

# TOOLAMBA & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 2025

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The Toolamba & District Steering Group is seeking funding support from Council in the 2026/2027 budget for three pathways. We have requested Council provides funding within the next two budget cycles to fund these three paths / projects.

The three pathways are highlighted as high to medium priority actions in the Toolamba and District Community Plan 2023 - 2027.

The pathways are:

1. In Old Toolamba along the Mooroopna-Murchison Road extending from Bitcon Road in the north to the turn off to River Road in the south for the benefit of school students and residents. This path will form part of the strategic Goulburn River Trail project;
2. A shared walking / bike pathway linking the Toolamba settlement to the Old Toolamba Settlement. This path will form part of the strategic Goulburn River Trail project;
3. An expansion of the existing footpaths in Wren Street Toolamba from the railway line to the Wren Street-Rutherford Road intersection.

## Community events

**Saturday 14 December** - Lions Club Carols on the Green, the Junction Hotel, from 4:30pm.

**Friday 19 December** - Term 4 ends, Toolamba Primary School.

## 2026

**Monday 19 January** - Community Dinner Muster, Toolamba Community Hall, 6:30pm.

**Monday 26 January** (Aust Day public holiday)

**Wednesday 28 January** - Term 1 starts (Grade 1 to Grade 6), Toolamba Primary School.

**Thursday 29 January** - Term 1 starts (Foundation students), Toolamba Primary School.

**Tuesday 3 February** - Lions Club monthly meeting, the Junction Hotel, 7:00pm.

**Tuesday 10 February** - Toolamba & District Steering Committee meeting, CFA rooms, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday 17 February** - Monthly meeting, Toolamba Wrens (CWA), 7:30pm.

**Tuesday 3 March** - Lions Club monthly meeting, the Junction Hotel, 7:00pm.

**Tuesday 10 March** - Toolamba & District Steering Committee meeting, CFA rooms, 5:30pm.

**Tuesday 17 March** - Monthly meeting, Toolamba Wrens (CWA), 7:30pm

**Thursday 2 April** - Term 1 ends, Toolamba Primary School

## Toolamba Dinner Muster 2026



**Monday 19 January, 23 February, 30 March, 6:30-7:30pm.**

Held at the Toolamba Community Hall.

We encourage all members of the Toolamba community to join in this shared meal experience.

During the warmer months a cooked BBQ dinner is on offer.

All you need to bring is a salad to share.

There is **NO CHARGE**.

Plates, cutlery, condiments, tables, chairs and air conditioning are all provided.

BYO drinks & glasses.

For further information contact Rachel on 0438-265-101.

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## Toolamba Lions Club

### Carols on the Green

Sunday 14 December from 4:30pm.  
The Junction Hotel.

Local singers, sausage sizzle, gift stalls and more!

BYO chairs & rugs.

NO BYO alcohol, drinks to be purchased from the pub.

Pizza will also be available to buy.

(STRICTLY NO GLASS)

*Proudly supported by Greater Shepparton City Council and the Junction Hotel.*

### 2026 Calendars...

are being delivered to your letterbox.

Keep an eye out for them and remember to support our local businesses.

### Meat tray raffle

Don't miss the Friday night meat tray raffle at the Junction Hotel. Tickets sold throughout the evening with a lucky winner drawn on the night.

Support the local service club that supports our community.

New members are always welcome at the Toolamba Lions Club.

Come along to a meeting - first Tuesday of the month 7:00pm at the Junction Hotel - and see if you would like to be a part of this friendly, busy local service club.



## **Toolamba Railway platform**

The Toolamba station is of local historical, technical, archaeological and aesthetic cultural heritage significance to Greater Shepparton. It also offers a number of opportunities for the town as identified in Toolamba / Old Toolamba Draft Structure Plan. Excerpts from the plan are below.

