

TOOLAMBA & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

March 2026



The Toolamba & District Steering Committee involves community representatives engaging their community through consultation, in order to gain community views on future opportunities for the town, locality, or neighbourhood.

Our Community Plan is a document that identifies our community's strengths and outlines how those strengths can be utilised to build capacity and enable empowerment for the future. It captures the priorities the community has identified as important for a strong future and also informs Council and other stakeholders who provide physical and financial resources to the region.

All residents are welcome to join the Committee and / or attend the monthly meeting.

Importantly, the Committee will hold a combined clubs meeting on Tuesday 24 March, 6:00pm for representatives of all Toolamba & District clubs / organisations. An invitation has been sent via email to each club / organisation with details on the meeting.

If your club / organisation hasn't received an invitation please contact Mary, mary.coad@outlook.com

Community events

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

Tuesday 24 March - Combined Clubs meeting, Toolamba Community Hall, 6:00pm.

Monday 30 March - Community Dinner Muster, Toolamba Community Hall, 6:30pm.

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

Friday 3 April - Good Friday.

Monday 6 April - Easter Monday.

Tuesday 7 April - Lions Club monthly meeting, the Junction Hotel, 7:00pm.

Tuesday 14 April - Toolamba & District Steering Committee meeting, CFA rooms, 5:30pm.

Monday 20 April - Term 2 commences, Toolamba Primary School.

Monday 20 April - Community Dinner Muster, Toolamba Community Hall, 6:30pm.

Tuesday 21 April - Monthly meeting, Toolamba Wrens (CWA), 7:30pm.

Saturday 25 April - Anzac Day. Remembrance service, Toolamba Community Hall, 10:00am.

Tuesday 5 May - Lions Club monthly meeting, the Junction Hotel, 7:00pm.

Tuesday 12 May - Toolamba & District Steering Committee meeting, CFA rooms, 5:30pm.

Tuesday 19 May - Monthly meeting, Toolamba Wrens (CWA), 7:30pm.

Monday 25 May - Community Dinner Muster, Toolamba Community Hall, 6:30pm.

Toolamba Dinner Muster 2026



30 March, 20 April, 25 May, 6:30-7:30pm.

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

Bring whatever takes your fancy - hot, cold, vegetarian, meat filled, sweet, savoury... All dishes are appreciated and the size of the dish is completely up to you.

There is **NO CHARGE**.

Held at the Toolamba Community Hall. Plates, cutlery, condiments, tables, chairs and air conditioning / heating are all provided.

BYO drinks & glasses.

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

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At an Irish wedding reception someone yelled....

“Would all the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living.”

The bartender was almost crushed to death.



Toolamba Lions Club

The annual Anzac Day Remembrance service will once again be held at the Toolamba Community Hall.

The service will commence at 10:00am, Saturday 25 April and will include the laying of wreaths by various organisations.

Light food and refreshments will be provided following the service.

The Toolamba community is invited to attend and remember all Australians who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.



Meat tray raffle

Don't miss the Friday night meat tray raffle at the Junction Hotel. Tickets are 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.

What does Colaura Gardens represent?



The gardens are a key community site, featuring a playground, BBQ, toilet, grassed area and the memorial (pictured above) to sisters Colleen and Laura Irwin.

Two young women moved from their childhood home in Toolamba to live together in Melbourne and pursue their careers. On 28 January 2006, Colleen, 23, and Laura Irwin, 21, were discovered brutally murdered in their Melbourne home.

Their parents, Allan and Shirley Irwin, leant heavily on their friend Des Good, another Toolamba resident, during this time. Des Good is a very good friend. The type of friend we'd all gladly have in our lives.

Through the sadness and grief felt by not only the Irwin family but the whole town, an idea took place in Des' mind. A park, in Toolamba, to commemorate Colleen and Laura. Something for Allan and Shirley to focus on.

Des, and friend Mark Little, fleshed out the idea for the park. The land was owned by VicTrack so the pair approached Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC) for support. Once VicTrack approved the establishment of a park the plan flourished with Urban Enterprise coming on board to finalise the design for the garden.

Des, along with a number of other locals, were determined to bring the plan to fruition. Phone calls were made, doors were knocked, donations sought. And everyone gave what they could, willingly. Be that money, labour, equipment, materials or supplies.

The list of organisations that donated or heavily discounted their services or supplies is staggering.

Personal touches were incorporated into the design. The tile picture is based on a photo Colleen took from the backyard of their Toolamba home. The words underneath on the ground were written by Laura and friend Holly Faulkner.

Des spent every weekend on site until the project was completed. Allan and Shirley spent many weekends there as well. Sandwiches and drinks were provided to the volunteers working alongside them.

The memorial garden was completed and opened on the 12 month anniversary of the girls death.

The remaining features of the gardens - the toilet, playground and grassed area - came later. Driven by Des and the community.

The 20 year anniversary in January was marked by a dinner in the gardens attended by almost 100 people. Allan and Shirley were surrounded by family and friends, and naturally, their good friend Des.



Toolamba multi-use court redevelopment



The official opening of the Toolamba Multi-Court redevelopment was scheduled to take place on Monday 2 March. Unfortunately, due to the forecast inclement weather the event was postponed.

However, our tennis and netball courts are open for the community to enjoy and we love seeing people out using the facilities.

