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# Arthur Butler Aviation Museum 2025 Airshow Spectacular – April 5th

# The Paul Bennett Arthur Butler Airshow goes big, as the Air Rally is postponed.

With great support from sponsors and over 600 tickets sold through 123Tix, the ABAM team is working hard to get the aerodrome ready for an Airshow Spectacular.

Paul Bennett is bringing a full team of pilots to put on a major show that will run from 11am to 3pm including the Wolf Pitts Special, Kitty Hawks, Mustangs and much, much more!

The D3, that was the work horse of the Butler fleet is arriving on the Thursday before the event and will be running adventure flights over the Warrumbungles. This is your chance to live the dream that many Tooraweenah residence experienced back in the day.

Thanks to Johnnie Stewart who has allowed us to use his adjoining paddocks for Parking and spectators, as we get busy preparing for the large crowd. the aviation and tourist map, just as Arthur Butler promised to put Tooraweenah on the map to thank the town for giving him a wife.

Please, call your friends and family to come and enjoy an exciting moment in Tooraweenah's history. Pre-booking tickets online will be cheaper than at the gate, so, ABAM recommends you book before the event. Go to 123Tix.

Don't forget to bring a chair, and Checkout the Poster on page 7



ABAM believes this event will put Tooraweenah back on

### Tooraweenah CWA to Celebrate 100 Years

Tooraweenah CWA Branch President Cathryn Waller invites you to come celebrate with us on Saturday April 12th from 10am to 3pm in our CWA Rooms and grounds.

Our day is a free event, with a party to acknowledge the

founder and founders of our Branch in 1925, pictured to the right, and all those who supported us through the century.

There is lots to celebrate, from establishing our rest rooms, supporting the war efforts. Teaching cooking, embroidery and craft. Supporting the school and the local show. On the occasion of our Silver Jubilee Mr



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# Gilgandra Shire – Live, Enjoy Grow!

#### **GILGANDRA SENIORS FESTIVAL**

Join in the celebrations for Gilgandra Seniors Festival at our Seniors Luncheon and Expo! Enjoy a free morning tea, luncheon, entertainment by local performers, stalls, Senior Citizen of the Year Award presentation with a chance to win one of our lucky door prizes.

When: Monday, 10 March 2025 at 10.00am Where: Gilgandra Shire Hall Cost: Free!

To RSVP, contact Council on 6817 8800 by Wednesday, 5 March 2025.

#### WASTE 2 ART – YEAR OF TOYS

It's time to get creative! Waste 2 Art is a community art exhibition and competition that celebrates the re-use and recycling of waste through art. The purpose is to highlight the waste in everyday life by re-purposing the materials we throw away every day. Each year a specific waste item is featured, 2025 is the Year of Toys – it is estimated that over 100,000 tonnes of toys are thrown out in Australia each year!

Council is inviting community groups, individuals, students, schools and artists to transform what we normally see as waste into a piece of art.

For more information and to complete the Waste2Art entry form, please visit Council's website >>

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au Entries close Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

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Gary Gesell 0427 911 904 or Brendan Butler 0447 481 048



#### Entries close Wednesday, 30 April 202

Public Exhibition 6 - 23 May 2025 @ Coo-ee Heritage Centre

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#### Toora Bungles

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#### Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of February to date (21/02/25) was 54.1mm over 4 days.

#### **Tooraweenah Lions Club**

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



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#### Important Update:

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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 Shot!

Paddy Gale, pictured right, with family and friends as he celebrated his 90 birthday. It was a very relaxed, wonderful occasion.



♦Diary Dates 2025 ☺

Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life! March

Saturday, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tooraweenah CWA Community BBQ'S—6pm

<u>April</u> Saturday—5th <u>Air Show, Village Fair</u>

Saturday 12th 10am to 2pm Tooraweenah CWA Rooms 100th Birthday 10am—3pm

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th Endurance Ride Showground



-THOS footlogix BK

### **STOP PRESS**

A community group is needed for APRIL 2025

There are activities on every weekend. Please contact Ashley if your group can do the BBQS for April. Thank you.

