

# TOONGABBIE NEWS

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## Mechanics Institute

After successfully staging the recent Stringbusters concert, the Committee is looking to plan new events to both raise much needed funds and provide fun reasons for the community to get together. The Committee is elected once each three years, and is then appointed by the Minister for Environment. The triennial meeting is fixed for the 14th June 2023. Even if you're unable to make the meeting, you might still want to join and contribute. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Be a part of the exciting plans for the future - volunteer to assist in arranging concerts and events, and see this

wonderful community asset fully utilised.

The plans for the construction of a Cenotaph adjacent to the Mechanics' Institute are well underway, as are the various activities of the Wellington Latrobe Lions Club, which meets at the meeting room.

For more information, call the President of the Mechanics' Institute Committee, Jeremy Sword.

### PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Meeting Room on **Wednesday 14th June 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.**

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee

of Management for the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Committee for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on 14th June 2023. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Mark Woods on 5192 4509.

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](mailto: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 SPRING EDITION DEADLINE**  
For all contributions is **FRIDAY 18th August, 2023**

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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.

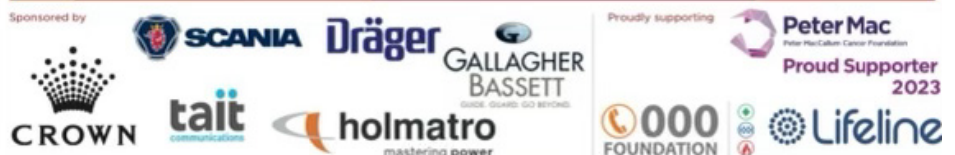
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB 2023  
2nd September 2023  
Climbing 28 floors in 25kg of gear

## SHERIDAN VENABLES AT CFA TOONGABBIE

**NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO STEP UP!**

Help us reach a goal of **\$700,000** to fight against cancer, depression, and suicide.

**DONATE NOW AT [FIREFIGHTERCLIMB.ORG.AU](http://FIREFIGHTERCLIMB.ORG.AU)**



# Upcoming Events



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!



## TOONGABBIE TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

First Tuesday of the Month  
7.30pm

Mechanics Hall Meeting Room  
All are Welcome

email: [toongabbietg@gmail.com](mailto:toongabbietg@gmail.com)

Toongabbie Mechanics Institute  
Committee Meeting  
3rd Wednesday of the month.  
7.30pm

## Toongabbie Men's 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.

## Come and Try Joey Scouts!

*Joey Scouts is Fun, Adventurous, Challenging and Inclusive for kids aged 5-7 years old.*

Where: Glengarry Scout Hall  
126-128 Main Street (corner Traralgon-Maffra Road)

When: Thursday Nights 5:15pm - 6:15pm



**Come and Try with the first 4 sessions FREE**

Enquiries:  
Joey Scout Leader: Belinda Unthank  
Ph: 0439 352 471

# Council News - A Fond Farewell

After nearly three years of being the facilitator of the Community Based Bushfire Management (CBBM) program in Toongabbie, it's my time to say goodbye! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in some way - I hope you have found it a worthwhile program. I'm personally very proud of what we've been able to work together to achieve, including:

- 'Forewarned is Forearmed' event January 2021: talks from the CFA about horses and bushfires, and from Vic Legal Aid about insurance for bushfires
- Welcome packs: booklets designed by residents filled with local knowledge about floods and fires and how Toongabbie residents can be as best prepared for a local emergency. These are still available in the general store if you missed out!
- 'Safety in Numbers' house number project with the Toongabbie Township Group
- Vegetation Management Expo November 2022

The sorts of things achieved in this program around the state led to CBBM winning the national Resilient Australia Award last year, which is a huge encouragement that the work we are doing is not only recognized but effective.

To learn more about the program in Toongabbie visit the Toongabbie page of the Community Bushfire Connection site.



And don't forget to check out the Emergency Preparedness page of the Township website: [www.toongabbie.vic.au/emergency-preparedness/](http://www.toongabbie.vic.au/emergency-preparedness/)



Special thanks to the Toongabbie Township Group, the Lions Club, the Toongabbie Rider's Club, the CFA brigade and countless individuals for contributing to their time, ideas and resources to help enhance the community's understanding of bushfire risk and its emergency preparedness.

