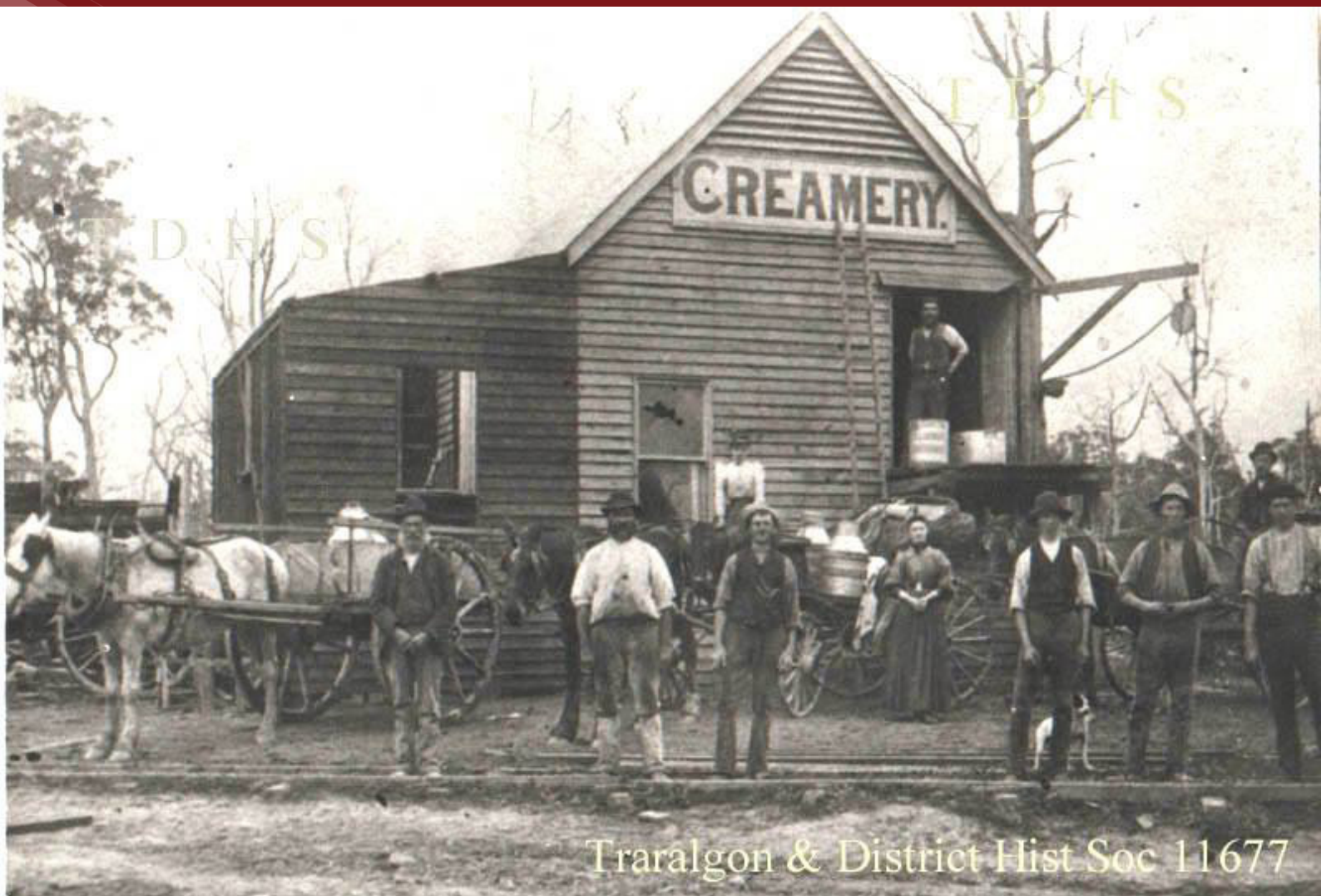


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Image: Toongabbie Creamery
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Snippet from the Past: Toongabbie Creamery and Butter Factory

The Toongabbie Creamery and Butter Factory was privately owned by the Goodwin family. The Creamery was operated by the Goodwin family beside their sawmill, from 1893 until it was destroyed by fire in 1900. It was managed and operated by several of the Goodwin sisters, who may be the women shown in the photograph.

In 1892 W. H. Goodwin commenced building a creamery at his sawmill site. Tests on the butter produced in 1893 rated it as of quality good enough to secure a market in any part of the world.