### COMMUNITY BBQ'S MONTHLY ROSTER

JANUARY – PUB KITCHEN OPEN FEBRUARY – TOORA PRE-SCHOOL MARCH – TOORA CWA APRIL –

MAY - TOORA PA & H (SHOW) JUNE - TOORA FIRE BRIGADE JULY - ENDURANCE RIDE AUGUST - TOORA PUBLIC SCHOOL SEPTEMBER - TOORA GOLF CLUB OCTOBER -NOVEMBER -

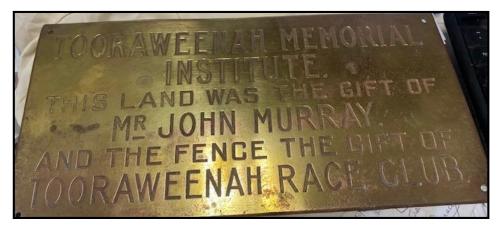
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## Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall-Can You Help?



The Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall committee is looking for information on a brass plaque that was found in Tooraweenah a number of years ago by Fred Rzeszowski. It was found when cleaning up in Garling Street. It was believed this was from the first hall in Tooraweenah prior to burning down, the second hall was on the current hall site in Bridge street prior to it burning down and the current hall is the third in Tooraweenah being built around 1930.

The Brass Plaque reads as follows; Tooraweenah Memorial Institute This land was the gift of Mr John Murray And the fence the gift of Tooraweenah Race Club. The Hall committee are aware of Mr John Murray's contribution to Tooraweenah with many legacies of land to community groups and a street being named after him and the building of the current day hotel.

The committee would like to know more about the Tooraweenah Race Club.

A number of locations for the race course have been nominated in conversation so far, such as Dooroombah, Greenwood, Rosehill and the Tooraweenah Show ground.

If anyone has any information could they send it to the Secretary of the Hall Committee, 5 Denman Street, Tooraweenah.

## **News From the Mountain View!**

Pictured, Ash & Marty with some of the local owners of the horse that won the Mountain View cup. Next picture is Stephen, Hunter, Marty, Tianna & Tegan Watt Pictured bottom left, some of the Toora support crew who went to the races on the bus.

### **Community BBQ'S**

A big thanks to the Tooraweenah Pre - school for the amazing cooking for Feb!

**March** will see the CWA team back to cook up a storm.





April urgently needs a team for a super buisy Month. ABAM Air Show, CWA 100th, Easter weekend, Endurance Ride 26th & 27th. Please contact me if your team can run the April Community BBQ'S. Thank you.

# Working Dog School for Students

The Tooraweenah Show Society will host a three day working dog school in the early Easter school holidays .

Day one will be a school for juniors with a cost of \$50. Day two is a beginner school . with a cost of \$100.

Local Kelpie Stud breeder and trialler Brendan Butler will conduct the beginner schools.

Day Three will be an advanced school with renowned dog handler and champion trialler Matt Sherwood.

Full details of dates, location, and what's involved will be in the April Toora Bungles. For more information or to book in . *Ring Brendan Butler 0447 481 048.* 





# **Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith**

#### Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It is wonderful to have our returning students back at school and to our new Kindergarten students, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Tooraweenah school community. With many events already on our Term 1 calendar, we are looking forward to a productive term with opportunities for students to learn and excel.

#### **Small Schools Swimming Carnival**



Jenkin enjoyed the Carnival

I am incredibly proud of all our students, who participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival! Your enthusiasm.

sportsmanship, and competitive spirit were truly inspiring, making our school shine in the pool.



