

Toora Bungles



THANK YOU & FAREWELL JOAN JENKIN — 23 YEARS

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Tooraweenah Preschool Director, Joan Jenkin will retire at the end of 2013 after forty years of teaching, twenty three of those years as Director of Tooraweenah Preschool.

Our children, their families and the broader community thank you Joan, for your dedication and special care you always showed to the many children you have enthusiastically introduced to education, socialisation and learning. We join in wishing you everything that is wonderful in life.

In Joan's own words, "Tooraweenah Preschool has been nothing less than exceptional for me as Director and teacher."

"The amazingly dedicated committees; the sensational parent involvement; the enthusiastic and committed staff; the Public School's support and freedom in allowing us to create and develop our own community Preschool area within their school grounds; the community involvement and finally the many, many wonderful children within my care make this a very emotional

moment to announce that I shall be retiring from Tooraweenah Preschool at the end of the year."

"After dedicating forty years of my life to my beloved teaching profession, twenty three of which have been spent here as the Director, I will be saying farewell."

"Personally it will be challenging to leave behind a career that I have been passionate about for so long."

"As your children grow and "Develop, then Spread their Wings of Independence" I somehow hope that you will positively reflect on the special time that you entrusted your child into my care enabling me to share with them special moments in their Primary and Early Childhood Education."

"It has been a rewarding and fulfilling journey that I shall cherish forever."

"You have all been amazing. Thank you." Joan Jenkin, Director.

NOTICE: Can contributors to the January edition of the Bungles please leave news with Lester by the 24th Dec. Thank you

Tooraweenah Preschool Presents "I Can Sing A Rainbow"

The Preschool welcomes all families and community members to join the celebration of its annual Christmas Concert and graduation ceremony on **Wednesday December 11th at 10.30am (Sharp)** followed by Santa's visit and a light luncheon. We look forward to sharing this special day with you all.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Tuesday 3rd December, 6 pm, Tooraweenah Hall

Gilgandra Shire Council
Invite the districts residents to come and participate in discussions relating to Council's Special 7% Rate Variation application to IPART above rate pegging for a three (3) year period commencing 2014/15 financial year.

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Phone: 6848 1017

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Wednesday-Sunday 12-2pm

Counter Dinners
Wednesday-Sunday 6-8pm

Purely Pizza
Mon-Tues 6-8pm

Community BBQs
Saturday night 6-8pm

Pool Competition
Thursday night from 7pm

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Evie Peart painting her dog.



The shapes guessing game.



Elisabeth McCutcheon handing out name cards to the children.



Chantel Chandler and her son Sam being a little teapot.

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION MEETINGS

Location	Date	Time
Armatree CWA Hall	Monday, 2 December 2013	6pm
Tooraweenah Hall	Tuesday, 3 December 2013	6pm
Curban Community Hall	Wednesday, 4 December 2013	6pm
Bearbung Hall	Monday, 9 December 2013	6pm
Coboco Hall	Tuesday, 10 December 2013	6pm
Gilgandra Shire Hall	Wednesday, 11 December 2013	6.30pm

Gilgandra & District
Online

Hosted at

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Email: council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE IN WRITING, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, BY 5.00 PM ON JANUARY 3, 2014. Inductees will be announced at the Australia Day Award Ceremony on January 26, 2014.

REVIEW OF DELIVERY PROGRAM 2013/14 – 2016/17 TO INCLUDE IMPACT OF PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Council has reviewed its Delivery Program for the remainder of this term of council to include the impact of the Special Rate Variation should council's application for IPART be successful.

