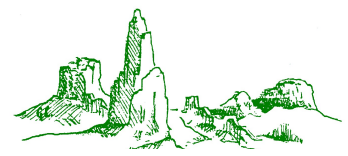


Toora Bungles



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Come One Come All, to the Tooraweenah Show – Only 5 Weeks to go! October 5th



The time has almost arrived, with Tooraweenah Show only 5 Weeks away. The grounds are looking a luscious green, and the new toilet block is nearly finished bringing an amazing addition on show day, for patrons.

For the first time this year, there 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. There will be some half time entertainment with Ellie Mazzocchi, an amazing young trick rider.

The markets will be on from 9am and the bar from around 12 noon to late! The Mechanical Bull as pictured, and Pooka the Clown will both be at the show.

Be sure to be getting all your art, craft and cooking done for the pavilion. Entries will be taken during the week leading up to the show and on show day from 7.30 – 9am

Schedules are out, so if you are a member keep your eye out in the mail they should be arriving soon.

Memberships are now overdue, don't despair if you have overlooked your payment, it isn't too late. We would welcome any new members before show day to receive your entry into the show, contact our secretary Kristy Gale 0429 780 323 to organise.

The bar will be open late with entertainment by Sam & Anne to sing and dance the night away. It will be a family friendly area with the P & C cooking up a storm and feeding everyone well into the night, so be sure to stick around, grab something to eat, while watching the Rodeo and listening to some music.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the show, where there really is, something for everyone!

For any information, please contact our secretary Kristy Gale 0429 780 323.

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GOIN' TO GIL WEEKEND 27-29 SEPTEMBER

The countdown is on! In less than a month, the Goin' to Gil Weekend Festival will bring Gilgandra alive with a spectacular array of events, entertainment, and community spirit from **27-29 September 2024**.

With a program bursting with fun for the whole family, the weekend is set to include:

Goin' to Gil Street Parade: Witness the heart and soul of Gilgandra with energy and vibrancy parading through Miller Street.

Coo-ee Call Competition: Celebrate our heritage by participating in or cheering on this iconic Gilgandra tradition.

CWA Markets and Watermelon Eating Competition: Enjoy friendly competition and delicious treats in true community spirit.

Gilgandra Tractor & Machinery Club Show & Shine and Swap Meet: Explore an impressive

display, and maybe find a treasure or two!

Live #LocalLegends Entertainment and Busking: Discover amazing talent from our region with performances throughout the weekend.

Interactive Mural Painting & More: Get involved in creating lasting art that celebrates our community's creativity and collaboration.

Windmill Walk and Talk, Colour Run! Get active (and colourful!) along our Windmill Walk on Sunday morning.

Gilgandra Services Club: Friday Night Spinna Winna and raffles Sporties After Party: Keep the Saturday night going at the Sporties with DJ Luscious.

Royal Hotel: Sunday Sesh @ the Royal.
Country pubs and clubs: Activities from bowling to golf, and foods throughout the Region over the whole weekend.

Save the dates & get ready to get Goin' to Gil! Keep up to date via the Gilgandra Region Instagram and Facebook pages and the Gilgandra Region website.

It's not too late to be involved in the Goin' to Gil Weekend Festival! If you would like to be a part of the street parade, a stall holder at Under the Gums, or involved in the weekend somehow, contact underthegums@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of August to date (23/8/24) was 26.4mm over 4 days.

Total rain for the year 403.6mm over 47 Days.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

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

Forthcoming activities for the club will be a wood chop, preparations for catering under the gums in Gilgandra on September 28th and catering at the Tooraweenah Show on October 5th.

Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

The Tooraweenah Hall committee has scheduled some routine maintenance with the electricity at the hall. The Hall has been hired twice during the month as well as additional hire of tables and chairs. Thank you for your support.

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

September - Endurance Ride

October - ?

November - Toora Show

December - Lions Cub

Please let Ashley know ASAP if you can fill the vacant month.

Looking for Marchers

The Goin' to Gil and Under the Gums weekend is on September 27-29th

There is a street parade on Saturday September 28th at 11am and Margo would like to invite anybody with connections to any of the Coo-ee or Kookaburra March re-enactments to

Diary Dates 2024 ☺

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

September

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

Endurance Ride

27th to 29th

Goin' to Gil Weekend

29th

Under The gums

October

Saturday 5th

Tooraweenah Show

march in the parade.

Any queries contact Margo Piggott
0418 766 726

Golf Club Rounds! September



Sunday 1st:

Tooraweenah Open Day. 18 Holes Stroke.

Saturday 7th:

Foursomes

Championship 18 Holes.

Saturday 14th: Mountain View

2person Ambrose 9 or 18 Holes.

Saturday 21st Wedding. No golf.

Open was this day.