A huge congratulations to Hamish Jenkin and Bonnie Alison, pictured above, who were awarded Junior Champions and the students who gualified for the next level up who will be competing at the District PSSA Swimming Carnival in Dubbo tomorrow, as follows:

Eloise Jenkin - 9 years 50m freestyle Hamish Jenkin - 10 years 50m freestyle, 8-10 years 50m breaststroke, 8-10 years 50m backstroke, Bonnie Alison - 10 years 50m freestyle

A special mention must go to several of our Year 2 students who competed for the first time, as 8 year olds, in the 50m pool. Congratulations to Eliana Smith, Rose Alison, Amelia Hutchison and Billy Larkin!



#### **Best Start Kindergarten**

Students in Kindergarten participated in Moorambilla Voices travelled to Best Start assessments with Mrs Smith early in Term 1. Best Start gives the school information on prior learning at the commencement of formal schooling. The assessment is not a test but provides teachers with useful information to help support your child's learning at school.

#### New Hens have arrived

Our students were very excited to welcome twenty new Isa Brown hens to our Chicken Caravan enclosure. We are looking forward to our first eggs from our new hens and thank the community for their patience while our egg supply has been less over the last few weeks.

#### Parent Information Session

Our parent information session held in week 4 was well attended with nine families in attendance. Class timetables, routines and lesson format were discussed as well as emphasis on daily Explicit Instruction Warm-Ups complementing learning. For parents who were unable to attend, relevant classroom information has been provided with the newsletter.

#### **Gilgandra Film Festival**

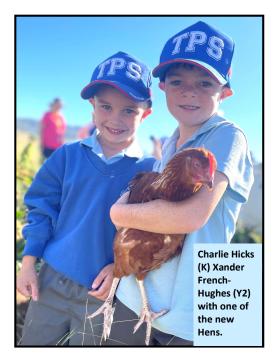
We would like to encourage students to consider taking documentary footage outside of school. This year's theme is "THIS IS MY FRIEND" and students are encouraged to make a documentary about their friend/brother/sister/mum/dad/gran/ pa/pet etc.

