

TOONGABBIE NEWS

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140 Years young - The Mechanics Institute is celebrating another milestone birthday. What better way to celebrate than with a live concert! Join the Strzelecki Stringbusters on

Saturday 20th May for a night of live music and dancing. Funds raised will go towards repairs and maintenance for our grand lady that is the Mechanics Institute.

Tickets need to be pre-ordered as there won't be any sold at the door.

Check out page 3 for more details.

Proposed Cenotaph in Toongabbie

The Toongabbie Township Group (TTG) is seeking community feedback on a proposed cenotaph to be located at the Village Green near the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute.

Hopefully the TTG can secure grant funding for the cenotaph to be in place for the 2024 Anzac Day Dawn Service.

Information for the cenotaph is being collated from sources such as the Toongabbie history book, honour boards

from the Mechanics Institute, local knowledge and searching the National Archives of Australia.

If you would like more information, or would like to provide feedback/ ideas please email toongabbietg@gmail.com or come along to one of the TTG meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute meeting room.



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 E: toongabbieneews@gmail.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 WINTER EDITION DEADLINE

For all contributions is
FRIDAY 19th May, 2023

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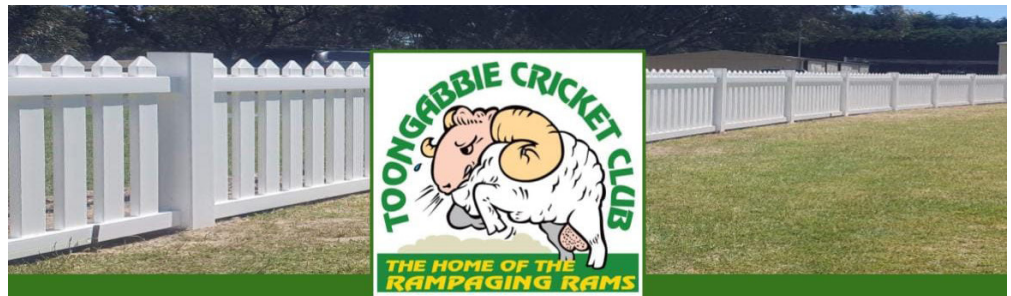
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The Toongabbie Township Group has been successful in acquiring a grant through the Latrobe City Council 2022/23 Community Grant and Sponsorship Round 1—Community Wellbeing Grant Program. We have received \$2,000 which will go towards costs of publishing our quarterly newsletter “Toongabbie News” in 2023. Printed copies of the newsletter are available free of charge from the Toongabbie General Store with all editions uploaded to the Toongabbie website (<https://toongabbie.vic.au/newsletter/>).

We would like to acknowledge the Latrobe City for their financial contribution and extend a huge thank-you to the volunteers that make this newsletter possible.



CEMENT YOUR SPOT IN TOONGABBIE CRICKET CLUB HISTORY!

You may have noticed that the Roger Ries Oval has been getting some upgrades with a new boundary fence being installed by club volunteers.

Thus far, the new fence has been funded by Latrobe City Council grants, the Small Town Committee, Toongabbie Rec Reserve Committee and Toongabbie Cricket Club.

We would like to offer current, past members and community members the opportunity to purchase a paling or section of fence.

This is a wonderful opportunity to commemorate your part in Toongabbie history!

**FENCE PALING
\$50 EACH**

**SECTION OF FENCE
\$200 EACH**

***NOTE:** Each Paling or Section of Fence will have a plaque placed on it with your name!
There is a limited amount of paling and fence sections available for purchase.

To Secure a Fence Paling or Section of Fence with your name on it, contact:
Michael Dunn - 0407 420 214
Tim Dunn - 0408 245 111

Upcoming Events

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

25th APRIL

6.00am

Tuesday 25 April

Toongabbie Village Green



It's the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute 140th birthday this year!

To help celebrate, The Strzelecki Stringbusters are playing to raise funds for the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute on our very special 140th birthday.

Saturday 20th May, music from 7 PM.

\$20 per Ticket General Admission (standing) or

\$180 per Table includes 6 entry tickets

Drinks available at the bar. No BYO alcohol

BBQ food available to be purchased from Lions club of Wellington/Latrobe.