### **Strategies**

*Encourage development that capitalises on the tourism opportunities and economic benefits for the town from nearby rail trails and other recreational opportunities.*

### **Urban design, built form and heritage**

*Additionally, new development should be thoughtfully designed to minimise its impact on these heritage sites and the exact location of the mapping of the existing HO for the former Toolamba Railway Station should be re-examined and reconfirmed.*

### **Actions: A31 -**

*Advocate to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) for long-term passenger rail services to be reinstated in Toolamba and ensure that this option is not built out.*

*Priority - ongoing. Partners DTP and Greater Shepparton City Council.*

VicTrack, as the owner of the state's rail transport assets work closely with community groups to make the most of the rail assets and support the best outcomes for communities.

The Station Volunteer Program (previously known as the Stationeers Program) engages

volunteers across Victoria to beautify train station precincts across the metropolitan and regional network.

The program encourages volunteers to work together in their local community to create a welcoming and sustainable environment through planting, weeding, mulching and other maintenance projects.

Through the work of station volunteers, the look and feel of railway stations across Victoria are enhanced. There are currently 47 station volunteer groups including Toolamba.

For a number of years now, Keith Bryant, has been pursuing the Stationeers Program. Below is an update from Keith.

Once again, a new person has been appointed in charge of what was the Stationeers program. Roger Agius has commenced working with VicTrack in the new role of Community Partnerships. Roger has experience in community engagement in the rail environment in South Australia. We look forward to a visit from him sometime soon.

Those of you who have recently visited the platform site may have noticed that the Peppercorn trees have been poisoned with a much stronger brew which will hopefully kill them.

One of the reasons for making the rebuilding of the Toolamba platform a priority is that commuters do not feel safe alighting at Mooroopna or Murchison East platforms despite the lighting. They are both in isolated areas and some commuters have had damage done to their vehicles.

If you would like more information or would like to become involved in the action please contact Keith via email:

[keith.bryant01@bigpond.com](mailto:keith.bryant01@bigpond.com)



## Toolamba multi-use court redevelopment

Due to heavy rain, the final concrete pour was unable to be completed as planned on Tuesday 11 November, instead being poured Tuesday 18 November 2025, thanks to more favourable weather conditions.

Now that this major pour is complete, the courts will require a 28-day curing period before resurfacing works can commence.

The upcoming stages of the project will include:

- Construction of the surrounding footpath
- Installation of new fencing
- Addition of a veranda structure at the Toolamba Tennis Clubrooms.

## Santa's Missing Elves

Help find Santa's missing elves!



Twelve of Santa's cheeky elves could not resist exploring Greater Shepparton and have hopped off the sleigh during a practice run.

They have now scattered themselves across Greater Shepparton, including Dookie, Katandra West, Merrigum, Mooroopna, Murchison, Tallygaroopna, Tatura and **Toolamba**, as well as various locations in Shepparton.

Help find them and you could win a prize!

And help save Christmas...

See: <https://greater-shepparton.com.au/christmas/santas-missing-elves>

## Get involved

Have you thought about contributing to one of the organisations that work towards making Toolamba a great place to live?

Here are some options:

*Toolamba and District Community Steering Committee:*

Meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 5:30pm at the CFA rooms. Contact - [keith.bryant01@bigpond.com](mailto:keith.bryant01@bigpond.com)

*Toolamba Lions Club:*

Meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at The Junction Hotel. Contact - [toolambalionsclub@hotmail.com](mailto:toolambalionsclub@hotmail.com)

*Toolamba CWA:*

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the CFA rooms. Contact - [cwatoolamba@gmail.com](mailto:cwatoolamba@gmail.com)

*Toolamba Recreation Reserve Committee of Management:*

Contact - [jam.wil@bigpond.com](mailto:jam.wil@bigpond.com)  
Hall booking officer: Jim Woodward.  
Contact - 0427 099 955

*Toolamba CFA:*

Meet Sunday morning.

*Toolamba Tennis Club:*

Ladies social comp - Thursday nights;  
Juniors coaching available Tuesday nights / comp - Saturday's;  
Mens social comp - Wednesday nights.  
Contact - [toolambatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:toolambatennisclub@gmail.com)

*Murchison Toolamba Football Netball Club:*

Contact - [murchisontoolambafnc@gmail.com](mailto:murchisontoolambafnc@gmail.com)