My hope is that these sorts of events, projects and discussions can continue, and that this community can keep banding together to reduce risk and keep each other safe. Keep an eye out for the next facilitator and be sure to reach out to them if you have ideas and topics you want to work on going forward.

Thank you for having me, well done again and all the best!  
Rebekah

*From the Editor -*

*A heartfelt thank you to Bekah for the tireless work you have done for our town over the past 3 years. You have brought our town and many other small towns to the forefront with Council (rightly so).*

*Having worked with you on numerous projects for our community I can honestly say that you have been a fantastic asset to the Council and we will miss seeing your smiling face around. We wish you all the success on your new adventure.*



# Toongabbie Primary School

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of what's been happening at Toongabbie Primary School.

At Toongabbie Primary School we are extremely fortunate to have wonderful community support. We encourage and plan for activities that enable our families to share their children's school life, and for opportunities for our children to contribute back to the local and wider community through their participation in various events and activities. We invite families and the community to share and be part of children's learning. If you have a little time and would like to be part of our school community, we would love to have your support. You may like to support the breakfast club program, do a little gardening, be a mentor for a child, listen to children read or teach some children your hobby. Please, ring, email or pop in and let us know.

## Athletics



Once again, we held our twilight Athletics evening with lots of fun for the children and their families. We hold this event after school so that there is a greater opportunity for all members of the family and the community to be involved and share in the children's schooling. Due to rain, we unfortunately didn't get to run our family novelty events.

Students from grades 3-6 have since competed in the Traralgon rural Cluster district athletics, with several qualifying to compete in the division competition later in the year.

## Grandparents Day

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> May we had the privilege of having many of our Grandparents or Special Friends visiting for Grandparents Day. Everyone joined us for morning tea where we had delicious scones. The children then showed their grandparents around the school or went off to play with them. The grandparents then joined classes until lunchtime. Some did ART and PE others completed Math and writing. The children were very excited to have visitors and to share their school life with loved ones.



## ANZAC Day



Each year we take part in the local ANZAC Day services, where we lay wreaths on behalf of our school community. We attend the dawn service at Toongabbie and also take part in the March at Glengarry. All families are invited to represent our school for these events.



**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, emailed or Glengarry Kindergarten.

# Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee

The earlier part of this year has seen some significant change in the Committee. After four decades of service to the community, Graham Berrett announced his retirement as President. His time on the Committee saw a generation of significant achievement.

- The acquisition of the old Methodist Church site in Victoria Street (and its development as a wonderful playground),
- The establishment of the social rooms, and public toilets,
- The building of the Federation Grandstand at the Village Green,
- The extension of the golf course to 18 holes (and the development of subterranean irrigation),
- The resurfacing of the tennis courts,
- Establishment of the skate park,
- Installation of solar power at the community centre, and
- The building and extension of the Men's Shed are but a few.

Graham has used his time and talents to all these works from shoveling dirt, to successfully applying for grants, to dealing with bureaucratic incompetence.

His leadership legacy has been extraordinary, and the town owes him a great debt.



