

# TOONGABBIE NEWS

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In 1866 and Toongabbie was a new town, just four years old, a town with some people in it who wanted an education for their children. It was suggested that the town should have a public school. It was after all a post town and there were 65 young children in the area, forty of them under eight.

This was a time of rural expansion. In the 1860's, Australian farm produce began to find a world market and selectors were pushing out into the rural areas. Then in 1863, gold was discovered at Stringer's Creek, and from the mines there they kept contact with the rest of the world through Port Albert - passing through Toongabbie on the way with packhorses and mules. People were soon settled at Toongabbie to set up stores and

accommodation for travellers.

The town was laid out and surveyed in 1864, and by 1866, they needed a school.

By 1866, Cobb and Co. were running coaches from Rosedale to Toongabbie. The area was developing rapidly.

On their own initiative, the Toongabbie folk went ahead and rented a temporary building for their school. A dozen "scholars" were installed in 1866, learning from a set of Nelson's school text books.

The next step was to build a real school. There was a proper procedure to follow, under the Common Schools Act of 1862. This Bill "for the better management and establishment of common schools in Victoria" had laid the foundations of

the system. Under this law, all schools receiving State aid were to be called "Common Schools." There was to be no assistance for schools with an attendance lower than 40 - a rule which must have hit small rural communities hard. Toongabbie was fortunate in having enough young people to qualify for aid. The name "Common School" was not liked in Victoria, but the rules were strict and the Board insisted that each school display the title in large letters.

For more info on our town school check out the link below.

*Information sourced from:*

<http://www.toongabbieps.vic.edu.au/history.html>



**We are now accepting enrolments for 2023.**

Please contact the school 51924384 for further information or to book a tour. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or Glengarry Kindergarten.

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, Shazelle Witt at [shazelle@scsgraphicdesigns.com](mailto:shazelle@scsgraphicdesigns.com)

Clearly written or printed material will also be accepted and can be posted to The Editor, Toongabbie News, PO Box 44, Toongabbie 3856.

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## THE AUTUMN EDITION DEADLINE

For all contributions is  
Last week of FEB, 2023

Want to see more community news? Visit the websites below [www.toongabbie.vic.au](http://www.toongabbie.vic.au) or at [www.facebook.com/toongabbievicau](https://www.facebook.com/toongabbievicau)

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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 this year to get each edition out.

### Do you have experience of bushfires in Gippsland? Do you have photos, videos or stories you'd like to share with the Gippsland community?

The Community Bushfire Connection and Social Pinpoint websites are the perfect platforms for you to not only share your experiences and media, but also learn from others about how fires have impacted local communities and environments, and to celebrate resilience.

Check out these community resources here:

<https://www.communitybushfireconnection.com.au/>

<https://wbwc.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/gippsland-bushfires>

**SHARE YOUR STORY**

Contribute to a new community resource:

- Read local stories from past bushfire seasons
- Access resources
- Share your experience through images, accounts, videos etc.
- Visit your community page

Head to:  
[communitybushfireconnection.com.au](http://communitybushfireconnection.com.au)

SAFER TOGETHER

# Local Events

## TOONGABBIE'S WORLD FAMOUS



# AUCTION

IT'S BACK! THE TOONGABBIE RECREATION RESERVES COMMITTEE INC. PRESENTS THE TOONGABBIE ANNUAL MACHINERY SALE AND AUCTION, COMPRISING FARM MACHINERY, CARS, CARAVANS, BOATS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS BOOKS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FURNITURE ANTIQUES COLLECTABLES AND SUNDRIES ALL FOR GENUINE SALE

**SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER  
2022 – 10.30AM START**

BETTER THAN A GARAGE SALE - LARGE ITEMS FOR SALE SHOULD BE BOOKED ASAP WITH THE COMMITTEE TO ENSURE FREE ADVERTISING - CALL 5192 4435 OR 5192 4567

BUYER NUMBER SYSTEM APPLIES - TERMS CASH, EFTPOS OR CHEQUE WITH ID - GATES OPEN 8AM

STALL SITES AVAILABLE FOR THE DAY - \$15 EACH CALL 5192 4702 TO BOOK - TRESTLES SUPPLIED!  
FULL CATERING - MORNING TEAS AND LUNCH!

LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/LATROBE INC

THE GREAT VICTORIAN ELECTION BBQ



COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT BACON AND EGG SANDWICH,  
A SAUSAGE IN BREAD (with or without onions)  
OR EVEN

**"ONE WITH THE LOT"**

There will be food and drinks available from 8am onwards



SAUSAGES IN BREAD \$3.50 – BACON AND EGG SANDWICHES \$4.00 ALL WITH OR WITHOUT SAUCE AND DRINKS AT \$2.00 A CAN

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB WHILE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE!

WELLINGTON/LATROBE  
LIONS CLUB INC

2022 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



We Serve

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE

A WHEELBARROW FULL OF  
CHRISTMAS GOODIES

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE

A BASKET FULL OF GREAT THINGS  
FOR CHRISTMAS

**TICKETS \$2.00**

RAFFLE DRAWN ON SATURDAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2PM  
AT THE TOONGABBIE GENERAL STORE

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
LIONS CLUB  
ALMOST ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE  
RETURNED TO YOUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY

AN OTHER GREAT WELLINGTON/LATROBE LIONS CLUB  
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/LATROBE

## CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

VILLAGE GREEN TOONGABBIE (COWEN STREET)

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

FROM 4 PM

MARKET STALLS AVAILABLE @ \$10.00

STALL HOLDERS TO SET UP FROM 3 PM

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ON 0400672739 TO BOOK YOUR STALL  
STALL HOLDERS TO LODGE THEIR STALL THROUGH STREATERDR  
STALL HOLDERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN INSURANCE AND COVID REQUIREMENTS

THERE WILL BE A LION'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND HEAPS OF GREAT STALLS

BOOK YOUR STALL NOW AND MARK THIS DAY ON YOUR DIARY





**NOVEMBER  
19TH**

**6.30pm**

# POT & PARMA NIGHT

**\$20 a head**  
Kids eat FREE  
Spinning wheel  
Members Draw



RSVP at 0431310955



*Toongabbie  
Cricket Club Presents*  
**The Toongabbie  
Community  
Christmas  
Party**  
**17**  
DECEMBER  
2022  
**6PM**

**BBQ DINNER | \$15 A HEAD**  
**KIDS EAT FREE | KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**WITH SPECIAL  
GUEST SANTA**  
RSVP - 0431310955

**TOONGABBIE CRICKET CLUB**

# MOWER CUP



SPINNING WHEEL | JUMPING CASTLE | BBQ LUNCH

## \$1500 FIRST PRIZE

**PLACE YOUR STAKE  
WHERE YOU THINK  
THE MOWER  
WILL STOP**



**12TH FEB 2023 | 12PM**  
**3 HOURS OF FREE  
BEER/WINE/SOFTDRINK**

Bus from Traralgon to town, Leaving Bowls club at 11.45  
returning back to Traralgon at 5pm  
FOR TICKET INQUIRIES CALL 0424700047



**Have an upcoming event for  
Autumn?**  
Make sure you submit your event to  
ensure it is placed in the newsletter  
for additional FREE exposure

**The Wellington - Latrobe Lions Club meet  
the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
The first Wednesday is a dinner meeting.  
New Members always welcome!**

**The Friends of the Toongabbie Wetlands meets on  
the second Thursday of the month at 2pm at the  
Mechanics Institute and would welcome any new  
attende with open arms.**

Welcome to the next edition of our school news. Since the last Toongabbie News, we have been very busy with lots of special events and upgrades around our school.

A big highlight for us was our **Whole School Camp at Forest Lodge**. On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August all of students from foundation to Grade six and the staff headed off to Forest Lodge Farm for three days. We had so much fun canoeing, going on the giant swing and the flying fox, building huts, running over the haybales and lots of other things. We were able to access the camp for all families at no cost due to the government Posi-start program.



Whilst we were on camp our **basketball courts** and our **shade sails** were installed. Although the lines and finishing coat has not yet been put on our court it has been well used by all the children. The courts will be finished in the next few weeks. The two courts have reversible netball and basketball rings, tennis, and provision for volleyball. We are looking forward to having them finished off but have made fantastic use of them over the past weeks when the grounds have been so wet.



