

TOONGABBIE NEWS

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Mothers Day Classic - Walk or Run for Breast Cancer Research 2019.

Karen Blomquist

Photo: Sandra Shumski

This was our 6th Mothers Day Classic and record entries of 330 were received for the walk along the Gippsland Plains Rail from Toongabbie to Glengarry. Thank you all for supporting the event. Our estimated monies raised is close to \$10,000. A fabulous achievement.

A special thank you to Wellington Latrobe Lions Club, Latrobe City Council, Wilsons Property and our

small committee of volunteers and to all our other valued sponsors who contribute to this event. More photos on pages



Toongabbie Township Forum

On the 9th May the Toongabbie Township Group held a public forum to determine priority of works to be completed in Toongabbie over the coming years. Approximately 40 community members attended.

An exercise led by Tracey Anton was held using butchers paper where people were asked to nominate their priorities around items grouped under various headings. These included infrastructure, public building maintenance, bushfire management, project opportunities, communications, environment, roads/pathways and drains.

At the end of the meeting the Township Group President, Tim Paulet summarised the outcomes via a show of hands to determine the top three issues. One, safety of the school crossing on Main Road, two, mobile phone blackspot and three, painting of the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute.

The **Toongabbie News** is produced by the Toongabbie Township Group who welcome news and photographs from community groups, clubs and individuals.

Please send text and photos as separate attachments by email to the Editor, Ann Berrett at **annber2016@outlook.com**

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THE SPRING EDITION

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for all contributions is

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6TH, 2019**

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TOONGABBIE RECREATION RESERVES NEWS

Graham Berrett

The Committee continues to be proactive in maintaining and improving the Crown Land areas that we manage. This year with the assistance of a Latrobe City Minor Capital Works Grant we have repainted the BBQ area and installed a kitchen under the Grand Stand at the Village Green.

This year we are planning to apply for a Minor Capital Works Grant for repair of the three boardwalks at the Village Green. These are many years old and now in a deteriorated condition. Minor Capital Works Grants are important opportunities for committees to have projects funded. Many thanks to our Councillors and Latrobe City for their support.

The Toongabbie Golf Club has applied for a Latrobe Valley Authority Grant to upgrade the irrigation system at the Club, and to connect to the water at the cricket oval. The Toongabbie Recreation Reserve have set aside funds to contribute to this project.

TOONGABBIE HISTORICAL INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS

The eleven interpretative signs have now been installed. This project was funded through the Small Towns Minor Capital Works Grant and the Toongabbie Township Group.



Many thanks to Roger Ries for managing this project and Latrobe City for the \$5000 Grant, and the Recreation Reserves Committee who contributed \$900 towards the cost.

The new signs are weatherproof and will be long lasting. Toongabbie has a long history and we are proud to display it through these signs.

TOONGABBIE MECHANICS INSTITUTE

With a history closely connected with the gold mining boom and Walhalla, Toongabbie was a busy staging post. In 1883 the Mechanics Institute was constructed. A centre for community events for many years it fell into disrepair and underwent considerable renovations in the 1990's. The Mechanics Institute is a National Trust listed building which is managed by a committee of volunteers.

The building continues to hold an important place in our community and is set up for a variety of functions and meetings. It is well known for its acoustics, stage and timber floors perfect for dancing. In more recent times the installation of a commercial kitchen and plenty of chairs and tables makes it a wonderful venue for wedding receptions or other social events.

Historic building require a lot of regular maintenance. The Committee works hard to raise money but still struggles to meet ongoing expenses. For example, a recent burst water pipe has resulted in a water bill which will be a struggle to pay.

The Committee would welcome any ideas for fund raising activities. Give our President Bev Goddard a call on 0407 842 757 or alternatively you can send off an email to Ann Berrett annber2016@outlook.com.

Bev Goddard is also the person to contact to enquire about hall hire and make a booking for your next event/function.

CWA NEWS

CARPET BOWLS—NOT JUST FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The Toongabbie branch of the Country Women's Association hold carpet bowls every Monday afternoon commencing at 1pm. Held at the Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Sports Stadium it is a very casual and friendly as well as being suitable for all ages. There is no need to worry if you have never bowled before. Instruction is available and the game is very easy to pick up.

The cost is \$2, plus bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. The building has heating and cooling, so don't worry about weather conditions on the day. This is a great way to get together and meet people from your community.

Enquiries—Call Marie Gunnulson on 5192 4774

ARTS & CRAFTS

Over the winter months each Wednesday night at 7.30pm at the Toongabbie Golf Club. Bring along your art or craft or a project you are working on that you would like to spend time on but you just don't get around to it. Tea and Coffee available. Gold Coin donation appreciated.

Toongabbie Fire Brigade

Next Meeting: Monday 15 July 7.30pm at the station. All welcome.

