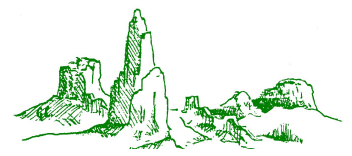


# Toora Bungles



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## Tooraweenah Show—"The Best Little Show in the West!"

With comments like 'the best ever show' being heard from everyone the Show executive have been speaking to, no wonder the tag line, 'The Best Little Show in the West' says it all.

The program for the day was a great success with endless variety for everyone to enjoy.

There were rides for the kids, Pooka the Clown and animal nursery were very popular, along with the ice cream truck kept buisy all day. As always, guessing the weight of the fat sheep was again a definite winner.

Horses were down in numbers a little, but still plenty of action in the ring and the yard dogs were a stand out! Literally overflowing with over 150 runs for the day.

The pavilion was filled to the brim, with all the amazing talents of our community.

The tractor pull was a great success and will come back bigger and better next year and, closer for everyone to see.

The rodeo was again great entertainment for the afternoon. The evening activities flowed, with the bar and the talented Clancy Pye singing late into the night. All food vendors and markets were fantastic as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful sponsors and donors who support the Tooraweenah Show every year, without you all the Show would not be the success it is.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our bigger Show next year. Planning is already underway for the 2025 'Best Little Show in the West!'

*Right Xander French - Hughes. 1st Junior. Awesome Score of 97!*



## It's New! Toilets on a Bogey!



Do you have the problem of over indulging on delicious Lions Club barbecue steaks and too much beer, then have to answer nature's call during any one of the recent community events?

If you answered yes to this question, then the Toora Lions Club have you covered, with the recent purchase of two new state of the art portable toilets mounted on a bogey wheel trailer?

Yes, the Lions Club have taken on board the frequent hints that the old portable Dunny's are past their use by date and are a bit smelly, so we lashed out on the new updated version.

So, from now on, you will be able to come to a community event and happily over indulge yourself, and get relief in comfort.

Gary Gesell and Brendan Butler (aka the two Kenny's) will be able to take bookings for your next party, and are happy to talk about mates rates for a community event.

## Welcome — Billy Shields

*Congratulations to proud parents Tom & Kimberley on the safe arrival of their son, Billy Thomas John Shields*

Born 19-10-2024

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## From The Dog House - with Brendan Butler



What a great show! The Toora yard dog section was happy to be a major contributor to a super day, for 'The Best Little Show in the West'. **The yard dog section was able to put through a huge**

**total of over 150 runs for the day which included the maiden event, novice and open events as well as running individual sections, encouraging locals and the extremely popular Junior section.**

The main event was the open section. This was hotly contested with a big field of high-quality Work dogs and was taken out by Tim Ray from Scone, with his dog Will.

The yard dogs section featured dogs from as far away as Cooma. as has been the case in recent year, the junior section was popular with the spectators and eight young upcoming Stockman put their dogs through the course at an excellent standard. The winner once

again with a tremendous score of 97 was Xander French Hughes and his dog Coco. We can expect to see Xander feature in the individual events in the coming years.

Yard Dog Steward Brendan Butler would like to thank all the sponsors who make the day possible, as well as the helpers who worked tirelessly from 7

o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon.

The Tooraweenah Yard Dog section is gaining a good reputation around the central west with the quality of our yard trial, with the two arenas being a very popular addition to help get so many runs packed into one day.

Here's to a bigger and better 2025 Show. Happy mustering.



Junior competitors pictured with Chief Steward Brendan Butler. **Winner**, Xander French-Hughes 3rd from the left.

## Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



Hi to all, it was lovely to see a good number of members for our AGM.

Firstly, many thanks to all who helped in any way at the Tooraweenah Show. We had a steady flow of helpers throughout the day and we were kept busy with lots of customers. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday December the 11th at the Mountain View Hotel. 12 Noon. Keep an eye out for your invitation and mark the date on your calendar.

We now come to the business end of our AGM to note who will be taking on the jobs for 2024/2025.

President: Cath Waller

Secretary: Jill Blackman

Treasurer: Tanya Hutchison

Many thanks to the many other members who took on executive and officer position. It was wonderful to see.

We also acknowledge and thank outgoing President Sue Armstrong who has made such a wonderful contribution to our branch over many years and to outgoing Treasurer Anne Armstrong. Special thanks to Heather Prout who chaired our AGM. At the conclusion of the meeting, we all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Pub.

The Branch is currently gathering names and addresses of people who may have had a connection with Tooraweenah CWA in the past. The Branch will be turning 100 in April

2025 and we wish to invite as many people as we can to attend. Give Secretary Jill a call if you know of someone.

