater up a storm at the Preschool Christmas party.



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To receive an application form please email: a.alison@bigpond.com

Post completed applications to:

Tooraweenah Lions Club, PO Box 23, Tooraweenah 2817

Applications close on Friday 23 February 2025.

Successful applicants will be announced by 8 March.

Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Swim School & Rescue Day

Swim School was a highly successful week with students rapidly improving their swimming skills. We were lucky to get some hot and mild days for swimming despite the forecast. I was thrilled with the positive attitude of our students during swimming. Swim school week, culminated with lessons in responding safely to different situations around water. Students practiced how to raise the alarm and safely provide help if someone needs assistance in the water. Fully clothed and wearing life jackets, students practiced their lifesaving sidestroke and backstroke to swim to safety.

We are very proud of the way students conducted themselves during swim week, embracing the challenge and improving their skills each day. Thanks also to our amazing swimming teachers Mrs Jenkin and Mrs Quilter. Without the additional instructors, swim school would not be as successful, so thank you.

Combined Christmas Service



Petria met us in Gilgandra for the Combined Christmas Scripture Service in December. Tooraweenah attended along with Eumungerie and Gilgandra Public Schools. *The service was led by some special guests, returning to the Gilgandra*

community. Glenn Coomb told the Christmas Story, while his wife and talented artist Leanne, pictured with Bonnie Alison, painted the images to music. Our students were enraptured by the special presentation. Bonnie Alison (Year 3) was selected from the audience to participate, painting a shepherd. We are thankful to Petria for helping to liaise with Frances O'Neill, for us to attend this special scripture service.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Celebration

Our PBL Celebration saw students treated to some free time, a movie with popcorn and some cold-rock style ice-creams with smarties, chocolate chips and marshmallows. Water play under sprinklers on the oval was a fun way to cool off during lunchtime! Congratulations students on achieving 10,000 class dojo points in 2024.

Presentation Night 2024

Congratulations to all students on their success in 2024!

Class Awards

Kindergarten

Academic Achievement - Eloise Semmler

Endeavour - Thea Harte

Year 1

Academic Achievement - Amelia Hutchison

Academic Achievement - Billy Larkin

Endeavour - Toby Jenkin

Endeavour - Xander French-Hughes

Year 2

Academic Achievement - Maddison Jenkin

Academic Achievement - Eloise Jenkin

Year 3

Academic Achievement - Bonnie Alison

Endeavour - Hamish Jenkin

Year 5

Encouragement - Sam Trickey

Sports Awards

Athletics Champions

Junior Boy Champion - Hamish Jenkin

Junior Girl Champion - Bonnie Alison

11 years boy Champion - Sam Trickey

Tooraweenah PS Cross Country Champions

Juvenile Boy Champion - Billy Larkin

Juvenile Girl Champion - Eliana Smith

Junior Boy Champion - Hamish Jenkin

Junior Girl Champion - Eloise Jenkin

11 years Boy Champion - Sam Trickey

Swimming Champions

Junior Boy Champion - Hamish Jenkin

Junior Girl Champion - Bonnie Alison

Special Awards

Gilgandra Shire Trophy for Sporting Achievement - Hamish Jenkin

Premier's Sporting Challenge Award - Maddison Jenkin

Bendigo Bank Contribution to School Life - Bonnie Alison

Lions Club Encouragement Awards - Ryder French-Hughes, Georgia Martin, Jack Hicks

P & C Association Prize for Courtesy and Honour - Eloise Jenkin

CWA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Class - Eliana Smith

Lester Thurston/Tooraweenah Trading

Attendance Award - Maddison Jenkin

Creative Arts Award - Bonnie Alison

P&C Prize for Mathematics - Cooper Lambell, Rose Alison

Premiers Reading Challenge - Thea Harte, Eloise Semmler, Ryder French-Hughes,

Eliana Smith, Georgia Martin, Billy Larkin, Cooper Lambell, Toby Jenkin, Xander

French-Hughes, Amelia Hutchison, Rose Alison

Premiers Reading Challenge – Gold Award

- Bonnie Alison, Hamish Jenkin

Leadership for 2025 - Librarians Bonnie

Alison and Hamish Jenkin pictured with Lester Thurston.



School Resumes

School will resume for students on Thursday the 6th of February for all students Kindergarten to Year 6.

Staff will begin four days earlier for their school development and class preparation days.



