



Less Than 1 Week to go –Tooraweenah Show – Saturday October 5th!

Tooraweenah Show is this week, Saturday October 5th. The grounds are looking amazing, the new toilet block is finished ready for the official opening on Show day.

A first for the 2024 Show will be a tractor pull, so make sure you are there to watch these old tractors doing what they do best. The Yard Dogs and horse rings will be starting early in the morning and the Rodeo will be bucking it out in the afternoon. Half time Rodeo entertainment will feature Ellie Mazzocchi, an amazing young trick rider. You wont want to miss this one!

The markets open from 9 am and the bar from around 12noon. The Mechanical Bull and Pooka the Clown will provide some on ground fun, complimented by a jumping castle, rock wall and animal nursery.

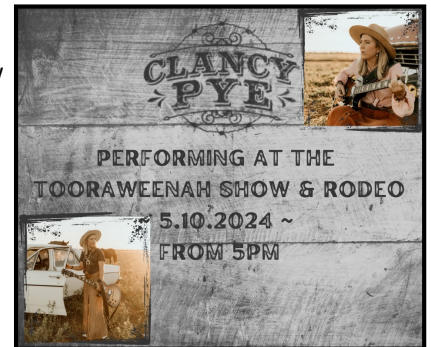
Be sure to get all your art, craft and cooking done this week for the pavilion. Show team members will take entries on Friday afternoon

before the Show and on Show day from 7.30 – 9am.

This year the bar will be open late, with entertainment by award winner singer songwriter Clancy Pye. It will be a family friendly area with the P and C cooking up a storm and feeding everyone into the night, so, be sure to stick around, grab something to eat, watch the Rodeo and be entertained with live music well into the evening.

Organisers look forward to seeing everyone at the Show where there really is something for everyone.!

For any information, please contact the Secretary
Kristy Gale 0429 780 323.



ABAM Fly to Tooraweenah – A Great Success Despite the Weather!



Despite weather issues again, the Fly to Tooraweenah weekend August 17th saw 15 planes and 2 helicopters fly in. The aerodrome was in excellent condition and a good number of locals came down to enjoy seeing the variety of planes landing and taking off. ABAM member Kooper Fox

was our airside manager in control of communication with the pilots. The day was a great success for spreading the word about Tooraweenah and ABAM'S planes.

As a result of the August event, a team of para gliders based themselves for several days at the aerodrome. They had heard that Tooraweenah is a great place to visit.

Team leaders, South Australian Rick Clark and Dave Timms from Victoria, are having a great time in Tooraweenah and will be bringing a larger group when next they visit.**Pictorial on page 8**



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From The Dog House - with Brendan Butler



One of the frustrating problem's of starting young work dogs that we regularly encounter is, they are often either to soft and placid and lacking maturity and confidence, or the opposite, and are to hard, fast and uncontrollable. The good news is that there are drills to help with both categories.



In last months Toora Bungles we looked at a drill to help give a soft dog confidence to walk up on stock, and that they often mature into calm and smart workers. With the hard, fast,

immature dog, we need to slow them up and get them out off their stock. These dogs are often hard to control and won't listen to commands, but when well trained can get a lot of work done and really move stock.

My preference is to start in a small yard, preferably round, so that the dog has to circle around. If the dog is too revved up to bring the sheep toward me, I will let it keep circling around the sheep with me in the middle. I then keep putting my body pressure on or behind the dog to make it uncomfortable.



As the dog starts to tire, we can step in front and get it to stop. We can then step out and let the dog have the stock back again, maybe this time circle back the other way. If the dog starts to go hard again we stop and repeat the process as many times as is needed. Continue this drill until the dog starts to realise that it's only going to get the stock if it settles down and steadies up.

While we are letting it circle, we are telling it in a stern voice "steady up ". Once the dog is calmer we can move away from the sheep it should start to bring the sheep towards us .

This drill can be repeated as many times as necessary until the dog realises he is not going to get the sheep unless he's going steady .

