

TOONGABBIE NEWS

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Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee Thanks Latrobe City Council

The Toongabbie Recreation Reserves Committee very much appreciates and wishes to acknowledge Latrobe City Council's contribution to the continued maintenance of Toongabbie's recreation reserves.

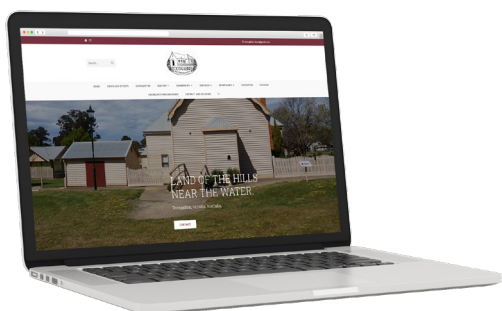
The Maintenance Grant funds are of vital importance in allowing us to maintain these valuable community assets to a standard of which our town can be justifiably proud.

Without Council's assistance it would be virtually impossible to continue to provide these facilities that are used by so many of our residents.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who willingly give their time and labour across all of our recreation areas: Without them, our town would be a much poorer place.

- TRR COM

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>



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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For all contributions is
**FRIDAY 17th November,
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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.



WELLINGTON/LATROBE LIONS CLUB INC

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

VILLAGE GREEN TOONGABBIE

SUNDAY THE 10TH 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



Local Events



Seeking Helpers

Can you help care for the
Toongabbie Rose Garden?

You can assist at any time that suits you
without any formal time commitment.

Jobs include watering, weeding,
pruning and general tidying.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated to
keep the Rose Garden looking
beautiful!

If you can assist please contact
Margaret on (03) 5192 4083
(please leave a message)

The rose garden is located on the corner of
Victoria St and Main St



TOONGABBIE CFA

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JVDP)

Cost: FREE

Term 4
Oct 12, Oct 26
Nov 9, Nov 23
Dec 7

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.**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CASSANDRA

0411 422 173 cassandra.tolsma@members.cfa.vic.gov.au



TOONGABBIE TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

First Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm

Mechanics Hall Meeting Room All are Welcome

email: toongabbietg@gmail.com

Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Committee Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

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



Toongabbie to get the First “Railway Dog” Sculpture

The Gippsland Plains Rail Trail committee of management is excited to announce that Toongabbie will be the site of the first of three “Railway Dog” sculptures funded through the **Alinta Loy Yang B** community partnership program.

As the story goes the female red kelpie, affectionately known as “Railway Dog”, attached herself to the staff at the Traralgon Railway yards and used to jump aboard the guard’s van to visit various parts of Gippsland. One day she missed the train heading to Stratford and decided to make haste, dashing off after it which took her on a 30km run along what we now know as the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail.

The 88-year-old story on the front page of the Melbourne Herald was brought to the attention of the Rail Trail committee courtesy of the Gippsland History Facebook Group. Discussions swirled as to how best to tell this delightful tale when it was decided to approach local Cowwarr-based artist, **Jo Caminiti**, to create a series of sculptures that would see Railway Dog become immortalised in our community.

Jo is seeking local community support by asking for donations of recycled scrap metal such as retired tools, farm scrap, small machinery parts, old railway memorabilia, and rusty bits and bobs from the shed, to create the three unique scrap-metal sculptures of the Railway Dog depicting her epic run to be located in Glengarry, Toongabbie and Cowwarr.



Toongabbie gets the first sculpture “Nothing daunted, she carried on the chase to Toongabbie”, with fabrication underway in September (check out progress at www.facebook.com/jo.caminiti.artist/).

Donations of scrap metal can be dropped off at the Toongabbie Men’s Shed on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 5pm. The Rail Trail committee has met with the Toongabbie Township Group to start planning for installation and an official unveiling in mid November.

Other public sculptures in Gippsland created by Jo include “Corymbia Dreaming”, a 4 metre tall cluster of red flowering gum blossom in Civic Park Drouin, and a memorial arch “Scrap to Sculpture – Letting Go” at Callignee marking the 10 year anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires made from donated mementos salvaged from the ashes and kept for so long by affected locals.

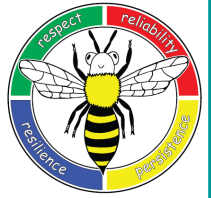
For further information contact Jo Caminiti on 0417324987 or via www.facebook.com/jo.caminiti.artist/





Toongabbie Primary School

Victoria Street Toongabbie PH: 0351924384
toongabbie.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Since the Autumn edition, the school community has been very busy continuing to make improvements to our school environment to ensure that students are provided with great facilities to learn in. We have had an additional solar system installed along with the replacement of our hot water systems with much more efficient models. The ongoing maintenance of our school grounds with mulching, pruning and the recent installation of a brick garden edge around our Centenary Tree at the front of the school. We appreciate all the assistance provided by the school community to keep our school grounds in neat condition.



