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The Toongabbie Township Group has been successful in acquiring a grant through the Latrobe City Council 2021/22 Community Grant Program—Community Wellbeing—Round One. We have received \$1000 which will go towards costs of publishing our quarterly newsletter “Toongabbie News” for another year. This will take us up and include our Spring Edition in 2022.

We would like to acknowledge the Latrobe City for their contribution and support of this project.

We print off 100 hard copies of the newsletter which are available free of charge from the Toongabbie General Store. If you miss out on a hard copy you can go to the Toongabbie website and read and download each edition.

I would like to thank Max Bridges (MJB Printing for printing each edition for us and look forward to continuing to work with Max over the next 12 months to get each edition out.

Wishing all readers and contributors a happy and safe holiday season.



TOONGABBIE & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED NEWS

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ith some normality coming back to our lives with covid restrictions being eased, members at the Toongabbie & District Shed have been able to hold their 2021 Annual Meeting. Office bearers for the year are President Colin Gardner, Vice President Graham Berrett, Secretary David Johnston and Treasurer Margaret Foulds. Thank you to Ian Affleck for his time as vice president and work over the past three years.

Through a successful application for a Latrobe City Minor Equipment Grant and funding by the Men's Shed members, a Sherwood Cast – Iron Industrial Router Table has been ordered to complement the wood working facilities at the Shed.



The Toongabbie & District Men's Shed executive and members would like to acknowledge the support of the Latrobe City Council through their grant funding, which enables community organisations to prosper and contribute to building better, healthier communities.

Over the past month, thanks to Colin Gardner, Terry Foulds and Rodney Male for making numerous trips to Loch Sport to pick up kindly donated equipment and materials from a deceased estate that includes sets of storage draws containing a large range of screws, nuts and bolts as shown in the photo.

Terry again has been busy with the help of Mark digging the foundations for a table at the bench seat in the front of the Shed that will enable members to enjoy a break in the sunshine. The Victorian Men's Shed Association's Field Officer for the Latrobe Valley, Cameron Thomson was able to inspect the project with members on a visit to the Shed with a questionnaire to assess the needs for tutoring in the use of smart phones, tablets, computers and smart televisions to engage in electronic banking, social media and the internet.

New members, male and female are always welcome, drop in have a chat and see what there is to offer.

The opening times of the Shed are now every Wednesday 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Friday 2.00 pm till required and any other time by arrangement.

For more information please contact Colin on 0427 489 349.

*Pictured above is the donated cabinet & drawers.
Photo on right—Terry, Cameron, Colin & Malcolm.*



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Strategic fuel breaks: part of managing bushfire risk in Gippsland

The 257-kilometre strategic fuel break between Cowwarr and Bruthen was upgraded earlier this year as part of the Victorian Government's state-wide strategic fuel break and mechanical works program.

A Strategic Fuel Break (SFB) is a strip of land where vegetation has been permanently modified to reduce the rate of spread and intensity of fire for the direct protection of assets and to assist fire control.

Strengthening and expanding Victoria's network of strategic fuel breaks is one of the key actions to form DELWP's Advanced Forest and Fire Management strategy - designed to reduce the risk and impacts of more frequent, intense, and damaging bushfires under a changing climate.

The Cowwarr to Bruthen SFB provides protection for communities and industry in and around some of Gippsland's highest fire risk areas, which are bordered by extensive forest such as Briagolong and Valencia Creek. It is designed to create a safe boundary for fire fighters to use for indirect attack on large fires.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is delivering 300 kilometres of fuel breaks this financial year along Gippsland's existing road and track network where possible.

The SFB's have been thoroughly assessed as providing the greatest risk reduction to the highest bushfire risk communities, assets, and landscapes, whilst considering impacts on species diversity, cultural heritage and tenure.

The proposed SFB network has been identified through a detailed process of analysis, data validation and consultation with agency partners and stakeholders with expertise in emergency and forest fire management.

Strategic fuel breaks are proposed from Cowwarr Road to Blue Rock Dam to help suppress fires before they exit the public land estate and impact on communities such as Toongabbie and agricultural land in the Latrobe Valley.

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For more information about the broader fuel management program and for maps and plans that include SFB's please visit www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program

For more information, please contact Kate McKenzie, Partnerships and Engagement Officer- Strategic Fuel Breaks Gippsland at sfb.gippsland@delwp.vic.gov.au

Figure 1: Map of the Cowwarr-Bruthen Strategic Fuel Break – Gippsland Bushfire Management Strategy 2021, Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning, Safer Together.



Photo 1: A section of the completed Cowwarr to Bruthen strategic fuel break.

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TOONGABBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2021 has had its challenges for all staff, students and our families, with the moving to and from remote learning. However, I would like to take this opportunity to say that we have all managed the transitions very well and that the children have shown great resilience in maintaining their learning within the different settings. Our families are to be commended for the amazing work that they have done to support their children whilst learning from home but, we are glad that everyone has returned to school.

SCHOOL GARDENS

With all the hard work that the children put in last term filling up our planter boxes and planting the seeds, we are beginning to see some rewards for our efforts.

The children have enjoyed a bit of fresh lettuce and our radish patch was emptied this week, with lots of crunching going on.

Each class has also enjoyed having a cooking session where they used the produce from our gardens to make lunch for the school and hold a special breakfast for Walk to School Day. The Senior school cooked, delicious pasta, the Middle school made quiche and the Junior school made orange and apple cake.

Being a Persistent Learner



Each term the school focus' on developing children's social skills and wellbeing based on our School Values. Our focus value for this term is Be a Persistent Learner.