Doors open from 6pm, with the show to kick off at 7pm

Pre purchased tickets are essential, No door sales.

Seating places are limited to this amazing event.

Please contact Jeremy for further info or local ticket sales on 0408 770 460 or toongabbie.mechanics.institute@gmail.com



GET ACTIVE
FOR BREAST
CANCER
RESEARCH

Sunday 14th May – Mothers Day Classic Walk or Run for Breast Cancer Research – raising funds for Breast Cancer Research along the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail.

The Traralgon Toongabbie event is now in its 10th year and just keeps getting better and better each year thanks to the continued community support.

The only Mother's Day Classic of its kind to have two starting points, **Toongabbie Fire Station and Burnets Road Traralgon**, participants can walk, run, or cycle along the beautiful Gippsland Plains Rail Trail which will finish at the Glengarry Railway Station for a morning of celebration including prizes, BBQ Breakfast by Wellington Latrobe Lion's Club and coffee at Platform 3854.

The morning will also reflect on the importance of the event which is to raise awareness and much needed funds for breast cancer.

Early registration please to : Mother's Day Classic Traralgon Toongabbie.

Refer to our facebook page for further updated information: [mcdtoongabbie](https://www.facebook.com/mcdtoongabbie)

Or contact Karen on 0467 030 791



TOONGABBIE TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

Tues 4th April 7.30pm
Mechanics Hall Meeting Room
All are Welcome

FREE CHAINSAW COURSES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE BEING CALLED FOR CHAINSAW COURSES TO BE RUN APRIL - JUNE 2023
CROSSCUT - OPERATE & MAINTAIN CHAINSAWS

The courses will be free for participants and made possible through the Targeted Recovery Funding Initiative.

Responders will be offered a place on a first-come first-served basis.

To register your interest contact
TraralgonCRC@latrobe.vic.gov.au

COURSE CONTENT

- Choosing an appropriate chainsaw and equipment for various applications — in particular crosscutting.
- Maintaining, fuelling and cleaning of chainsaws
- Chain types and parts, selection, tension and sharpening
- Trouble shooting
- Chainsaw safety — OHS / WHS issues for chainsaw use in the workplace
- Kickback, other reactive forces and risk issues
- Cutting — body position, stance, grip and boring/plunge cuts
- Crosscut and ripping — working with logs on the ground and the various tension and compression loadings on those logs

Note from the course provider: Please note that the course is comprehensive and demanding; we ensure participants are legitimately competent before we will issue a certificate of competency. Students need to prepare properly, well before the training day, ensuring the chainsaw theory work has been completed and understood.

DURATION / CLASS DETAILS

These are one-day courses on offer, which will be conducted on a Saturday.

Five participants maximum per class. Participants MUST supply their own personal protective equipment – eye protection, hard toe boots, gloves & long pants.



Welcome to the first edition of our school news for 2023. Since the last Toongabbie News, we have been very busy with lots of special events and upgrades around our school.



Our basketball courts have been completed and look amazing.



Our school has had an external repaint, which looks bright and fresh and our courtyard area has had an upgrade with new paving and vegie beds.



This year we have welcomed Jake Valesco (Mr V) who is teaching the junior children. We have also been able to provide after school and holiday care. In2Learning is our provider and Sharon Stevenson (known as Shaz, by the children) runs this for us. Sharon has had an extended career in childcare and has also been working with us as an Education Support staff member on a casual basis.



We have been fortunate to have some special events and visits from various sporting associations to work with the children.



On Wednesday 8th February some of the Collingwood AFL Football Club players came to do football activities with us. They did some drills, like tunnelball, except you pass the footy, kicking and handball. The players who visited our school were, Ash Johnson, Brayden Maynard, Harvey Harrison and Darcy Cameron. We had lots of fun and got signatures. By Sophie & Ryder

Upcoming Events & Activities

21st March Toongabbie PS Twilight Athletics starting at 3:45 pm.

BBQ tea. All welcome. 😊

6th April Final Assembly & Easter Raffle starting at 1:20pm.