Interschool Basketball

On Tuesday the 8th of August we hosted the Traralgon Rural Sports Cluster interschool basketball competition. The schools attending were Traralgon South, Tyers, Glengarry and us. Our new courts were perfect for the occasion allowing the children to play a round robin tournament consisting of fourteen games. We were very fortunate with the weather, which was calm and sunny. There was lots of fun and friendly rivalry between the children. Our inter-school sport and camping program provides opportunity for the children to interact and get to know each other before moving on to secondary schooling.

Learning German through Drama

This term we are expanding our German knowledge with the assistance of Tina and Simon Storey of The Storey Players. Simon and Tina will use the performing arts, in particular drama workshops, to help our students to communicate in German. Each grade is working weekly with Simon and Tina to build their self-confidence and acquire new skills connected to language learning, storytelling, and drama. Using drama as a tool to learn also develops the student's self-confidence, co-operation, communication and concentration skills and knowledge. We are looking forward to sharing our skills through a community performance later in the year.

Grade 5/6 Cluster Camp



Flying Fox

On camp we did the twin flying fox. The twin flying fox was a 250m flying fox. There were two cables next to each other, so two people could go at one time. It was super fun and exciting. You had to run a rope up to the platform before you go down.



The Penguin parade was great, there was a few penguins. As you get there, there is a big building. In it there is shops and there were people that were wearing bright yellow to help direct. You go through the building and down a boardwalk to platforms to watch the penguins come in from the ocean. They come in, in bunches.

I went canoeing with Connor. Me and Connor found some weird bubbles in the water when we started, and while we were looking at it some girls splashed us and we got drenched. A couple of minutes later we were chilling and the other canoers started a race which we quickly jumped in and came third. then we got out of the lake and had morning tea.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2024.

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 Golf Club News

After a couple of very wet Winters, this year has been quite dry and the Winter sunshine has been wonderfully warm... at times.

The dry conditions have allowed us to carry out some clean up work that we couldn't get done during the wet Winters and those lockdown periods. The course is in great condition for this time of year, with plenty of run to help everyone get full value for their good shots.

We've had a pretty good run with green fee players this Winter with many finding that our course was a pretty good option compared with the damp and even boggy conditions at some of the other clubs in the Latrobe region. Throw in that we're about half the price of the large clubs and people playing our course are way ahead!

The thing we do need more of is members!

We've always been a very small club, but for a variety of sad reasons our numbers have declined over the last couple of years. So, if you've been thinking of having a hit or joining a golf club, please give us a try. We are a friendly and supportive bunch whose main priority is to have an enjoyable round of golf and enjoy each other's company both on the course and in the clubhouse afterwards.

We have players at all skill levels so there's no need to worry that you won't fit in: You will! Joining and playing in our competitions means you will get an official golf handicap and be able to play in competitions at other clubs as well as ours.

Also, Spring is our busiest time of the year and there are opportunities to play in a host of inter club competitions as well as our own major events. The Toongabbie Plate is scheduled to be held in October. This is a men's team event with players from many of the nearby clubs competing. Heyfield, Newry, Maffra, Traralgon and Morwell and other clubs will also be looking to host their 'Plate' days during Spring and Toongabbie will be competing in them all.

The women's calendar is also very busy with many inter club events scheduled over the next 3 months and our own popular 'Housewives Day' in November.

Our annual tournament will be held in November with men's,



women's and mixed events over 3 days. The event hosts players from near and far and is one we look forward to each year.

Other clubs in our region also have their annual tournaments during Spring and it's an especially important time for the collegiate clubs to support each other and continue the friendly networks that golf clubs engender and enjoy. All the events are very social affairs where enjoying the day is far and away the first priority.

Spring is a great time of year for playing golf, so if you've been itching to get out and have a hit or have been thinking of joining a club, it could well be worth your while to check out Toongabbie Golf Club.

Daily green fees are still only \$15 and you can play as many holes as you like. Memberships are only \$260 per annum, the cheapest around.

Maintaining the course and keeping it available for everyone to use is a costly exercise for a very small club. Nevertheless, we're keeping our fees as low as we possibly can to encourage our community to enjoy what is really a wonderful community asset.

For any enquiries about the club, our events and functions or about joining or playing, you can email us at tgc3856@gmail.com or give us a call on **5192 4755**. If we aren't there, leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Hopefully, we'll see you sometime soon.

Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe inc News

The club still has 12 members and of course new members would be MOST welcome.

The 5th of July was a very special day for our Lions Club. We celebrated our 22nd Annual Changeover dinner at the wonderful Victoria Rose Tea rooms in Rosedale.

Our newly installed President is Lion Margaret Foulds.