Happy Mustering
Brendan Butler
Oakfield Kelpies

Tooraweenah CWA Chatter

 What a positive, productive meeting with lots of members present.
The Branch are seeking contact details of people who had been members of our Branch or are family who may like to attend. We will be mailing and emailing the invitations soon for our 100th birthday. Saturday April 12th.

If anyone has Branch history they would like to share, that would be wonderful. Please contact Heather, Jenny or Jill. Catering for the Show this Saturday was arranged with wonderful support with salads, cakes and slices.
Special appreciation to our wonderful volunteer mowers, Dalene, Gary, Jane and Geoff Hill. They all do a

super job maintaining the grounds.
Thank you to Geoff Hill and the Lions Club members for removing the old cement tank. Top job. We now have a very nice outdoor space. Our next meeting will be the AGM. Don't forget to pay your membership so you can vote. Wednesday October 9th. 9.30am for 10am start.

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Around The Traps 😊

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of September to date (24/9/24) was 14.4 mm over 1 day. Total rain for the year 426.2mm over 50 Days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

The next club meeting will be October 2nd at the Mountain View Hotel, 7pm for 7.30pm. Planning is well underway for catering at the Tooraweenah Show on Saturday, October 5th of the long weekend. The December Pub BBQ's with Ham and Cherry raffles will be here before you know it! Plus, our Lions members Christmas party will round off the year by offering a chance Lions to sit, relax and reflect on a buisy and rewarding year.

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

The Hall has been hired once during September as well as additional hire of tables and chairs. Thank you for your support which goes towards helping to maintain a very special community facility.

Mountainside Beauty & Massage



The hair dresser will be in attendance in Tooraweenah every 6 weeks at the Caravan Park. Mountainside Beauty and Massage is booked out until October, with limited availability.

Mountain View Hotel
Draft Calendar Community BBQ'S
October -
November—Toora Show
December - Lions Cub

Snap Shots!

For all those wool producers out there, **WoolPole 2024 is coming up!** Your fibre, Your future, Your call. Has your bottom line been increasing in the last 10+ years? **Voting counts.** Poll closes 5pm Friday 1 November 2024.

Fuel available for Tooraweenah. I have it on good authority, this super/diesel important service will be coming to Tooraweenah soon! Hopefully, an update in the November Toora Bungles.

National Agricultural Day November 15th.

More in the November issue.
Thumbs up to Telstra 📶 Story next month!

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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👉Diary Dates 2024 😊

Take Time out!!
Relax and Enjoy Life!

October

Saturday, 5, 12, 19, 26
Community BBQ'S—6pm

Saturday 5th
Tooraweenah Show

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

What an amazing Term 3 we had with our fabulous preschool friends! We welcomed new preschool friend Lottie and her family and we have had a fun time playing with Lottie during her first few days.

We have been getting ready for the Tooraweenah Show that is on in the holidays and we can't wait to see our Preschool display in the pavilion. We made all sorts of amazing artworks and constructions, including butterfly printing, golf ball printing, painting ourselves, string painting, building constructions with Mobilo and Duplo, and even decorating hard boiled eggs for the 'preschool competition' using bright coloured textas. There will also be wonderful photos on display.

We enjoyed playing some fun games throughout the term with 'Ready, Set, Go!' Occupational Therapy Program. Skills were developed through fun activities around Balance and Co-ordination in Movement; Eye/Hand Co-Ordination; Motor Planning; Upper Body Strength and Stability; and Fine Motor Skills. We had fun doing hurdles, up and over games, wheelbarrow races, puzzles, constructions, lots of balloon games, pouring water into bigger and smaller containers, backwards and forwards runs and bowling games, just to name a few! We enjoyed challenging ourselves with these special activities.

On the last day of Term 3 we were very excited to host a combined "Tooraweenah NAIDOC Cultural Day"



We discovered our 'short' didgeridoo is actually an Emu Caller, we then made our own using cylinders, and decorated them. We watched Aunty Karen hold them vertically then tapping the top to make an 'emu' sound. These will be a fun school holiday game for friends I'm sure! This was a very exciting discovery and friends were thrilled to make their own!

learning from "Aunty Karen" about Aboriginal Culture, joining in to do the fun activities she had brought with her. **We learnt about Aboriginal Culture and customs through stories read to us by Aunty Karen, Mrs Smith and Miss Marie, and we also did some amazing activities together.** We worked together in preschool as teams, the TPS (school) and TPS (preschool).