Jack Hicks, Georgia Martin, Thea Harte, Eloise Semmler, Bonnie Alison & Eloise Jenkin enjoyed the Christmas Service.

Tooraweenah Public School Presentations 2024



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- 1. Hamish Jenkin Gilgandra Shire For Sporting Achievement Award
- 2. P & C Prize for Mathematics Rose Alison & Cooper Lambell Presented by P & C President Seanne Jenkin.
- 3. Bonnie Alison, Premier's Sporting Challenge Award
- 4. Premiers Reading Challenge, Thea Harte, Rider French-Hughes, Eloise Semmler.
- 5. Premiers Reading Challenge: Rose Alison, Amelia Hutchison, Xander French-Hughes, Toby Jenkin, Cooper Lambell, Billy Larkin, Eliana Smith, Georgia Martin.



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- 6. Year 5 & Year 2 Premier's Reading Challenge. Sam Trickey, Eloise Jenkin, Maddison Jenkin, Jack Hicks
- 7. Lester Thurston/Tooraweenah Trading Attendance Award recipient; Maddison Jenkin.



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- 8. Cr Brian Mockler presents Premiers Reading Challenge Gold Awards to Hamish Jenkin, Bonnie Alison.
- 9. Sue Armstrong TPS Patron & Gilgandra Film Festival organiser to Year 3 Bonnie Alison



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

An amazing Air Show Spectacular is being finalised by ABAM for Tooraweenah Saturday 5th April at the Arthur Butler Memorial Aerodrome.

Not only will there be an air rally in the morning with competitors flying in from far and wide, the work horse of Butler Air Transport the DC3 will be flying in from Albion Park with a former Butler pilot on board.

Thanks to our amazing young Tooraweenah pilot Kooper Fox an exciting list of air craft from the past and present will be flying in.

Just when you thought that this wasn't enough, Paul Bennett will be performing his renowned Air Show which will include the world famous **Wolf Pitts Special**. This will be an event for the hole family and an incredibly unique experience for Tooraweenah and our region.

ABAM is finalising sponsors for the big day, so anyone who would like to sponsor these activities, please get in touch. We would be very grateful. Mark Pitts would love to take your call on 0407 962 628 or President Gary Weston 0427 253 257.

If anyone wishes to volunteer on the day, you would be more than welcome to join our team.

We will hopefully, be printing the full programme in the March addition of the Toora Bungles.



Tooraweenah Show & Rodeo Community Event of the Year!



What an honour for the Tooraweenah Show and Rodeo to be nominated, then win, the Community event of the Year for 2024 during the Australia Day awards in Gilgandra on Sunday,

Tooraweenah Show Secretary Kristy Gale, pictured above, accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers and groups who support the event.

Kristy extended her thanks to their very dedicated committee who are all volunteers, spending countless hours in preparing for show day and to all the volunteers and sponsors of the event. Kristy acknowledged that without all

the help from these wonderful people the show couldn't run.

Kristy also said it was great to hear so many positive comments last year about the show and how everyone enjoyed the day. It was wonderful knowing that all the hard work had paid off.

If you have never been to a Tooraweenah show you are definitely missing out, so, put the 11th of October 2025 in your diary and come and see for yourself, all that the 109th Tooraweenah show has to offer!

It really is, the Best Little Show in the West!

The Show AGM will be held on Monday 10th March at 6pm at the Mountain View Hotel.

If you would like to be a part of this fantastic committee or you have any questions regarding roles or any other information, please contact the Secretary Kristy Gale 0429 780 323

We would like to wish one of our Patrons, Paddy Gale an amazing 90th birthday. Paddy turned 90 on the 27th of January and is celebrating with family and friends. Paddy is pictured below with his niece Xanthe.



TPS Students presented the Christmas carols "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

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



We had a wonderful end-of-year celebration with our Christmas Concert / Party in the Park on Friday 13th December 2024. We enjoyed singing some of our favourite songs, doing actions for some, playing our instruments for others, showing off our dancing skills, as well as telling our version of the story "The Twelve Days of Bush Christmas".

All 17 of our preschool friends spoke into the microphone and remembered their special line about their bush animal, featured on their concert crown they made at preschool.

We also had several friends do some special jobs on the night, presenting thank you gifts to the 2024 Committee Members, our Casual Staff, Bus Drivers Robin and Craig, and also our families who we farewell as their children move on to 'big school'.