As part of our German Language program we celebrated Karneval. The day began with each grade parading in their costumes or clothes which reflected a culture or country of interest. The first day of school is very important in German speaking countries. To mark this milestone the Prep students, receive a cone filled with treats. Senior School made cones (Shultüte). These were presented to our new preps, along with a set of headphones, after the parade.



TOONGABBIE CFA

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JVDP)

Cost: FREE

You don't even need to buy a uniform! CFA provides personal protective clothing and equipment for all juniors (overalls, gloves, helmets), we only ask that Junior members wear steel capped boots (we do have spare boots that can be borrowed).

What can you expect from the JVDP?

The Toongabbie JVDP program provides a fun, safe and challenging environment for Junior members to learn the basics of being a volunteer with CFA. This includes learning to use the fire-fighting equipment, map reading, radio communication, fire-ground safety, fire behaviour and much more! Whilst Junior members are trained in using firefighting equipment they are not exposed to any live fire.

Must be aged over 11 and under 16 years to join the program.



2023 JVDP Dates

Time: 6 -7 pm
at the station

TERM 1

Mar 16, Mar 30

TERM 2

May 4, May 18
Jun 1, Jun 15

TERM 3

No Juniors

TERM 4

Oct 12, Oct 26
Nov 9, Nov 23
Dec 7

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CASSANDRA

0411 422 173

cassandra.tolsma@members.cfa.vic.gov.au

Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe inc News

As you all are aware, the Lions Club do a fair amount of fundraising around town and the greater Gippsland Area.

Whether it be Bev hassling you for raffle tickets at the local shop, a BBQ at Glengarry or general catering, we will do most things to raise some funds.

Do you know what happens to those funds?

Our club supports a lot of local organisations, such as the Toongabbie Primary School, the CFA. The Rotary house at the Hospital etc.

Some of our funds also support Lion projects Australia wide through the Australian Lions Foundation

(ALF) those funds are often used for local emergency's such as bush fires, floods etc.

We also support Lions International Foundation (LCIF)

Lions International Response to Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

The earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria devastated communities, homes and families. When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, Lions and Lions International are among the first to respond.

LCIF quickly awarded a US \$200,000 grant to the Lions in Turkey, who are providing 16 prefab container buildings to the Hatay Province in southeastern Turkey to create a Lions Village for earthquake survivors.

As relief needs continue to emerge, additional grants may be awarded. Your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund can be the difference for families struggling to cope with disasters like this one.

The LCIF also supports Australia in times of need and has been extremely generous over the years.

Our club was able to make a substantial donation to the LCIF to assist with relief efforts in Turkey

You will also be interested to know that donations to Lions are distributed on a need's basis throughout the world, with all funds donated being distributed through the various Lions District Governors, with NO funds deducted for admin or anything, every cent donated gets distributed!

We thank you, the members of our community, for your ongoing support.

As Lions are proud to say **"WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION!"**



A Lions Tent City in Turkey



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

Toongabbie Township Group News

What is the Toongabbie Township Group?

The Toongabbie Township Group (TTG) is a group of residents or property owners who advocate for and/or organise activities within the Toongabbie township that:

- Allows for sharing of information, ideas and learnings between all members and community
- Facilitates effective planning, development and implementation of community projects
- Work in partnership with other local community groups and associations



Pictured: Community Bushfire Management Expo

Achievements of the TTG in 2022 included:

- ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Continued involvement with the Community Based Bushfire Management (CBBM) project with the main activity for the year being the Toongabbie Vegetation Management Expo
- Safety in Numbers – sold solar power house numbers in conjunction with CBBM
- Published the Toongabbie News
- Maintained the Toongabbie website (toongabbie.vic.au) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/toongabbie.vic.au)
- Provided Welcome Information Packs for new residents
- Contributed grant funds to the installation of the new fence at the cricket ground
- Scoping the installation of a cenotaph at the Village Green
- Solar lights installed around town to add some Christmas sparkle

The TTG is a small committee and we would love some new members to bring ideas, provide feedback and assist in connecting the TTG with the community.

Meet: Monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

Venue: Mechanics Hall Meeting Room

Contact: toongabbietg@gmail.com



Pictured: Solar Light Program



Pictured: Christmas Light around town