Although William owned the factory it was his daughters who ran it. The creamery discontinued business in 1900 when it was along with the sawmill destroyed by a bushfire that threatened the township of Toongabbie.

Sections of text are from the publication Toongabbie Gippsland: A gateway to the Wallhalla Goldfields by Alan Harding and Roger Reis, others have been found in the article WOMEN IN DAIRY FACTORIES - Linda Barraclough

Have some Historic Info on Toongabbie? We'd love to pop it in the newsletter! Send your info through to toongabbienews@gmail.com

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: toongabbienews@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
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For all contributions is
FRIDAY 16th August 2024

Want to see more community news? Visit the websites below
www.toongabbie.vic.au or at
www.facebook.com/toongabbievicau

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The Toongabbie Township Group has been successful in acquiring a grant through the Latrobe City Council 2023/24 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 2024. 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.

Local Events

TOONGABBIE TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

First Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm
Mechanics Hall Meeting Room All are Welcome
email: toongabbietg@gmail.com

Toongabbie CFA Juniors 2024

Every Second Thursday 6 - 7pm
Term 2 Dates: June 6, June 20

Friends of Toongabbie Wetlands

Meet at 2pm the 2nd Tuesday of the month
at the Mechanics Institute New Members Welcome



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!

Become an **integral** part of your local community

New Members Needed!

The Wellington/Latrobe Lions need your help, now seeking volunteers!

What we do

- Our focus is the community
- Youth and Family Projects
- Environmental Projects
- Community events
- Emergency Response Assistance
- Temporary assistance to those in need
- Health and other Medical Projects *see our website for a detailed list!*
- Community Fundraising for infrastructure and more



#morethansausages



What do you get out of it?

Apart from the warm and fuzzies?

- A true sense of belonging
- Meet new people and make lifelong friends
- Making a difference to those in need
- Helping your local community
- Not to mention - Developing great leadership skills in:
 - ✉ Project Managing
 - ✉ Finance control
 - ✉ Speaking in Public



**Join the
Wellington/Latrobe
Lions today!**

Contact Colin Gardner on 0427 489 349

Visit our website



Toongabbie Cenotaph Official Dedication Service

A new cenotaph is almost ready to be installed at the Village Green to commemorate those who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

The Toongabbie Township Group invites the community to attend the Official Dedication Service and Opening of the new Toongabbie Cenotaph.

DETAILS

Sunday 7th July 2024

8.00am Community Breakfast

9.00am Cenotaph Dedication Service

LOCATION

Toongabbie Village Green, Corner of King St and Cowen St.

Attendees are welcome to lay a wreath at the new cenotaph.



Image: AI generated as a visual representation of upcoming unveiling

The Toongabbie Cenotaph project is supported by the Victorian Government and the Victorian Veterans Council.

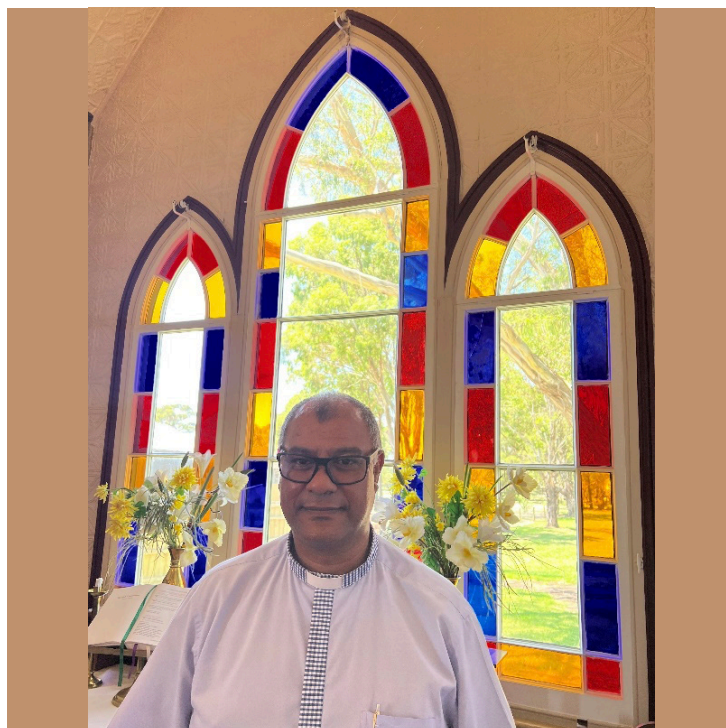
St. David's Church Welcomes New Rector

This year, the Anglican Church of St David in Victoria Street welcomed new rector, the Rev. Gradwell Fredericks. Following the retirement of Rev Jeff Richardson a couple of years ago, the parish of Traralgon was overseen by Rev Marilyn Obersby, until Gradwell's appointment.