Winter Messages

Wood Fire Safety

How nice is it to have the wood fire going while the weather outside is wet, windy and cold. Cooler weather conditions and the winter months are one of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home and sadly, most of these fires can be prevented. Chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires so the few minutes spent now could be one of the most important fire safety actions you take this winter.

To reduce the risk of fire starting from your fireplace or wood heater you should:

- Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions.
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually.
- Only burn dry, clean wood.
- Extinguish your fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

Register your burn-off

Please register your burn-off before commencing and ensure you take the time to review whether you are properly prepared.

Register your burn

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511

- Check fire restrictions and fire danger ratings.
- Check local laws in regards to when & where you can burn off.
- Notify your neighbours.
- Never leave your burn unattended.
- Monitor weather conditions.
- Access to adequate water, at least 10 litres.

For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff



There are several ways to register your burn-off:

- Phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information OR
- Complete the Burn off Notification Form (DOC 127k) and email the form to burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au (form can be found <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>)
- Send the form to ESTA by fax: 1300 674 428 or
- National Relay Service Users can ring 1300 555 727 and ask for Information to be relayed to ESTA via 1800 668 511



@toongabbiefirebrigade

Toongabbie CFA Junior Development Program 2019

Time: 6 -7pm

Age: 11-16 year old

Cost: Free! **Term 2** - Last session June 27th

Term 3 - No Juniors

Term 4

Oct 17th, Oct 31st

Nov 14th, Nov 28th

Dec 12th



LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/LATROBE

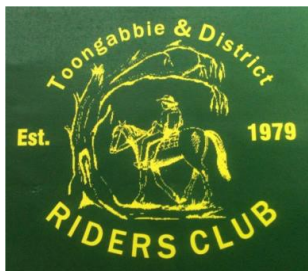
Based in Toongabbie and chartered almost 20 years ago this club is part of the largest service organisation in the world, with currently in excess of 2.5 million members worldwide.

The Wellington/Latrobe Lions Club is continually working in our community, raising funds for the many projects it supports, including assistance to farmers through need for food, supporting two local children each year to attend the Lions Licola Wilderness Camp, responding to urgent needs after bush fires, supporting the local CFA as well as our local school. There are many more charities and important needs the club supports on a continual basis.

The Club also organises and runs the Australia Day Celebrations as well as the annual carols by candle light. The Club is always ready to respond to needs as they may arise from time to time. At our local school the Club in conjunction with "FOOD BANK" runs a breakfast club on 2 days per week. A full breakfast is made available to all students(and staff if they wish every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school

The Club meets twice a month, on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 6.30 pm for a 7pm start. The first Wednesday is a dinner meeting and leans more towards the social side of Lions, whereas the second Wednesday is very much a business meeting.

Any member of the public is very welcome to come along as guests to a dinner meeting and get to know us a little better. Further information Contact the President Lion Peter Feenstra on 51924 441 or 0418 825 011



Toongabbie and District Riders Club Inc.

The Riders Club has been together for almost 40 years and still caters for a wide variety of rides and activities. Back in 1979 a small group of riders met quite regularly heading off into the nearby area and covering quite a few kms in day. These rides became quite popular and before long most of the horsey community of Toongabbie were coming along for a social ride and realized it was a great way to enjoy their horses, friends and the local countryside.

It was not long before it was decided that the club should have a name and to make it a regular advertised get together, so the Toongabbie and District Riders Club was established. The club has grown from a small group into a membership of up to 30 members. The club is now incorporated and affiliated with ATHRA –Australian Trail Horse Riders Association and any information and activities can be researched on the internet.

The club was interested in having a fun day with novelties such as bending race, flag and barrel, sack race, tyre race and the great spectator event the rescue race and rope race. The members were able to rent 10 acres joining the Recreation Reserve in Heywood Street, where a shed and an activities area were built. Also a Chuck Wagon was bought to house the BBQ and lunch making facilities. The club grounds now house a bigger shed with other facilities including- brick toilets, BBQ area, fenced areas for parking and riding. The Pony Club has since joined us at the grounds as co tenants. With thanks to grants made available through the Latrobe City, improvements have been made at the grounds including, a new entry and front fence, ménage and fencing upgrades.

Some of the horse activities that utilize the grounds today are – Pony Club, Gipps-

land Reining, horsemanship clinics, locally organized Endurance Rides, annual novelty day, dressage events and gymkhanas.

The club rides are on the first Sunday of the month except January and meetings are held at the Recreation Reserve meeting room starting at 8pm on the third Tuesday evening of the month. Riders must become members of ATHRA and there is a membership fee as well. There is a small ride fee payable on the day of the ride and members are sent a monthly newsletter via email or snail mail listing all up and coming events and information.