Sip & Sew is on Wednesdays 10am to 2pm, as always come for a chat and a cuppa.

The next meeting is 9.30am for 10am start on Wednesday November 11th.

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# Around The Traps ☺

## Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of October to date (23/10/24) was 26.6mm over 5 days.

Total rain for the year 456.0mm over 58 Days.

## Tooraweenah Lions Club



The next club meeting will be Wednesday the 6th of November 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 been hired once during October as well as additional hire of tables and chairs. Thank you for your support. Contact the booking officer Leonie Harvey on 0429 481 089

## Mountainside Beauty & Muscle Health

Keryn is in Tooraweenah December 8th 2024. Please



book your hair appointments or, if you are happy to show up and wait, call on by from 9 am.

October sees Mountainside Beauty and Massage celebrating 6 years in Tooraweenah providing professional RMT services and muscle health support, along with traditional beauty services.

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

## Snap Shots!

Congrats to Tooraweenah Show team. What a super Show this year. Everyone is already looking forward to the 2025 event.

## Super Thanks Scott & Janelle.

Your support for our community is awesome.

## Fuel available for Tooraweenah.

Note, the site has been mowed. So, please, watch this space!

## Thumbs up to Telstra 📶

Rang to report line out answered within a minute. Referred for a tech, 2 calls received to advise repair day, came within 4 days all fixed! All contacts were in Australia. Remarkable!

Congratulations to Councils mowing and maintenance crew who come regularly to Tooraweenah.

Top job, well done. Everything looks fabulous. Thank you



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# Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

## Moorambilla



Congratulations to Bonnie Alison pictured, and students from Michelle Leonard's Moorambilla Voices Choir who performed at Dubbo Regional

Theatre on the first weekend of the school holidays. The performances were nothing short of outstanding and featured the dedication and talent of the students and wider Moorambilla team. The emotive performance featured the choral singing of original music, dance, drums and even film footage. Congratulations to all involved, it was a performance to remember.

## Tooraweenah Show

The Tooraweenah Show was a huge success with a high number of community members attending over the long weekend. The pavilion was strongly supported with reported record entries. Congratulations to students who entered their handicrafts, artwork and fruit and vegetables in the show. Thank you to Mrs Jenkin for assisting in the show display and school entry organisation.

Special mention must go to Xander French-Hughes who was successful in the dog trial events. Xander is showing passion and talent with his dogs Coco and Butch. Congratulations to Xander on his 1st and 2nd place.

The P&C Canteen at the Tooraweenah Show was also very well supported by both patrons and volunteers from the P&C and extended families. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to this fundraising activity which is sure to benefit our students.

## Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session

A Parent Information Session was held for parents of Kindergarten 2025 students. Parents received information on school routines, programs, attendance, communication and uniform requirements for 2025 and had the opportunity to ask questions. We were very pleased to have such a strong

attendance by parents. Parents are encouraged to reach out if they have any further questions.

## Transition to School



Our first Transition session of the term saw students listen to stories, complete 'find-the-difference' activities, play barrier games, make shapes with playdough & match sticks, as well as trying out a new app called RED Writing on the iPads to practice correct letter formation. The second transition day saw students listen to stories, sing, explore some new puzzles and match patterns with beads of different shapes and colours. The afternoon was spent with Mrs Jenkin creating artworks and playing games.

## Bungles Years 2 – 5 Excursion

Students in years 2-5, travelled to the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre



(WNPEEC) for their Bungles Excursion. Several schools from the Western Plains Network, (Marra Creek, Quambone, Enngonia, Gwabegar and Tooraweenah) attended the excursion, those from long distances away, camping for two nights. Students had the opportunity to meet and work with students from other schools in their grades, with Stage 1 (Year 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) students working on separate programs.

Stage 1 students worked with Ange Bunner to learn about 'People and Places'.

Stage 2 students learnt about the 'Eucalypt Forest,' with Narelle.

Stage 3 students worked with Wes Leedham investigating 'Insects and Dragons.'

It was a great opportunity for students to meet and work with other students as well as getting hands on with their learning at the WNPEEC.

We are very thankful to Wes Leedham and his team for organising the program, and to our teachers Mrs Jenkin and Mrs Hutchison, for

supporting students in each group and transporting them to the excursion.

1. Bonnie Alison at Moorambilla.
2. Maggie Lambell making patterns at Transition.
3. Transition students practicing their letter formation on the iPad.
4. Tooraweenah students join four other schools to learn about Eucalypt Forests in the Warrumbungles.
5. Bonnie Alison, Maddison Jenkin, Eloise Jenkin, Jack Hicks & Hamish Jenkin.