Gradwell comes to Gippsland from South Africa, where he was born and raised – and commenced his ministry. He has been an ordained minister for some 25 years, and has experience in parish work, leading young people, teaching and mentoring – and caring for older folk. He was able to visit our region, before accepting the offer to take up this post.

Since commencing, Gradwell has quickly settled in to the busy task of caring for the largest parish in Gippsland. This includes conducting services at St David's in Toongabbie, St. John's in Glengarry and St James' in Traragon. It also involves conducting regular services at nursing and retirement homes in the district, as well as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The parish has children's programs, special community events, and operates the "Seek and you will find" opportunity shop in Traralgon. As our local councillor, Kellie O'Callaghan, said at his welcome – he certainly has his work cut out !



New Rector Rev. Gradwell Fredericks

Gradwell is married to Tania (who is pursuing her own career in Gippsland) and has two children, and a very young grandchild. He enjoys most sport (including tennis and cricket) and is keen to meet with community members. He is available to chat about how he can help families. All are welcome at services at St David's (on the first and third Sundays at 11am)

Toongabbie & District Men's Shed News

The early 2024 year has been busy for the members of the Toongabbie & District Men's Shed, with Colin Gardner organising and making 110 bull-roarers for the Lions Club Convention in Melbourne, to be given to all the dignitaries in attendance. This was a lot of work to shape them to a pattern that when whirled around at arm's length on a length of string, it made a whirring sound. There were a number of members with sore arms testing out the bull-roarers, making sure they roared. These were then sent to an Aboriginal School in Merimbula, where they were painted.

Colin also made two sets of 54 "jenga blocks", a game where the blocks are stacked in threes on top of one another and the players have to remove the blocks without them falling over. One set was for the Lions Convention again and after sent to the Lions Wilderness Village in Licola. The second set was for the Toongabbie Primary school. Congratulations Colin for a marathon effort of perseverance on both projects.

Wood turning is still very popular with members, with the three wood lathes often occupied, turning out some very unique items that will be placed for sale at the Lions Christmas market.

Paul is still working his way methodically restoring Nevil Shute's MYFORD Super 7 metal lathe, with the help of Mark and Ian. Mark too is still restoring the big lathe and is using it to turn parts for his old stationary motors.

The Men's Shed members hosted a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in April. 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.



Pictured: Lift table in use



Pictured: Colin sealing Jenga blocks

Through a successful application for a Latrobe City Community Essentials – 2023/2024 Quick Response Grant Round 3 and funding by the Men's Shed members, safety lifting equipment was able to be purchased recently. A hydraulic scissor lift table and a pallet jack are now available to manoeuvre or lift heavy items around the workshop, a much easier and safer way for all, as lifting heavy items about can cause serious injuries, especially as we get older.

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 much sooner, which then enables them to prosper and contribute to building better, healthier communities.

The Toongabbie & District Men's Shed has just recently been registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) as a charity and this eliminates the need to pay tax on our income, after new government legislation was introduced.

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.

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.

Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe inc News

The club continues with 12 members.

We have been struggling with ill health for some of our members, Secretary Peter is having serious problems with his "GOOD" left leg and is making hard work simply keeping sort of mobile just now.

Other members have had bouts of flu and of course not forgetting the ongoing scourge of Covid!

Despite these problems, the club has remained very busy with regular monthly BBQ's at the Glengarry markets, as well as once again taking part in Australia BIGGEST BBQ, to aid childhood cancer research, thanks to your generosity we were able to donate the sum of \$834.00 (being the entire net proceeds of the BBQ) to this wonderful cause.

We have also been able to support the drought-stricken farmers of King Island with a \$500.00 donation to their drought relief appeal. King island farmers have been extremely generous in the past with donations of fodder etc when our area was in need and it's good and very appropriate to assist them in their hour of need.

The club has also had members volunteering at the Lions



Image Supplied by Latrobe/Wellington Lions Club

Licola Wilderness village, where they have assisted in camps for disadvantaged children.

We have once again volunteered to assist the Mother's Day classic fun run by running our usual raffle (Thank you Lion Bev Goddard) and of course once more feeding the hungry hordes with a wonderful Lions Sausage sizzle, with all net proceeds also being donated to this great cause.