Saturday 28th: Emu Logic Day

3 person Ambrose 18 Holes.

Mountain View Hotels Sponsored Golf Day

Saturday 14th September



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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Transition to Kindergarten



During August, we welcomed some very excited students to Transition. Transition students joined the K/1 classroom to experience 'big school' before they start Kindergarten in 2025. Transition days have been filled with singing, pre-writing and pre-reading activities and hands-on activities including playdough, pattern blocks, puzzles and crafts. Transition to school will continue, on Mondays, for the term and beyond.

2024 Moorambilla Voices

Congratulations to Bonnie Alison who has been selected as part of the 2024 Moorambilla Voices choir. The Moorambilla performances will be in Dubbo at the Regional Theatre on 28th and 29th September. Bonnie took part in her first camp at Baradine last week. When asked what she learned and enjoyed while on camp, Bonnie replied that she made new friends from surrounding towns and enjoyed the music.

Education Week—Grandparent's Day



More than 70 grandparents, parents, and special guests descended on Tooraweenah for the annual Grandparent's Day, enjoying a morning of open classrooms and performances. We are very thankful to have such strong family support for our students. Our visitors were able to see our students' learning in action with the K/1 class sharing a Maths Warm-up and the 2/3/5 class showing a Spelling Warm-up. Visitors enjoyed viewing the School Film

Festival entry and were then entertained by performances by the school and preschool.

20 years of Service



Mrs Janelle Quilter, pictured with School Principal Karen Smith, received her 20 years of service recognition certificate at the recent special assembly.

Janelle began with NSW DoE in 1993 at Narrandera High moving into the role of Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in 2006 at Culcairn Public School. Janelle moved to Tooraweenah in 2019 and has been an integral part of the team for the last 5 years.

Small Schools Athletic Carnival - Dubbo



A great day of competition and sportsmanship was on show for the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. We had 5 students compete in the Primary carnival and 10 students participate in the tabloids.

The following students qualified to District Athletics based on their times and distances: Bonnie Alison – 100m. Hamish Jenkin – 100m, 200m, 800m. Sam Trickey – 100m, 200m

Inter-School Public Speaking

The Inter-school Public Speaking was held at Gwabegar Public School.

The teachers were very pleased with how all students represented the school and would like to congratulate each person for their outstanding efforts in delivering their speeches. The following students were recognised on the day: Hamish Jenkin 2nd in Year 3 finals
Eloise Semmler 3rd in Kindergarten finals

Thank you to Tracy McGlashan from Gwabegar Public School for hosting the Public Speaking in 2024. It is always a pleasure to visit other schools and participate in days like this where students can connect and learn together.

We are very thankful to Benn Jenkin for volunteering to drive the Gular Community Bus on the day and the P&C for funding the bus for this excursion.

SASS Appreciation Week



Pictured: Janelle Quilter, Stephanie Lambell, Maureen Altmann, Karen Smith, Nadine Jenkin, Erin Hutchison & Tegan Goldman

During August we celebrated SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) appreciation week, a chance to recognise the crucial work our School Administrative Managers, Student Learning Support Officers, and General Assistants, do in our schools. We feel very fortunate to have such a dedicated team at Tooraweenah Public School.

A morning tea was held on Tuesday for students and staff to wish Mrs Altmann all the best for her upcoming well-earned long service leave. Mrs Altmann will be on leave from next week until the end of Term 3. During Mrs Altmann's leave, Stephanie Lambell will perform administrative duties in the office.



Beverley and Janette cutting the cake with Sam Trickey & Sophie Howard.

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

Our preschool friends have loved making their Father's Day gifts for our Dad's. It has certainly been quite a project with friends concentrating very hard on their work. I'm sure all of our Dads are impressed with their gift and wish them, along with our Grandad's, Pops, Uncles and other significant men in our lives a very Happy Father's Day!



We recently celebrated "Science Week", with some fun experiments that have been set up for friends as well as some activities that are just naturally 'science activities'. We've launched a rocket (using bicarbonate soda and vinegar) that Miss Marie got in Parkes and discovered the rocket really did reach the clouds and thankfully landed back on the grass outside and not on preschool's roof! **Fiends also had fun using the same 'ingredients' with some food colouring in the sandpit where everyone built their very own volcano, as pictured above.** It was very impressive to see how the 'lava' flowed out and then reacted with the sand. The tea-bag rocket ship was also very spectacular!



Pictured above, more science fun when we made a 'rockin' roo' for craft, and we worked together to make kinetic sand (sand and baby oil) in the large tray inside. Friends have had a lovely time playing with this along with some jungle animal figurines to add another

dimension to our play.



We've recently celebrated Book Week, with friends **pictured above**, bringing in a favourite book and a prop from that book to share with friends. Thanks everyone for joining in the fun of Book Week. There were some interesting props with hats, puppets, dress-ups and toys! The most popular book by far was the 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' story that we performed for our Grandparents and Friends Day with Tooraweenah Public School.

