

New England & North West Work for the Dole Coordinator E-Bulletin

We're into the second half of the year with some great projects underway.

In this Bulletin , we look at proceedings at the Wee Waa Showground activity and see what new item has been donated by the Linking Together Centre activity.

We also briefly check-in to what's been happening in Toomelah and provide advice to Host organisations of the changes to the Work for the Dole (WfD) programme in 2018.

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What is the role of a Work for the Dole Coordinator ?

Work for the Dole Coordinators work to identify suitable Work for the Dole activities for job seekers. They also work with [jobactive providers](#) to match job seekers to activities.

What is WfD?

Work for the Dole is part of the Australian Government's jobactive employment service. It is a work experience programme designed to help job seekers gain new skills while they look for work.

As a Work for the Dole host organisation, you can get access to extra sets of hands to undertake activities and projects that may not normally get done.

By hosting activities you can help job seekers gain the skills, experience and confidence they need to move off welfare and into a job.

Who can host a Work for the Dole activity?

Work for the Dole activities can only be hosted by not-for-profit organisations and local, state, territory and Australian government agencies.

What is the role of a Host?

As a Work for the Dole host, you will provide work-like activities for Work for the Dole participants.

Your Work for the Dole Coordinator or jobactive provider can help you determine the projects that participants complete.

Links

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/work-dole-information-host-organisations>

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/health-and-safety-work-dole-activities-information-host-organisations>

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/programme-fact-sheet-about-work-dole>

Activity Update



Participants currently engaged in the Wee Waa Showground activity have been busy erecting new doors to a shed on the site. They managed to weld a frame together and then attach metal sheets to the frame .



In this activity, participants are tasked to repair the wall in the men's shower, repair damaged/ missing panels, gates & wires to the front fence, paint ticket box & timber flashing on stables, clean inside cattle yards (Leigh Hunt), prepare & repaint pavilion signs, repaint rails surrounding rodeo ring, repair and repaint grandstand seating, further tree planting on the grounds, repair guttering on sheds & storm water pipes, straighten flag pole, cut down small dead trees, make & weld doors (open shed) & general maintenance. The activity is set to be completed next month.