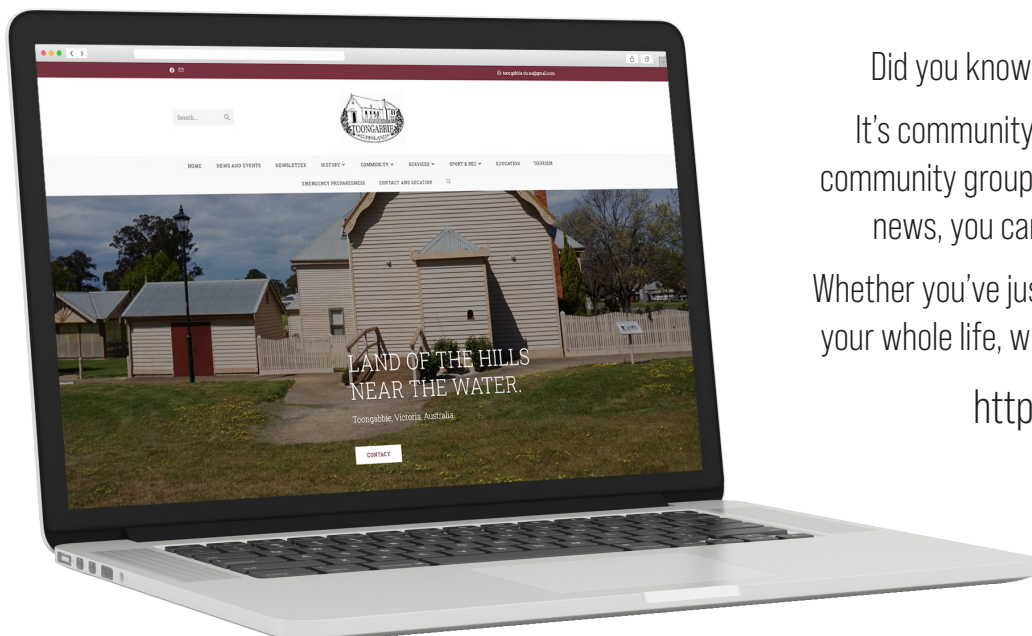
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Trevor Dalach takes over as President, and we welcome Phillip Mitchell as the newest member of the Committee. As always, the Committee wants to hear from community members.

The committee is in active negotiations with NBNCo and Optus in relation to upgrading the communication tower, and improving mobile phone coverage for the town, and providing a welcome revenue stream which will be used to continually maintain and upgrade our community facilities.

For more information, call the Secretary, Mark Woods, on 5192 4509.

## Toongabbie Website



Did you know our town sports its own website?

It's community run and gives you access to all the community groups we have in town, history, events and news, you can even read the newsletter online.

Whether you've just moved to the area or have lived here your whole life, we encourage you to check it out today.

<https://toongabbie.vic.au>

# Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe inc News

The club still has 12 members and we've been very active of late with doing regular BBQ's at the Glengarry Markets, Catering etc.

The recent highlight of course was our usual effort in supporting the Mother's Day Classic Fun Run.

This event was well supported by the Toongabbie and district community, with Lion Bev Goddard once again rising to the occasion and selling heaps of tickets for the Raffle.

The raffle raised over a thousand dollars (A BIG thank you to all who bought a ticket or two)

With all the net proceeds of the BBQ on Mother's Day being donated to this great cause as well, all in all, the Lions Club was able to make a very substantial donation to this worthy cause.

We are now starting to make plans for this year's CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET on Sunday the 10th December

Mark this day in your Diary, it will be BIG, with a lot of early interest from stall holder's already

Apart from this, the club continues doing the Seniors dinners every second month and we also have recommenced the Breakfast Club at the Toongabbie Primary School.

Our Lions Col and Chris Gardner have taken off on a well-deserved holiday and are heading for parts unknown in their motorhome, a very well-earned break indeed and we wish them an enjoyable and above all a SAFE trip

Our Lion Margaret Folds has been kept busy volunteering her services at the Lions Licola Village camps where several free camps have recently been held to support families who suffered so badly in the recent Victorian flood events.

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## 2023 Mother's Day Classic

Many thanks to everyone that participated, volunteered on our **10th Mother's Day Walk** from Toongabbie to Glengarry or from Traralgon to Glengarry.

What a great day it was seeing a sea of pink walking down the Rail Trail, this one was one of our best with the weather being just perfect.

We are delighted to say over this 10 year period we have raised over \$100,000 which goes towards Breast Cancer Research.

Final amounts raised for 2023 will not be available until late June so stay tuned for an update.

So thank you all dearly and I look forward to your continued support."

Thanks

Karen

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Toongabbie Participants



View from Glengarry Platform



# **WELLINGTON/LATROBE LIONS CLUB INC**

## **CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET**

**VILLAGE GREEN TOONGABBIE**

**SUNDAY THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**

**FROM 4.PM**

**MARKET STALLS AVAILABLE @\$15.00**

**STALL HOLDERS TO SET UP FROM 3PM**

**PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ON 0400672739 TO BOOK YOUR STALL**

**STALL HOLDERS TO REGISTER WITH STREATRADER**

**STALL HOLDERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN INSURANCE**

**THERE WILL BE A LION'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**AND HEAPS OF GREAT STALLS**

**BOOK YOUR STALL EARLY AND DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT**