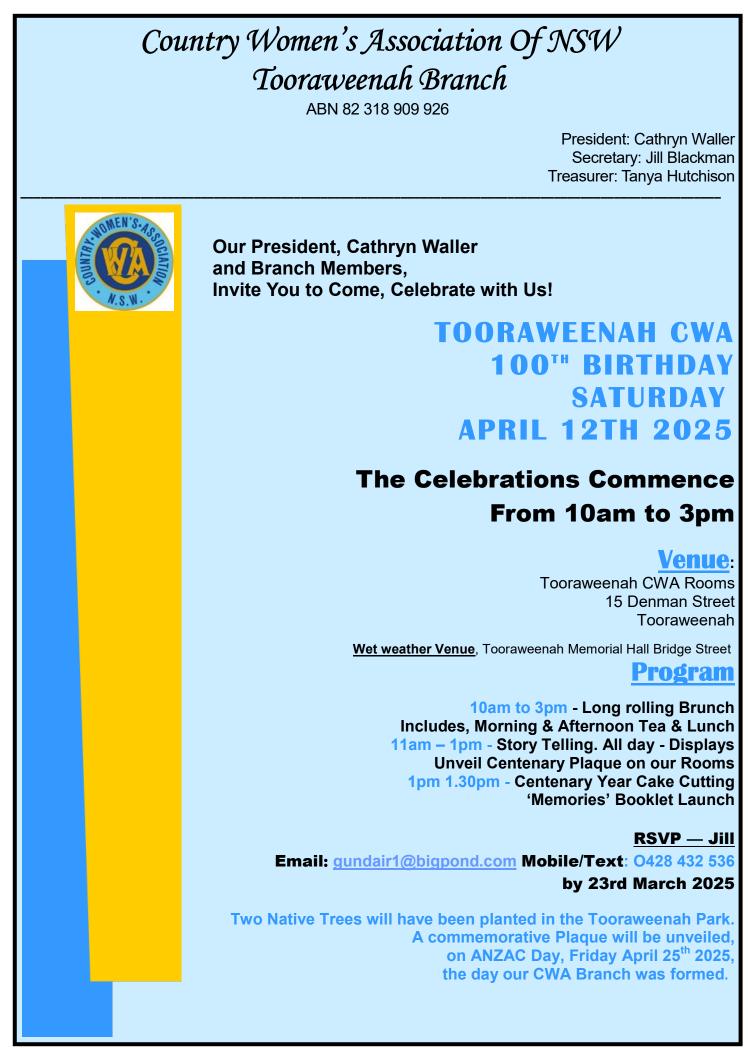
#### Moorambilla Auditions

Gilgandra Public School for auditions for students in Years 3-6 from Gilgandra and surrounding small schools on Thursday 27th February. Well done to Eloise Jenkin, Maddison Jenkin and Bonnie Alison for representing our school at the auditions.



Toby Jenkin Eliana Smith (Y2) Thea Harte (Y1)





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

What a great start to 2025 we have had at Tooraweenah Preschool! Our returning friends were just bursting to sometimes these feelings are BIG and come back, and our new friends have started happily too.

Welcome everyone! Children have really enjoyed spending time catching up with each other and sharing holiday fun and adventures as they play.

Friends have enjoyed riding bikes outside and setting up the fuel station so they can keep going and doing lots of fishing: both outside and inside with They are everywhere – we even have the magnetic fishing game. The sand pit has been popular, with lots of busy tractors and diggers doing all of the farm work, while others have enjoyed playing in our cubby with a new picnic set and fruit shop, that is also a busy café for friends to meet and chat while they are out walking their babies in the listening to the ABC Kids radio whilst prams.

Inside, our farm has been a busy place with lots of hay being fed out to the various stock in the yards, while over in the home corner there have been some huge parties with everyone dressing up for the occasion - even going to a special ballet concert after dinner! What a great 'night out' we all had together- the dancing show was amazing!

We have been experimenting with colours and enjoying craft experiences such as butterfly printing, magic messages, eye-dropper painting and straw-blow painting and, enjoying challenging our thinking with lots of puzzles and pattern activities.

Children have been talking about where we live, our community and our preschool, the importance of friendship and kindness and looking after each other. We've all painted a small map of Australia and placed our photo on it. These are now hanging on our 'Welcome Wall' around our new sign 'Learning and Playing together on Wiradjuri Country'.

learning to understand them. Did you know that everyone has feelings? And sometimes they are small, and it's OK to feel them; we always share them: we just have to try and remember to share them respectfully so there are no misunderstandings.

It seems to be the year of the 'busy buzzing bee' at preschool with lots of pictures of a happy bee with his arms spread out wide saying 'Yay, I'm at preschool!' throughout our room. happy birthday bees!

Our friends have loved singing and dancing, quickly learning several new songs, including a fun Pirate Song and a "TPS Special" version of 'If You're Happy and You Know It". We've loved playing outside, and of course in the hot weather, we've made sure we have all cooled down each day with a nice zooper dooper icy pole mid-morning.

#### Thank you to all of our preschool families who have helped out recently at the Pub Community BBQ's on a

Saturday night at the Mountain View Hotel for the month of February. We are very thankful to those who have supported this and to those who have helped and assisted in any way.

#### 'Expressions of Interest' for Casual Staff for Wednesday/Thursday and Friday, 8am – 4pm. Contact Marie on 6848 1060 for more details. You must have a current Working With Children Check and be Working Towards a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care or above to qualify

**Connect Five Playgroup for 0-6 year** olds meet at Preschool every second Tuesday 9.30-12.30pm for Supported Play Sessions and Toy Library. They are at Tooraweenah for this term on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.





Pirates, Levi and Oscar watch the treasure.





# Around The Traps .... Continued 🙂

### Trees for the Park to Acknowledge 100 Years

Placement for two (2) Australian Native Crepe Myrtles is in the planning stage. The trees will acknowledge 100 Years of Tooraweenah CWA, providing support to the Tooraweenah community. The founding members listed below forming the Branch on ANZAC DAY 1925.