The Delivery Program is on public exhibition from Tuesday, November 26, 2013 to Monday, January 6, 2014. The document is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from council's website www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Copies will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- Government Access Centre 20 Miller Street Gilgandra
- Gilgandra Shire Library, Warren Road Gilgandra
- Gilgandra Shire Council, Warren Road Gilgandra

Written submissions addressed to The General Manager can be made to council up to 5pm on Monday, January 6, 2014. Submissions can be hand delivered to council's Administration office in Warren Road or forwarded via email or post to:

- council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au
- PO Box 23, Gilgandra NSW 2827

AERO PARK RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION STAGE 1 RELEASE

Gilgandra Shire Council is pleased to advise the release of Stage One of the Aeropark Residential Subdivision. The five lots are listed with local real estate agents and will be available for purchase as of Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Please direct your enquiries regarding a purchase to either:

MH Thomas
31 Miller Street, Gilgandra NSW 2827
Phone: 68472489
realestate@mhthomas.com.au
www.mhthomas.com.au

Tower and General Trading as Gilgandra Real Estate
4/44 Miller Street, Gilgandra NSW 2827
Phone: 68470990
Gilreal8@bigpond.net.au
www.towerandgeneral.com.au

A sales plan is available at www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au



Visit us at

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Email: council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Gilgandra Shire Council invites applications for the following employment opportunity:

TRAINEE ASSISTANT ENGINEER

12 Month Placement

35 hours/week

Closing Date: January 17, 2014 – 5pm

Salary Range: \$746.60 - \$821.10/week

All other conditions of employment as per Local Government (State) Award 2010.

Council is seeking a third or fourth year student who is currently studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) or relevant degree. The successful applicant will obtain relevant industry experience in Local Government, particularly in issues relating to rural towns, whilst continuing their studies.

Further information, a copy of the position description and an information package may be obtained by contacting Rolly Lawford, Director Works and Technical Services council's HR Section on 68178800.

Applicants are invited to visit our web site – www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION MEETING DATES

Location	Date	Time
Coboco Hall	Tuesday, December 10, 2013	6pm
Gilgandra Shire Hall	Wednesday, December 11, 2013	6.30pm

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DETAILS

Council wishes all residents a safe and happy Christmas. Office closure details are:

- Gilgandra Waste Facility will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2013 and January 1, 2013.
- Coosee Heritage Centre will be open every day except Christmas Day.
- Council's main office, Orana Lifestyle Directions office and the Government Access Centre will close on Friday, December 20, 2013 and re-open on Monday, January 6, 2014
- Gilgandra Gym will be closed from 6pm Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

If emergency service is required over this period please phone 68178800 and follow the prompts.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council will hold its next ordinary meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the open portion of the meeting (from approximately 4.15pm).

Gilgandra community faces massive 'special' rate rise

By FAYE WHEELER

THE communities of Gilgandra and district face new financial pain if a bid for a 7 per cent increase each year for the next three years is successful.

Gilgandra Shire Council has proposed the trio of special rate rises that would increase its general rate base by 23.8 per cent above the state's peg by the end of the period.

The extra funds would be used to meet a \$600,000 shortfall in rural road maintenance and start to increase funding of its transport asset renewal program, the council advised the community in a newsletter this month.

Dubbo City Council has not fol-

lowed the lead of its neighbour. "There are no current plans for Dubbo City Council to pursue a special rate variation for the 2014-2015 financial year," organisational services director Craig Giffin said yesterday.

Gilgandra shire's ratepayers already copped a 3.2 per cent rate hike above the increase allowed by the peg set by the state's independent pricing regulator in 2012-2013.

At the time the council had tried for a 50 per cent rate rise for a seven-year period but was turned down by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

The council began planning for its application after its September meeting and has announced a

series of public meetings to gain input and feedback.

Farmers would bear the brunt of the proposed increase and would have to pay an extra \$340 taking their total bill to \$3742 in 2014-2015, the first year of the rise, according to figures provided in its newsletter, recently mailed to ratepayers. Residential ratepayers in Gilgandra would have to find an extra \$49 in 2014-2015 while businesses in the town paid an extra \$85.

The financial model also included a commitment by the council to reduce expenditure by 3 per cent in the next three years, the council advised ratepayers in the newsletter.

Gilgandra Shire Council public meetings to discuss the proposed rate rise

Armatree CWA Hall, December 2, 6pm
Tooraweenah Hall, December 3, 6pm
Curban Community Hall, December 4, 6pm
Bearbung Hall, December 9, 6pm
Coboco Hall, December 10, 6pm
Gilgandra Shire Hall, December 11, 6.30pm