This year we will be celebrating our 40 year anniversary as a Riders Club. Celebrations will be over the weekend of 30th November 1st December with a ride on the Saturday and into the evening with a get together of past and present members for a dinner and catch up. We would love to see all those past members come along and join us and help us celebrate this significant milestone. Further information will be posted in the spring edition of the Toongabbie newsletter. For those that wish to attend please give Dave a call to register your intent to help with the catering.

For any information on the club and its activities then please phone:

Dave Smith 51489344 0428 515025

Photo below: Some of our members 1979, Vanessa Conn, Vicki Lewer, Sue Lansdown, Kylie, Phil, Fay and Lee Henderson, Eddy and Irene Lansdown and Graeme Affleck



The Toongabbie & District Men's Shed

members have completed a project to construct four picnic tables painted in the Wiggles' colours for the Toongabbie Children's Playgroup. The tables were delivered by Shed members and handed over to Ashley Swann, the playgroup's co-ordinator by Graham Berrett who organised the project for the Men's Shed.



Another project just completed is the restoration of a Pasquali 990 tractor that was kindly donated by Mr Peter McNabb to the Toongabbie Men's Shed last year. Shed member Stephen Bailey has spent a lot of time re-searching and sourcing parts to bring the tractor to its original condition, while Shed members have cleaned up, repaired and painted the various implements that

go with the tractor. Peter McNabb is pictured with Stephen Bailey inspecting the restored Pasquali tractor. The Men's Shed members hope to eventually sell the tractor to fund equipment and improvements to the Shed. Photos & news— David Johnston

POST OFFICE BOXES

Did you know that?

No mail delivery in Toongabbie entitles every resident to a substantial discount on the annual fee for a post office box.

Instead of the full current annual price of \$135 per year the reduced rate is \$40 per year (plus a one-off establishment fee of \$20.00).

Six months free mail redirection is also included, which is an additional saving of \$85.45.

Post office box mail is only handled once at sorting in the morning which may afford you a bit more privacy and security.

You can access your mail at any time without waiting in line.

With your permission, we can place small packages in your post office box, saving you a trip into the store.

We have 21 mail boxes available at present and we are happy to install more if required.

Feel free to come in and talk to David or Jenelle if you require any further information.



Ever thought about playing golf?

Trevor Dalach

Golf is a game that people of all ages and all abilities can enjoy: it's social and it's great exercise!

Toongabbie's very own golf club is a great place to try your hand. Our \$15 green fees are half the price of the major clubs and, unlike at those larger clubs, you can play at Toongabbie pretty much whenever you want. The 18 hole course is quite flat and provides a pleasant and easy walk. It's not a daunting course for a beginner, yet it provides a good challenge for the better player.

Have you been thinking of joining a golf club but not quite been able to take the plunge?

If you've been hesitant to join a golf club because of the expense or because you're not sure if you will feel comfortable or you're worried that you might not fit in, then Toongabbie Golf Club could be just what you are looking for.

We are a small and friendly club and always warmly welcome new members. At \$240 per year, our members enjoy the lowest fees of any club in the region and we have players at all skill levels, so you will always be able to play with people you feel comfortable playing with.

Playing regularly with others helps to improve your game and joining a local club helps you to develop friendships and become an active member of our community. Becoming a member allows you to join in competitions as well as play socially. You will establish a handicap that also allows you to play in competitions at other clubs.

You can email us at tgc3856@gmail.com or phone us on 51924755. If we're not there, leave a message and we'll get back to you



TOONGABBIE & DISTRICT PONY CLUB NEWS

The Pony Club is located on Recreation Reserve land, on grounds shared with the Toongabbie & District Riders Club. Originally named the Glengarry & District Pony Club and located on the Mavis Whateley Reserve at the end of Cemetery Road, Toongabbie, the club relocated to its present site in 2003.

The Club has developed facilities at the grounds to include a club shed with kitchen and extension to store equipment. Improvements such as day yards, a large panelled round yard and sand arena make the grounds the envy of many equine groups who hire the grounds for their activities.



We are active in fund raising to provide quality instruction for our members and to maintain and further improve the facilities. The Club also has access to the Old Water Reserve land and are developing a cross country jumps course on it. The Club is small with 16 riding members, currently ranging from ages 6 to 17 years. Rallys are held each month on the 3rd Sunday and new members and their families are always welcome.

You can come and observe what we do; you can sign up for a Come and Try with your horse (fee is applicable), or you can pay membership straight up. We have four one hour sessions—2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. Lunch can be purchased at the canteen. So come along, introduce yourself or give our President, Rhonda Hunter a call on 0419 132 858. Group photo taken by Rhonda at the June Rally. Celebrating 80 years of Pony Club in Australia. Article—Rhonda Hunter.