We made our very own Aboriginal flag with collage, especially highlighting the yellow sun. We used the rocks that we collected during our Bush Preschool adventures and painted these carefully, using dot painting after checking out some Aboriginal art that used this style.

We got creative and carefully screen printed pictures of Australian animals on calico squares. We are going to use these and make a special preschool wall hanging - but first, you just might see them at the show in our display! We worked as a team to do this: one friend held the stencil carefully while the other friend did the screen printing.

What an amazing day and a fabulous experience for us all! Such a great day of learning and fun – we hope that Aunty Karen will come and visit us again for more wonderful learning and fun together, we learnt so much.

We always enjoy Bush Preschool on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to the parent and family helpers for joining us on these fun adventures 'outside the gate'.

The children have loved creating 'stone cities'. The addition of our butterfly nets, have been perfect for catching tadpoles and some 'sleepy' yabbies at the creek, adding to our knowledge and understanding of the natural world and the creek environment. Children have noticed how much the creek has 'emptied' and how much 'grass' is growing there. We have seen yabbies, lots of tadpoles – which we've checked each week to see if they have grown. We spotted leeches, beautiful birds and even several bearded dragon lizards along the way!



While we were busy with these craft experiences, Aunty Karen was busy cooking for us in the staff room. She cooked Johnny Cakes and Emu Sausages for us to taste-test. Everyone enjoyed them – lots of friends went back for more as they were so nice, and friends really liked having a taste of the emu sausages – or maybe it was because they were on little toothpicks?? We painted wooden boomerangs using Aboriginal art styles; and made a 'Sea of Hands', decorating a handprint and planting them together in the name of friendship and unity.



with Tooraweenah Public School friends and our special visitor, Ms Karen Andriske from Dubbo. It was such an amazing day, with everyone having a great time

Wishing everyone a fun, safe and happy school holidays! Term 4 starts on Wednesday 16th October 2024.

Joining In – Having Fun



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- 3. Sophie concentrating very hard as she screen printed her animal while Ally held the stencil still. Parker is also working on his with help from Miss Marie.
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- 5 Show 2023
- 6 Bush Preschool
- 7 Lots of friends being creative.



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Mental Health Month – Let’s Talk About OCD

As part of Mental Health Month, Wayahead is hosting a FREE webinar: *Let's Talk about OCD* on Tuesday 22nd October at 6:30pm (AEDT). We will be hearing from our guest speaker [Dr Melissa Norberg](#). Dr Norberg is a Professor in the School of Psychological Sciences at Macquarie University and is also a Registered Psychologist. She will be sharing her insights about **Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)** and will be taking questions from the audience.

Alongside Dr Norberg, we will be hearing from individuals with lived experiences who will be sharing their stories on living with OCD. We will also be hearing from our

volunteer facilitators who facilitate our OCD support groups as well as talking about recent OCD events overseas.

To register, visit the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-talk-about-ocd-tickets-991893148107>



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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Formative Assessments

Students in Year One have completed the Phonic Screening Check and students in Years 3-6 the Check-In Assessments (Reading and Mathematics.) The assessments give teachers important information on student progress, in order for teachers to tailor lessons toward student need.

Principal Connection Days

Mrs Smith travelled to Dubbo to complete professional learning on leadership and wellbeing. Keynote speakers included Steve Francis from Optimal Leadership and Kristen Douglas, head of Headspace School and Communities Australia. It was an outstanding line up and there were many key takeaways that will help to promote wellbeing and positive school culture in our school.

CWA Country of Study

Students in the Years 2/3/5 class have been working on the France PowerPoint Presentation entry for the CWA Country of Study since week 1 this Term. Years 3-5 have completed their competition entries and all students K-5 have been studying France as part of their Geography lessons. We look forward to joining the CWA for International Day at the CWA Rooms, in Term 4.