We also had a visit from some of the **South East Melbourne Phoenix** Basketball players, who ran an hour session with all of the children. They learnt how to do different skills and played some 2v2. The children even got a singlet, if they wanted one, that the players signed for them. Thanks to Miss F for organising this fantastic event.



The Shade sails make our courtyard look fabulous. We are just waiting on the paving being levelled before we move our outdoor furniture back. Our outdoor sensory garden is also coming along with the sensory board installed and the area well mulched.

At the end of this year, we will farewell eight Grade six students. We wish them well for their future and hope to hear how they are going. It is a privilege to watch them grow academically, physically and socially, throughout their school life. We are welcoming eight new Foundation students to the school for the 2023 year. They have commenced their transition to school.

New Enrolments from Foundation to Grade six are welcomed for the 2023 year.

# Toongabbie & District Men's Shed News

It has been a busy time for the Toongabbie & District Men's Shed with members pulling down and removing the old Toongabbie Tennis Shed for the Reserves Committee. Thank you to the Reserves Committee for the opportunity to be take part in this project.

Members have repaired small children's chairs for the Toongabbie & District Playgroup Committee and are also constructing two bench seats that will be erected by members at the group's playground area. Thank you to the members who have been involved in the projects and to Ian for the donation of the timber for the benches.

The Toongabbie & District Men's Shed will again have a stall at the Wellington / Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Market and members are busy making items to sell at the stall and to promote the Men's Shed.

With the help of Cameron Thomson, the Victorian Men's Shed Association's Field Officer for the Latrobe Valley, an application for a grant to the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) has been successful to supply and erect a mobile phone booster at the Shed, to give a reliable phone service that will allow an internet service and ensure a safer environment for members and the community.



Pictured: Self watering garden beds

We would like to acknowledge the support of the "Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal" in aiding and growing small rural communities to help them prosper and be better places.

The members of the Newborough Men's Shed generously donated two self-watering garden beds that they have been constructing and transported and set them up at our Shed, as well as funds to purchase seedlings to plant in the beds. Members have planted vegetable seedlings and seeds in the beds and we look forward to plenty of vegetables to share.



Pictured: Demolition of old tennis shed.

**The opening times of the Shed are every Wednesday  
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm, Friday 2.00 pm till required.**

**Any other time by arrangement.**

**For more information please contact  
Colin on 0427 489 349.**

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

# Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe inc News

The club still has 12 members, with a possible new member attending the October dinner meeting.

We have been kept fairly busy of late, firstly with a Queen's 70th Jubilee tree planting at the village green on the 4th of September, when a commemorative PIN OAK tree was planted

Latrobe City Mayor, Kellie O'Callaghan officiated, unfortunately, this historic function was not well attended by the general public despite a delicious afternoon tea being served and the function being well advertised throughout the community. Obviously, it was always going to be difficult to arrange considering the only date available to us was also Father's Day!

Aurora Shaw from Rosedale won the Queen's Corgi colouring in competition and was duly presented with a \$10.00 gift voucher

Lions BBQ's - We are still not able to resume our regular Woolworth's BBQ's due to their major store refurbishing, this has caused a temporary loss of carparking spaces, as such they can't spare the space for us to be there, hopefully we'll be back there some time in December.



Aurora Shaw's winning Corgi Colouring competition entry



Lions President Peter Feenstra and Latrobe City Mayor, Kellie O'Callaghan

We are however managing to join the Glengarry markets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, so come and see us there for a great bacon and egg breakfast or our world-famous sausage and onion sangers.

We also took on the responsibility of having our flag at half-mast at the Mechanics Hall during the mourning period after the death of our much-loved Queen Elizabeth the 2nd. This was a rather sad duty to have to perform.

Our next BIG function will be the annual Christmas Twilight Market on Sunday the 11th December from 4pm onwards.

Please contact Chris on 0400672739 if you'd like to book a stall.