Lion Margaret was also awarded a very prestigious **"JAMES McLARDIE AWARD"** This award is presented as recognition of Special Humanitarian Service!

This award was very much well deserved as Lion Margaret does so many worthwhile things in our local and GREATER community.

CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET.

Lion Lisa Greenwood was awarded the Annual **John Burton Award** and Lions Joy McLoughlin and Bev Goddard both received a **President's Certificate of Appreciation**.



Incoming President Margaret Folds, thanking outgoing President Peter Feenstra for his many years of service as club President.



Lion Margaret Foulds being presented with the "JAMES McLARDIE AWARD" By Zone Chairman Russell Napper

The club office bearers for the 2023/24 Lions year are as follows:

PRESIDENT	Lion Margaret Foulds
1st Vice president	Lion Chris Gardner
2nd Vice President	Lion Peter Feenstra
Secretary	Lion Peter Feenstra
Minute Secretary	Lion Chris Gardner
Treasurer	Lion Joy McLoughlin
Assistant Treasurer	Lion Peter Feenstra
1st Year Directors	Lions Colin Gardner & Joy Heron
2nd Year Directors	Lions Rod Affleck & Malcolm Goodwin
Membership Chairperson	Lion Colin Gardner
Club LCIF Chairperson	Lion Lisa Greenwood
Club Administrator	Lion Margaret Foulds
Lion Tamer	Lion Margaret Foulds
Tail Twister	Lion Malcolm Goodwin
Publicity Officer	Lion Lisa Greenwood
Christmas Cake Chairmen	Lion Kevin Morgan and Lion Rod Affleck
Australia Day Co-ordinator	Lion Chris Gardner
Welfare Officer	Lion Bev Goddard

The changeover was ably conducted by Lions Zone Chairman, Lion Russell Napper from the Maffra Lions Club.

Toongabbie & District Men's Shed News

The winter months have been active for the members of the Toongabbie & District Men's Shed, with the hosting of a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the end of July. Thanks to Bunnings Traralgon and Shed members who volunteered their time and Margaret's organisation, a successful day financially was had, that will go a long way towards the ongoing running costs of the Shed.

Through a successful application for a Latrobe City Minor Equipment Grant and funding by the Men's Shed members, an electronic variable speed wood lathe was able to be purchased to replace one of the old second-hand wood lathes. Wood turning is very popular with members at the Shed and this is a great addition to the wood working area. This will help with the production of items for sale at our stall at the Lions Club end of year Christmas Market at the Village Green.

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

Also, our gratitude and thanks to the Toongabbie Reserves Committee for their donation of \$500.00 towards the purchase of the wood lathe, making up the shortfall in grant funding that was applied for the project.

The security and safety lighting to the car park area and the front of the Shed have recently been upgraded with sensor activated lighting that makes it safer, with less chance of trips and falls leaving the Shed on the dark evenings. New power points were also placed in the metal section of the Shed.

All the members of the Toongabbie & District Men's Shed would like



Pictured: Paul and Graham at the Wood Lathe

to congratulate our Treasurer, Margaret Foulds for being elected the new President of the Wellington / Latrobe Lions Club, as well as being awarded the "James McLardie Award" in recognition of Special Humanitarian Service. Also, congratulations to Shed members Lisa Greenwood, Joy McLoughlin and Bev Goddard for being recognised with awards for their service to the Lions Club and the community.

We are very happy to welcome two new members to the Shed recently.

New members, male and female are always welcome, drop in, have a chat and see what there is to offer. Membership is still \$52.00 per year.

The opening times of the Shed are 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.

Help bring Railway Dog to life



I Need Your Scrap Metal

Retired tools, machinery parts, railway memorabilia, farm scrap, bits & bobs to create three scrap metal sculptures of the Gippsland Railway Dog

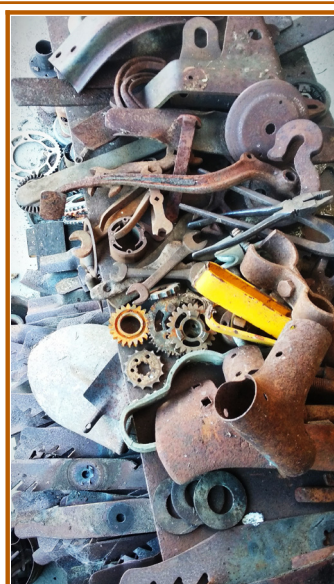
Drop off at Toon Men's Shed

- Wednesdays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm
- Only pieces you can pick up in one hand
- Toongabbie Men's Shed is behind the oval off the main road
- Work on Toongabbie sculpture starting August 2023
- Work on Glengarry & Cowwarr sculptures in early 2024

For More Information contact the sculptor:

Jo Caminiti 0417 324 987 or www.facebook.com/jo.caminiti.artist/

This is a Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee Community partnership project with Loy Yang B AlintaEnergy



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