All in all, despite some difficulties, it's been a rewarding time. It's simply GREAT to be a Lion.



11TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB 2024
7th September 2024
Climbing 28 floors in 25kg of gear

SHERIDAN VENABLES
Toongabbie CFA
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO STEP UP!

Help us reach a goal of **\$750,000**
to fight against cancer, depression, and suicide.

DONATE NOW AT [FIREFIGHTERCLIMB.ORG.AU](https://firefighterclimb.org.au)



Toongabbie's Own to Participate

Toongabbie CFA's own will be competing in this years event.

We will be running a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on the **30th June 2024** at Traraglon Bunnings, Raising money for the 11th Annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb which Sheridan will be participating in.

The Brigade is currently looking for a sponsor or donation from a local butcher to supply us with 500 Sausages.

If anyone knows of any local butchers who would like to give a helping hand please reach out to Sheri on facebook.

For those wishing to support the Toongabbie CFA's fundraising efforts, be sure to head down to Bunnings Traralgon on the 30th and buy a few snags!

We wish you luck Sheridan!

We have commenced term 2 with a sea of smiling faces and lots of laughter in the playground. Many of the children have been playing whole school chasey, with children of all ages across the school joining in if they wish. It is a luxury of small schools that all children can play and have fun together. We have also welcomed Lexie Hovarth and Katie Kosta who have joined our staff as education support personnel, along with Grant Romeril who will be running some alternative programs around the school with various small groups of children. We are loving having them onboard to support the children with learning, wellbeing, feeling connected and successful at school.

Upcoming Events & Activities in Term 2

Book fair – 6th – 10th May (community purchases welcome)

Education Week 13th – 17th May (Grandparents Day 16th)

**2025 Foundation Information session Thursday 2nd & 16th May
6:30pm**



Lexie



Katie

School Values



Our school values are the key to the success of all children. They are the key concepts that we want all children to understand and to strive toward in being the best version of themselves that they can be. Each term we focus on

one of our values and the children are explicitly taught various concepts that relate to the value. This term we are focusing on being a reliable friend. The children learn about being a bucket filler, giving and receiving compliments, being inclusive, seeking help, coping strategies, gender and developing self-identity and standing up for what is right in challenging situations. Throughout the term all students have opportunity to receive a big bee award for their ongoing efforts in upholding our values. At the end of term we present two awards per class for those who have shown outstanding effort with their values throughout the term. Our Term one recipients were: Cody, Hayley, Charlee, Hannah, Charlotte, Alaska, Charlies and Harper.



Athletics



Congratulations to the children from Grades 3-6 who participated in the District School Athletics. Toongabbie was the winning school on the day. Toongabbie last won the shield in 2009, so a great achievement by all. Woo-Hoo. We are all very proud of their efforts.

We are now accepting enrolments for the 2025 year.

Tours of the school are welcome. Please contact the school on 51924384 to book a tour.

Events

DEDICATION SERVICE AND OPENING OF NEW CENOTAPH

SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024

8.00AM COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST
9.00AM CENOTAPH SERVICE

TOONGABBIE VILLAGE
GREEN, CORNER OF KING ST
AND COWEN ST

ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME
TO LAY A WREATH AT THE
NEW CENOTAPH.

 toongabbietg@gmail.com



TOONGABBIE CFA



Toongabbie CFA Juniors 2024
Time: 6 -7pm

Term 1
Feb 15, 29
Mar 14, Mar 28

Term 2
May 9, May 23
Jun 6, Jun 20

Term 3
No Juniors

Term 4
Oct 17, Oct 31
Nov 14, Nov 28
Dec 12

**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 Mechanics Institute

Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm
at the Rec Reserve

TOONGABBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Get your GLOW ON Disco

28 JUNE 2024

TIME
5PM - 7PM

**GOLD
COIN
ENTRY**

LOCATION
**TOONGABBIE
CRICKET CLUB**



PHONE FREE EVENT

UNDER 16's

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PURCHASE:
★ SNACKS ★
★ GLOW STICKS ★



SCHOOL READY? JOEY SCOUT READY!

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OLDS WHO ARE STARTING SCHOOL IN 2024 TO HAVE
FREE 3 WEEK TRIAL.

TUESDAY 5:30pm to 6:30pm



Adventure



Personal Growth



Friendship

Joey Scouts helps build essential skills, but not just in the
outdoors, we build leadership, independence and community.

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