During first term students are introduced to the concept of having a Growth Mindset. To support this concept, they investigated 'The Learning Pit', which explains what happens when you are challenged with new learning, and 'the Power of Yet.' 'The Power of Yet,' is based on self talk when struggling to learn something new. These concepts are continually used throughout the year to support students to overcome being 'stuck.'

As a Persistent Learner, students will investigate and learn about the following concepts throughout the term: Review and further investigate the elements of how persistence with learning supports their growth, Personal Strengths, the impact of a Healthy Lifestyle and Diet, Stress management, Self-reflection on their growth and the choices they have made that have impacted on this.

Some poetry to share

fly
Buzz buzz zip zap
ugh a fly, I better
catch that fly bash
bong crack got it.

Christmas
Crack crack clang
I need to set up
clang crack
for Christmas.
Hi Santa

By Jesse Unthank

Chasing Thunder and
Lighting
Bang boom
I bet you don't know
bang boom
what I'm doing chasing
bang boom
thunder and lightning.

By Maylee



Transition

Our school transition program is well under way for new students who will commence in 2022.

For several students, they are following their siblings into the school, however for a few they are the first. We are excited to have you join us and are relishing in supporting your growth.

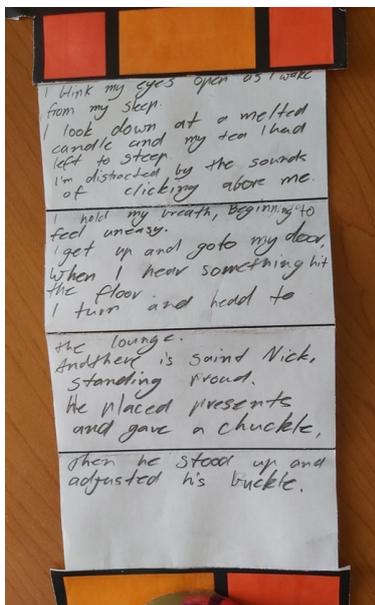
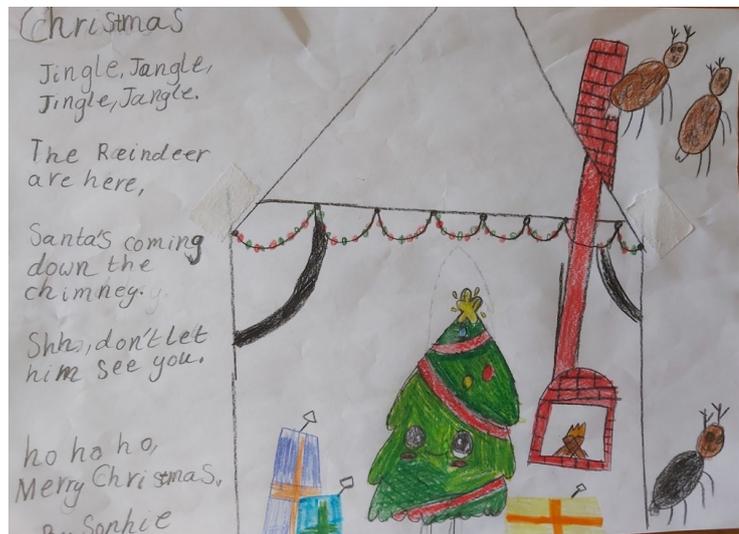
For enrolments or any further information regarding the school, please contact us on 51925384 or email:

toongabbie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

At this time of year, we sadly farewell those moving on to other schools. We are saying goodbye to our Grade 6 students who have made wonderful contributions to our school throughout the year. They have proved worthy role models and have fulfilled various leadership positions in our school. We wish the best for all students who are moving on and hope that you continue to be successful learners.

*Toongabbie Primary School Staff wish the community
a wonderful Christmas and a Happy 2022.*

Some more poetry to share





NEWS FLASH!

**An nbn™
Sky Muster™
Satellite &
WiFi installation was recently completed at the Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Stadium/Community Hall.**

LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/LATROBE INC

The

club is slowly getting back into the swing of things with the relaxation of some of the Covid restrictions.

As you would expect, our normal ways of fundraising almost ceased to exist for the greater part of the year, not only does this affect the club badly, our lack of funds has a flow on affect throughout the wider community, to put it simply, **we can not give away that which we do not have!**

The club is now gearing up for Christmas, with Christmas cakes and Christmas Raffle tickets now available for sale, you can find the cakes in various shops, including of course the very friendly Toongabbie General Store, the store also has raffle tickets for sale.

We have had a small Changeover Dinner, with Lion Peter Feenstra continuing on as President/Secretary, Lion Margaret Foulds as 1st VP and Lion Joy McLoughlin continuing in her important role as club treasurer

On a much brighter note, our club is taking part in the Lions World Wide Peace Poster Competition

The theme for this year is “**WE ARE ALL CONNECTED**” despite the many Covid restrictions our peace poster chairperson, Lion Margaret Foulds was able to get some of the cubs and scouts from the Glengarry Scouts involved and we are delighted to announce that **Violet Unthank** of Toongabbie was our winner for this year, her magnificent Peace Poster was duly forwarded to Lions 201V3 District Governor, Steven Boyce for further judging and possibly Violet’s Poster may be in the running to be the eventual WORLD WIDE winner.

Congratulations Violet, we all wish you luck for future judging’s and irrespective of the outcome, you have a great talent, **WELL DONE VIOLET!**

Peter Feenstra CF

Club President