District Athletics

Hamish Jenkin and Bonnie Alison competed at Dubbo District Athletics.



Both students competed in 100m while Hamish also competed in the 200m and 800m. We were very proud of Hamish's and Bonnie's efforts on the day, both running well in their heats. We are very thankful to the parents of both students, who provided transport, helped in the canteen and were strong supporters from the grandstand on the day.

Western Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our amazing relay team who competed at Western. They were much younger than most of their competitors but showed a positive attitude and considerable determination, giving their best! **Congratulations Eloise, Maddison, Hamish and Bonnie!**

PBL Celebration

A great day was had by all during our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) celebration. Students had a great time

riding their bikes and scooters in the playground. They were also treated to popcorn and a movie, as well as an ice-block to cool down after all that bike riding! Congratulations to each and every student as they all contributed to the 8000 Class Dojo points.

Happy Holidays

We hope everyone has a fantastic school holiday period after what has been a very productive term. The last day for Term 3 was Friday 27th September and school resumes on Monday 14th of October for all students including Transition students. There is no School Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.



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**YOUTH STRATEGY
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Council, together with the University of Newcastle, are working on creating the Gilgandra Youth Strategy. We need your help to develop the strategy by sharing your experiences, opinions, and ideas. You can do this by completing an online survey or attending one of our focus group sessions.

When: Wednesday, 9 October 2024

Where: Gilgandra Youth Services, 4 Hall Street

Session times (these vary by age group):

5 - 6.30pm Focus Group One for Parents/Carers of youth aged 8 - 15 years. *Children are welcome to come and enjoy a sausage sandwich during the session.*

5 - 6.30pm Focus Group Two for youth aged 12 - 15 years

6.45pm - 8.30pm Focus Group Three for youth aged 16 - 17 years

6.45pm - 8.30pm Focus Group Four for youth aged 18 - 25 years

Please RSVP by 5:00pm on Thursday, 3 October 2024.

If you are unable to attend an in-person session, please contact Gilgandra Library on 6817 8877 or Gilgandra Youth Services on 6817 8798. For more information, contact Dr Jenny Thompson by emailing jenny.thompson@newcastle.edu.au.

For more information and a link to the online survey, visit Council's website Connect > Have Your Say > Youth Strategy.

**GILGANDRA
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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

There are bucket loads of fun to be had in the Gilgandra Region these school holidays!

- Footy for Fun, Monday 30 September
- **Tooraweenah Show, Saturday 5 October**

Gilgandra Youth Services and Gilgandra Library have heaps of FREE activities organised - visit www.gilgandraregion.com.au to register your interest!

- **Skateboarding Workshop @ Gilgandra Skate Park, Thursday, 10 October from 10am-2pm**
- **HAVE YOUR SAY Gilgandra Youth Strategy, Wednesday, 9 October @ GYS, check out Council's website for more info on session times!**
- **Curban Open Garden, Saturday 12 October**
- Drive out to Tooraweenah to check out the mountain views and see the baby emus at @emulogic due to hatch over the holidays Unwind with a lazy afternoon at @armatreehotel enjoy good food and drinks in this spectacular rural setting

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Parra Gliders visited from South Australia and Victoria



Friendship, Joining Together And Enjoying Life!

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2. Charlie, Malia & Maggie creating their Aboriginal Flags using collage.
3. Decorating handprints for the "Sea of Hands" to plant at Preschool — learning about friendship & unity.
4. Henry, Charlie & Joe. Busy farmers.
5. Maggie shows how clever she is at matching shapes to a picture.
6. Joe & Charlie enjoying string painting to display at the Show.
7. Charlie flying the parachute man.
8. Parker enjoying small world play





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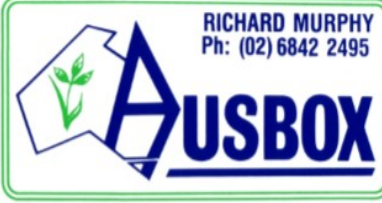


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