## No Competition This Year

## Show Garden Competition Winners



**Christmas Lights**  
There will be no competition this year for the Christmas Lights in Tooraweenah.  
It would be wonderful to see people continue to put their lights up without the pressure of being in a competition.



### Tooraweenah Show Garden Competition

Congratulations to the winners for this year's competition.

**Best Garden**

David and Donna Burns

**Best Feature garden**

Yvonne Woolsey

**Most Colourful Garden**

Beverly, (pictured) and Geoff Pike



Left, Barrel Racing competitor kicks up the dust in the Rodeo arena.



Right part of the Pavillion exhibition



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

Preschool friends have been very happy to be back after a fun school holiday period, with new friends Lottie and Colton enjoying all of our activities and experiences, along with other preschoolers.

There has been lots of conversations about harvest and farm machinery, so, we explored the concept of 'Machines' even further, discovering that there are lots of things in our world and environment that we use every day, both big and little, that are also 'machines'.



Making 'Safe Hands' Ben, Maggie, Malia & Sophie.

We have talked about staying safe, particularly when we've been discussing machines and harvest. All our friends have been working very hard on their 'safe handprints' where they named five people who 'help keep them safe' on their fingers, before drawing, and cutting them out.



Lacey and Isaiah experimenting and enjoying 'Dish Mop' painting, making lovely patterns.

We have experimented with other forms of art and painting, including dish mop painting, using water colours and pastels for something different.

Friends have been building and creating machines with the Mobilo construction, and we've also had fun with the train

track set up on the small world play table. Car wheel printing and fly swat painting have been very popular as have our new puzzles that Miss Marie received recently when she was in Brisbane. That was certainly an exciting



Matilda bandaging Ally.

parcel to open, with friends eager to challenge themselves to complete some puzzles that were even 'trickier! We have enjoyed playing with the new Aboriginal symbols matching game, and the larger symbols on wooden tiles that we can 'trace' – both with our fingers and for art/craft.

We have enjoyed the sunshine outside, seeing how clever we are at balancing on various obstacle courses, checking and watering our plants, especially now that the warmer weather is here, enjoying machines and other play in the

sandpit and blowing lots of bubbles together and chasing them around the playground!

There has been a lot of dramatic play with some very busy doctor's and nurses in our preschool hospital tending to many 'wounded' patients with broken arms and legs, as well as fun 'super

heroes' dramatic play games with princesses and police officers. Friends who are moving on to formal school next year are now participating in the 'Big School' programme, a pre-literacy and

pre-numeracy program written by Miss Marie, every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. This is instead of having 'chill out' and reading books quietly. We have enjoyed some patterning and counting games as well as fun 'Bingo' to really test everyone's skills!

**Preschool Open Day will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 11am in conjunction with Connect Five Playgroup.** This is a great way for new children and families to come and see our indoor and outdoor learning environments and find out more about preschool. Enrolment Packages will be available too.

**The 2025 Enrolment Packages will also be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, at both Preschool and from Lester and Helen at the Tooraweenah Post Office/Rohr's. (Thank you Lester and Helen). If they could be returned to preschool by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, this will help with finalising next year's groups.** If you have a child aged 3, 4 or 5 and you'd like to find out more about preschool, please don't hesitate to contact me at preschool 6848 1060 Tuesday to Friday, 8am-4pm, and/or come along to our Open Day. We'd love to see you there!

**Our Preschool Christmas Concert in the Park will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. Keep an eye out for more information in the next edition of 'The Toora Bungles.' Everyone is most welcome to join us.**

Have a fabulous November everyone!



Sophie & Maggie testing their skills with new Aboriginal art picture puzzles, while Princess Hannah watches on.



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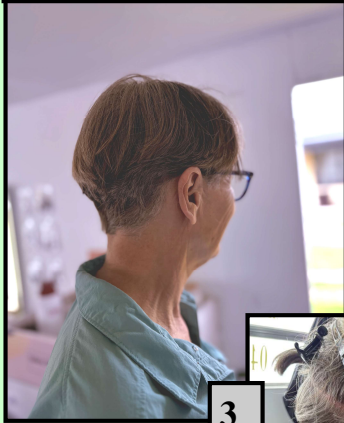


Yard Dog Trials local winners: Bret French, Matilda Taylor, Sharon Cardwell, Toby Cruickshank, Judge, Adrian Newton.



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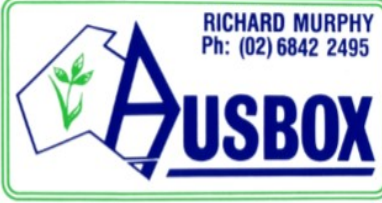


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