We acknowledge, Mrs Mary Buchanan of 'Mount Terrace' who was the founder with foundation members Mmes Mary Armytage, W. Buckley, M. Chaseling, M Coulter, Emily Fyfe, AK Gilmore, Ada Gertrude Kilgour, Ashley Manusu, Edith Savina McWhirter, G Mills, Stella Rohr, M Singer and A Trethowen. If there are any corrections to these names or if you know these women's Christian names that would be wonderful. Please Contact Heather, Jenny or Jill.

A site has been selected in the Park in consultation with Neil, Mark and Mers. We await a formal thumbs up from Ces before proceeding with the planting. A Plaque will be unveiled on ANZAC DAY 2025.

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated!



Fred and Jenny McWhirter have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to you both. Fred has been in the Tooraweenah district for 75 years owning land within the district for those 50 years he and Jenny have been married. We wish them both, all the very best in the future. What a special celebration.

### Tooraweenah Public School Eggs



Madison Jenkin (year3) with Bonnie Alison (Year4) holding one of the schools new very quite and cuddly hen.

The school are hoping for a much improved egg supply once they start producing this very sort after breakfast staple.



### <u>Can You Help</u>

CWA members found this plaque that would have been attached to something within the Village back in 1934. We would like to know if It may have been an item presented to the Hall or some other building or seating, within Tooraweenah.

If you can help please **email** gundair1@bigpond.com. Thank you.

### ABAM Airshow Spectacular

This extraordinary event is on Saturday April 5th. Make sure you get your tickets well before the event. It pays to get in early. So, to book go to 123Tix.

Need more information, check back to the Poster on Page7, it has all the details. You never know you may be able to

book a flight on the DC3, which arrives on the Thursday before the event, for an Adventure Flight over the Warrumbungle Mountains. What a thrill that would be!



### Thanks — Councils Maintenance Crew

Congratulations on a top job in and around the Village. It was looking fantastic on Friday. Thank you.

### **Congratulations to the ABAM Team**

The Aerodrome is wonderful and the program you have put together is only to be dreamed of to acknowledge Arthur Butler and his contribution to aviation in Australia. We are all looking forward to the experiences offered within this incredible Airshow.

#### **Camp Fire Cooking**

Henry and Levi cooking their catch at a very authentic and safe campfire. What a super special activity at Preschool.



### **Tooraweenah CWA Chatter**

Hi to all, Lovely to see everyone attend our meeting. Our day started wishing all a happy New Year.

Preparations for our 100 year celebrations are well in hand. If you think of someone who may like to receive an invitation, please get in touch with Jill as we are trying to get in touch with as many past members, families and those who supported the branch across the decades. If anyone has any pictures they would like to share, please touch with Jill or Tanya.

get in touch with Heather, Jenny or Jill. Pictured are some images from the past: the late, Margaret Zell pictured in the centre following her win in the Sydney Town Hall Sponge Bake Off. Bottom right, the late Mignon Buchanan with some of her dressed dolls. More details in the April Toora Bungles.

Catering for the March BBQ"S is a big project for the next five (5) Saturdays. If anyone can help, particularly for week two (2) four (4) and five(5). Please get in (nee Zell) and Donna Brooker (nee

Other activities coming up. CWA is one of the caterers at the Air Show on April 5th, bring your ideas to the meeting around soup, cakes and slices etc, then the Endurance Ride April 26th and 27th.

Our March Meeting is on Wednesday 12th, 9.30 for 10am start.

Till next time, Cath Waller Publicity.

Appreciation, to Donna Dommerson Buchanan) for these wonderful photos.



Sip N Sew is each Wednesday 10am to 2pm, just need to check if the sign is outside the front of the building.

Macquarie Group held their Council Meeting in Coonamble on Saturday March 1st, Tanya and Beverley attended, so, we can look forward to their report on March 12th.

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