For stall holders who do not have the required insurance, Chris can give you the appropriate form so you can arrange insurance just for the day through the Latrobe City Council

The club also held a very enjoyable changeover dinner at Victoria Rose in Rosedale, so all office bearers for the new Lions Year have been settled and its full steam ahead for the new lion's year

Peter Feenstra  
Club President

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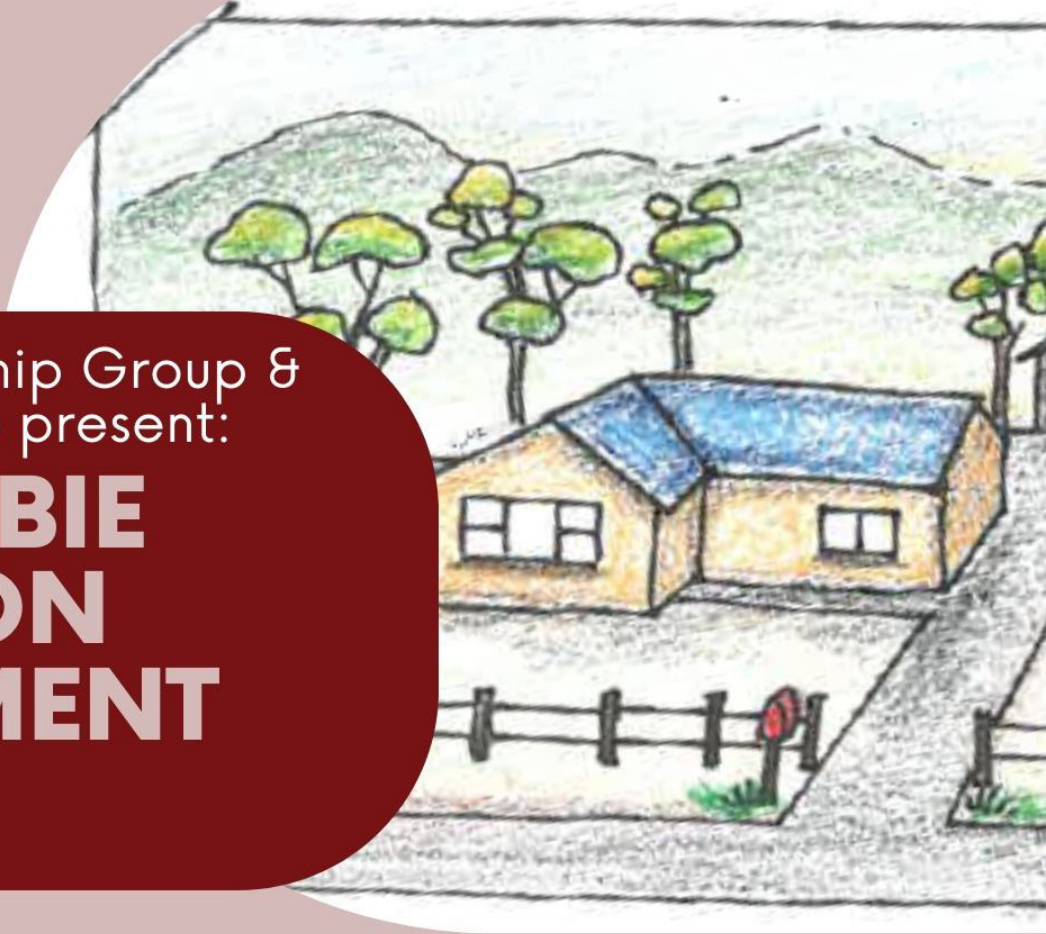


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Toongabbie Township Group & CBBM are proud to present:

# TOONGABBIE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT EXPO

## BUSHFIRE SEASON IS APPROACHING

This Expo is **your** opportunity to talk to vegetation management specialists about getting your property prepared for bushfire season, and to learn about how risk is being managed in the local landscape.

- What clearing am I allowed to do?
- What can I do to reduce chances of house ignition during a bushfire?
- How do I report a fire hazard on surrounding land?
- What fuel reduction burns are planned near Toongabbie?
- What does a fire prevention notice mean?

**13 NOVEMBER 2022 | 10AM-1PM**

**MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE HALL, TOONGABBIE**

### Stall Holders:

- CFA Vegetation Management
- Latrobe City Council
- Wellington Shire Council
- DELWP/Forest Fire Management Victoria
- and more!



Lions BBQ 11-1pm  
Door prizes to be won!

Proudly supported by **BUNNINGS warehouse**