To keep the courts in good condition, pets, bikes, scooters and skateboards are not permitted on the courts. Please make sure your children are also aware of this.

Thanks for helping keep the courts in great shape for everyone!

Interested in playing?

Fast4 Tennis competition takes place on Wednesday nights.

Hot Shots kids tennis is Saturday morning.

Contact the club via email:

toolambatennisclub@gmail.com

Help us finish our new community facility!

Our multi-sport space in Toolamba is nearly ready to be a true community hub. The club has contributed \$10,000 towards the redevelopment, and now we need your help to finish it.

Fundraising will go towards:

- Irrigation system
- Storage shed
- Outdoor picnic table
- Clubroom improvements

Every contribution helps create a welcoming place where our community can gather, connect and enjoy for years to come.

DONATE via the below link:

<https://asf.org.au/campaigns/toolamba-tennis-club/toolamba-tennis-club-redevelopment>

Gifts of \$500+ will be recognised on our honour board, and all donations are tax-deductible via the Australian Sports Foundation.

Pickleball

Pickleball is described as a cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis.

It has gained popularity as a low-impact sport that is easy to learn, suitable for almost any age, and exhilarating when played competitively. It can be played as singles or doubles.

Pickleball might be for you if:

- You've never played a sport before and want to start;
- You've played a racquet sport previously;
- Injury or age is making other physical activities less enjoyable;
- You want a physical activity that's also social, and/or;
- You're interested in a sporting challenge

Come and give it a try, Thursday nights, 7:00pm at the Toolamba Community Hall. Equipment provided.

Insurance required via the Toolamba Tennis Club.

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

Toolamba Lions Club:

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

Toolamba CWA:

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the CFA rooms. Contact - cwatoolamba@gmail.com

Toolamba Recreation Reserve Committee of Management:

Contact - jam.wil@bigpond.com
Hall booking officer: Jim Woodward.
Contact - 0427 099 955

Toolamba CFA:

Meet Sunday morning.
20 Wren St.

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

Murchison Toolamba Football Netball Club (MTFNC):

Contact Simon Robinson - murchisontoolambafnc@gmail.com

Theft in Toolamba



In the early hours of Wednesday 21 January Toolamba was struck by a number of thefts from three different properties.

A ute was stolen from Wren St, while in Wheelhouse St a car and a neighbouring property were broken into with items stolen from both.

Residents are reminded to secure homes, vehicles, and belongings, and report any suspicious behaviour to police on 131-444. And perhaps give a shout out to the community via social media.



After Hours: Originals is a live music night dedicated to original artists, local musicians, and real stories, hosted at the Toolamba Junction Hotel.

For the community, this night is an opportunity to discover new music, support local creatives, and be part of a growing original music scene in the region.

For artists, it's a chance to test new material, build confidence, and perform alongside like-minded musicians in a supportive environment.

Music starts 4:00pm.

If you have news, information or a story to share with the community contact:

Sally - shamiam23@outlook.com



MTFNC SOCIAL CALENDAR 2026

Round	Date	Team	Event
	Sat 21 March	Tatura Practice Match (H)	Bar/BBQ @ Murch
	Sat 28 March	Katamatite Practice Match (H)	Pre-Season Launch Rodeo Night @ Murch
1	Sat 11th April	Merrigum (A)	
2	Sat 18th April	Longwood (H)	Raising Premiership Flags Past Players & 1966 Reunion Players Auction
3	Sun 26th April	Avenel (A)	Sunday Game - No social function
4	Sat 2nd May	Undera (H)	Mothers day Raffle Ladies Day Junction Hotel
5	Sat 9th May	BYE	
6	Sat 16th May	Lancaster (A)	
	Sun 17th May		Reverse Raffle \$5k Draw @ Murch
7	Sat 23rd May	Violet Town (H)	
8	Sat 30th May	Rushworth (A)	Junction Hotel
	Sat 9th June	GENERAL BYE	Kings Birthday Weekend
9	Sat 13th June	Stanhope (H)	Function @ Murch - Details TBC
	Fri 19th June		Junior Ball @ Toolamba Hall
10	Sat 20th June	Nagambie (A)	
11	Sat 27th June	Girgarre (H)	
12	Sat 4th July	Shepp East (A)	Black Tie Ball @ Murch Hall
13	Sun 12th July	Merrigum (H)	Sunday Game - No social function
14	Sat 18th July	Longwood (A)	Bus Trip - End at Junction
15	Sat 25th July	Avenel (H)	
16	Sat 1st August	Undera (A)	Mooroopna Pizzeria
17	Sat 8th August	BYE	
18	Sat 15th August	Tally (H)	Sponsors Day Goods and Services Auction
	Sat 12th Sept		KDFL Grand Final
	Fri 25th Sept		Little Legends vs. Parents Game @ Toolamba Rec. Reserve Junction Hotel
	Sat 3rd October		Senior Presentation Night @ Murch Hall
	Sun 4th October		Junior Presentations @ Murch Clubrooms



MORE INFORMATION ON
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



TRAINERS WANTED

We are looking for some more sports trainers to join our team at MTFNC

We are a thriving club with teams in all age groups and grades of football and netball. With growing numbers of participants at all levels we need to increase our sports trainer support

Whether you have experience as a trainer or interested in starting out - we will provide the support and training.

Trainers paid based on experience

All enquiries call Simon Robinson 0400504497