I'm sure you've all seen the lovely new fence around school/preschool. We have made a new track for Bush Preschool so we can get to the creek. We haven't been able to climb the mountains as some big prickles have grown. Instead, we've spent a long time at the creek, some friends have been "climbing the



cliffs" (creek bank) and then 'sliding back down' for some fun, as seen above. We've been checking out if the water in the creek is up or down, looking for yabbies (which we've found) and learning how to 'skip' stones across the water-hole. The frogs often sing to us as we play. The children really enjoy their time just 'being' with nature and making up some fun games as they play in a safe way in this environment.

A few weeks ago we've started our

'Ready, Set, Go' Occupational Therapy program round-robin 'games' on a Thursday, where friends enjoyed working on their skills to develop and extend their Balance and Co-ordination, Eye-Hand Co-ordination, Motor Planning, Upper Body Strength and Stability, and Fine Motor Co-ordination skills, through a wide range of games.

Our preschool photos will be taken soon so friends have been practicing their smiles, and we have also been talking about kindness and how being kind makes us feel happy.

We are super excited about joining Gulargambone Preschool to visit the Tooraweenah Emu Farm this week. We all catch the bus together – thank you Mrs Tindall and friends and can't wait to check out the emus after our picnic morning tea and see if there are any babies. Next, there will be fun play at the Tooraweenah Park and lunch (chips and nuggets!) from the Mountain View Hotel. The bus trip is exciting, however some friends are more excited about 'lunch at the pub'. Thanks Miss Crystal and Gular Preschool for the invite to join you.

Next week Gular Preschool friends (with Joe) come back to Tooraweenah Preschool for a special day of fun, including Bush Preschool. Of course we'll have to show them where we 'climb the cliffs' as well as the 'super slide' back down! What an adventure it will be!



We'll also be practicing our emergency drills soon and remembering how to stay safe in an emergency.

We always look after each other at preschool because we are a team!

From The Dog House - with Brendan Butler



A couple of problems that crop up occasionally with young dogs that are just starting to get in a work situation, is that they are either too soft and watchful, or too hard strong and fast. Either traits can be frustrating and annoying for the stock handler.

A young dog that is too soft tends to be too careful on their stock and lacks the confidence to put pressure on the stock it is working, and the hard dog will work too close, fast, and be uncontrollable, thus causing mayhem.

So let's look at the pros and cons of the soft dog. A soft dog will want to cast out really wide and not put any pressure on the mob outside in the paddock and will be very unconfident in the yard situation. These dogs are not necessarily timid, but lack the strength, maturity and confidence to get in and get the job done. They usually have a lot of eye and tend to lay down and creep up on the stock, causing the stock to want to keep turning around and nervously watch the dog, instead of being intimidated and walking away. While a soft dog can be frustrating, all is not lost, as they often mature into smart dogs, with a nice feel for their stock, and make

excellent paddock, mustering and droving dogs, that don't upset the stock they are working, keeping the stock settled and just poking along. This can be a plus in a yard situation as well.

Encouragement, maturity, plenty of work and patience, are the keys to help build a young dogs confidence, and is one of the few times I don't mind working a young unsure dog with an older dog if it will keep stock movement happening.

In the yards, a drill to teach a walkup, is to tether a sheep at the end of a drench race facing out, and walk the dog on a leash towards the sheep till the dog gets restless, stop the dog and get it to relax, then back the dog up and repeat the exercise until we can get the dog to come comfortably closer. Eventually, we should be able to get the dog to walk right up to the sheep's face and hold its ground without being frightened. Happy mustering.

Brendan Butler.
Oakfield kelpies.

Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



A small but enthusiastic group of members joined on meeting day with discussions around the Branch up and coming 100th birthday celebrations. **If anyone in the community has any photographs or memorabilia could they please get in touch with Heather, Jenny or Jill. Our celebrations happen on Saturday April 12th 2025.**

So, please get the word out to family or friends, that would be wonderful. We will be compiling a small Booklet and instead of a guest speaker there will be story tellers on the day.

Other items of note were the new Street Library with all items available for FREE and the hand painted cupboard will be updated to receive a Perspex front and new signage. Confirmation will be sort at our September meeting to purchase a Diamond Hot Plate and apply again for a grant to upgrade the toilet facilities. **Show catering is coming up, on October 5th and our meeting is Wednesday September 11th.**



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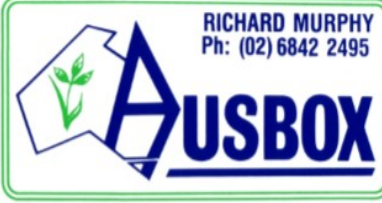


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