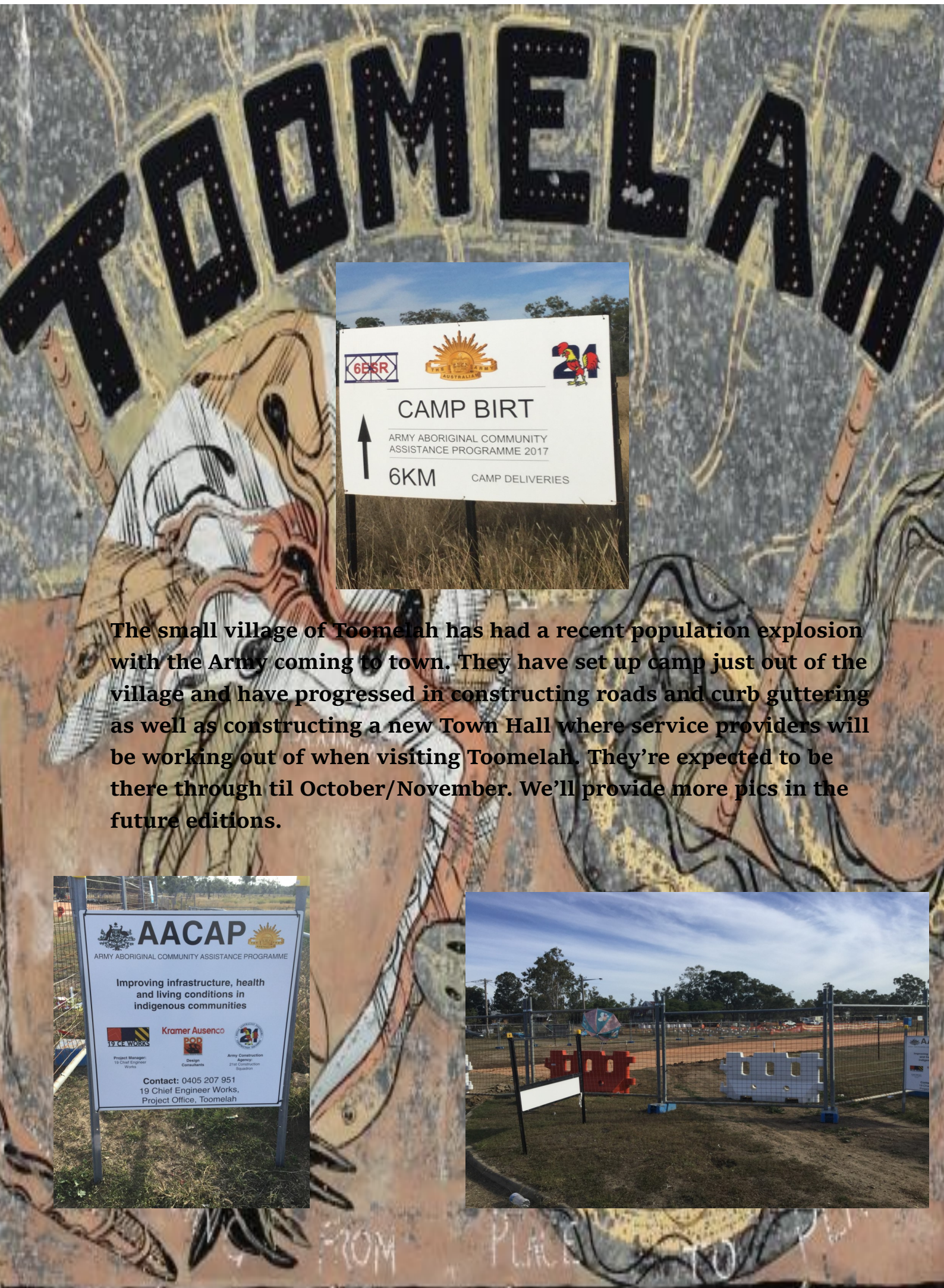
Donated Goods

In the June E-Bulletin edition, we mentioned participants involved in the Linking Together Centre Community Shed activity were working on a Compost bin.

Well, here is the finished product.

It will be donated to Inverell & District Family Services (IDFS) for the Tingha Pre School.





The small village of Toomelah has had a recent population explosion with the Army coming to town. They have set up camp just out of the village and have progressed in constructing roads and curb guttering as well as constructing a new Town Hall where service providers will be working out of when visiting Toomelah. They're expected to be there through til October/November. We'll provide more pics in the future editions.





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Work for the Dole— Host Organisation Factsheet 2017–18 Budget: Streamlining Work for the Dole

What changes are being made?

Work for the Dole Coordinators will continue to work with host organisations until December 2017 to source suitable Work for the Dole places.

From 1 January 2018, to help streamline Work for the Dole administration, jobactive providers will source all Work for the Dole places.

What happens to current Work for the Dole activities?

Current Work for the Dole Activities will be unaffected.

How will the changes affect me?

There is no change to the types of organisations that can host a Work for the Dole activity. Work for the Dole activities can be hosted by not-for-profit organisations and local, state, territory and Australian government agencies. Activities may also be hosted in not-for-profit arms of for-profit organisations.

Eligible organisations wanting to host Work for the Dole activities can contact their local Work for the Dole Coordinator if the activity will start in 2017. If a host organisation is planning an activity to start in 2018, they can work directly with a jobactive provider in their region to negotiate this.

I am currently in negotiation with my Work for the Dole Coordinator to deliver an activity. Do I need to stop this?

You can continue to develop Work for the Dole activities to start in 2017 with your local Work for the Dole Coordinator.

What are the next steps?

The department is working through and carefully considering the implementation arrangements for the changes to the Work for the Dole program.

Want more information?

- Go to www.employment.gov.au/work-dole
- Call the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260.

Do you need help with this fact sheet?

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450* and ask for the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit www.relayservice.gov.au.

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