Sadly, we farewellled five of our preschool families, the Howard, Barry, Hutchison, Larkin and Venter families, and sincerely thank them for their contribution during their time associated with us.

We also said "Goodbye and Good luck" to seven preschool friends; Maggie, Sophie, Ben, Joe, Ally, Isaiah and Charlie, who are moving on to formal school in 2025. We know that you are all very ready for this next chapter in your lives and are well and truly ready for school! We look forward to hearing of your future endeavours and seeing you blossom at school, just like we know you will!

At the end of our concert we sang our hearts out to 'Jingle Bells' and Santa arrived on the back of Tim's Kenworth truck with a great deal of fanfare (air horns and lights) waving madly at us

all from his special seat – not his sleigh but a seat just like it, as apparently the reindeers had pulled up out the road when they saw a paddock full of very green grass, making Santa make his own way to our concert..... lucky for us Tim just happened to be driving by and saw him. This added to the excitement of our evening!

We all enjoyed a complimentary sausage sizzle prior to the concert, with special thanks to the 'Granny Brigade' from the Lions Club, with our donation tin going to the Gilgandra Rural Museum, where we had recently had a wonderful visit. We were very excited to present to them our donation of \$232.20 from our concert sausage sizzle, along with a thank you letter. Thank you also to Jenny Sandford for having her coffee / drinks van available for everyone: we all enjoyed those cool slushies!

We are so very fortunate to have such an amazing Preschool Community at Tooraweenah Preschool, and indeed our entire Tooraweenah community, and we thank everyone for their support, help and contributions. We are very grateful to you all and appreciate everyone's encouragement.

We celebrated the last week at preschool with a 'water fun play' day and special lunch of nuggets and hot chips from the Mountainview Hotel as a treat, along with lots of super doper icy-poles that we regularly enjoy, particularly on hot days. Celebrations and excitement all around!



Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



Our Branch has been in recess since our November meeting but that doesn't mean we haven't been buisy. Our Christmas Lunch was attended by twenty plus members and their guests. This year it was held at the Mountain View Hotel, with their staff serving up a delicious lunch.

President Cath and her team provided wonderful dessert choices and Tanya had cooked up a scrumptious Christmas Cake Muffin to have with coffee or take home and enjoy.

Our guest speaker, Dalene Pretorius



spoke about her adventures climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. It was very entertaining. Gifts and Certificates of appreciation were presented to our special mowing team, Dalene, Gary, Jane and Geoff for their volunteering sprit. What a very special social gathering, leading up to Christmas.

President Cath attended the Tooraweenah Public School presentation evening to present Eliana Smith with the CWA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Class. They are pictured to the left.

Heather Larkin has kept her fingers buisy typing and gathering 100 years of Branch history for our Booklet. It will be a wonderful read. Special acknowledgement to Donna Booker (nee Buchanan,) who has contributed lots of historical information and an earlier written history, by her mother, the late Mrs Mignon Buchanan.

Our first meeting in 2025 is getting closer. Wednesday February 12th. It will be a packed Agenda. Meeting time 9.30am for a 10am start.



Pictured:
Tanya, Dalene & Jane.
Denise & Heather.
Heather, Elizabeth & Sue



MEETING NOTICE

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1. TPS Cross Country Champions—Eloise Jenkin, Hamish Jenkin, Billy Larkin, Eliana Smith and Sam Trickey.
2. Erica Venter, Dalene Pretorius, Jane Gesell enjoy CWA Christmas lunch.
3. Collette & Ken Gordon.
4. Dianne Eaton & Jenny Sandford.
5. Ken Gordon, Geoff Pike & Michael White.
6. Maddison Jenkin, received the Premier's Sporting Challenge Award.
7. Beverley Pike & Helen Oates.
8. TPS Swimming Champions Bonnie Alison & Hamish Jenkin.
9. Patty Webb, Lindy Connell and Cath Waller.
10. TPS Athletics Champions Bonnie Alison, Hamish Jenkin, Sam Trickey with Nadine Jenkin



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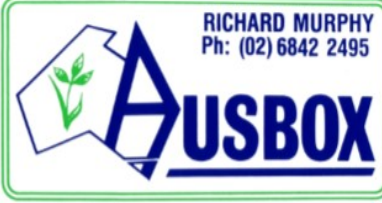


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