Sea Days Festival

Sea Days 2020 was held over the weekend of 4th and 5th January. The weather this year for a change was largely windy, and wet (not hot and hotter). Along with the tragic bushfires further east, numbers were down on last year’s bumper festival. However for those who attended, they were treated to a wide variety of activities inside, and stayed for a considerable time. Feedback was positive from those that attended.

The posters this year were provided by the students of the Welshpool and District Primary School and showed great flare.

The Port Welshpool Working Group would like to thank all who contributed to the success of this year’s Sea Days Festival.

Planning is already underway for Sea Days 2021. The Committee is always looking for more input and support, so if you think you can help make a contribution, contact Vern Suckling, 56881554, or email pwwg14@gmail.com. We would love to have you on board.
Centrelink Website

The Centrelink website (www.centrelink.gov.au) has been incorporated into the Department of Human Services website humanservices.gov.au. The new site is a convenient, single entry point for health, social and welfare payments and services. Any questions regarding your payments or entitlements, this would be your first port of call.

- You are able to register online and access details of your account.
- Find out the latest information regarding services.
- Calculations can be done to work out family assistance.
- Access forms and brochures.

A touch screen computer is available at the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre for your use. Staff at the Centrelink agency are able to assist you with registration etc.

V/LINE BUS SERVICES

Purchase tickets at the Rural Transaction Centre or collect a V/LINE Bus Timetable

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Next Visit

Wednesday 29th April

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Location, Location??

Do you know the whereabouts of these and other Christmas decorations that were a past feature of Welshpool during the Christmas period? If so, could you please contact the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre as we would really like to locate them.
Meditation Classes

Coming to the Welshpool Hall

Starting Monday March 2nd at 10am cost $15 for 2 hours, (evening sessions TBA depending on interest) which will include a Guided Visualisation Meditation followed by Personal Development with a different theme each week, including Essential Oils, Tarot, Numerology, Crystals etc.

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Please contact me at carolinemcleodess@gmail.com with any questions.

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WDPS Needs your help!

Welshpool and District Primary School are looking for volunteers to assist throughout the school.

We are looking for enthusiastic people who would like to contribute to our wonderful little school and our students. A Working with Children check is required and we can assist you with obtaining this.

There are many ways to be involved in the school. Listed beside are just some of the ways. We would love to hear from you! Your support can have a lasting impact on a child and their educational experience.

If you have some time to volunteer please contact either Gabbi (Principal) or Carmel (Business Manager) on 56881460.
Welshpool CFA Notice

Having endured an extended period of extreme Bushfires throughout our state, it’s a timely reminder for locals to be aware of their own surroundings. Planning ahead is vital to ensure that you can evacuate quickly and safely, no matter what the circumstances.

Download the VIC Emergency App to be aware of incidents near you.

Identify possible safe areas if you are unable to evacuate the area.

Be familiar with alternate routes out of your area.

Welshpool CFA test the town warning siren each Thursday evening between 7:30pm and 8pm. Should you hear an extended Siren (5 minutes) – it indicates that a current emergency has been identified in the local area and people should seek further information immediately. The emergency incident will impact people in this area.

Interested in joining the CFA?... For more information come along to the Welshpool CFA station at 7:30pm on a Thursday or contact your local CFA Brigade.
Looking for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST to establish a local prayer group for praying for Australians and local needs – fires, etc.

Meeting time and venue to be advised.

Please leave your name and phone number at 0414 888 367

We will be in contact soon

Thanks Leo and Liz
The Welshpool Memorial Hall was the fortunate recipient of a grant from DELWP. As part of the “Solar on Public Buildings” project, a 6.4kwh system was installed in December and this will go a long way to offsetting the power bills, and will also add to the sustainability of the Hall.

Special thanks and recognition go to Joy Kipps, and Eddie Fowler for their outstanding work as part of the hall committee for many years!!!. With Joy and Eddie stepping down at the end of last year we are looking for people keen to come on board to assist with the running of the hall and catering for events if need be. Please contact Alan at the Welshpool Post Office for further details.

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Well here we are again... Santa’s been and all is good. The Christmas school holidays have been and gone with lots of visitors to the Port. And along came the sand flies, of course, it wouldn’t be summer without them. The Long Jetty is getting many visitors, no surprises there, what a view while you stroll along. The hotel is open for business and the General Store are run off their feet. Housing in the town is being bought and sold, some being demolished for more modern dwellings to take in the views.

Sadly, the New Year started with the devastating bush fires. We look on with amazement and disbelief that parts of our beautiful country could be reduced to this. As we help in whatever way we can, we hope that a lesson is learnt.

The New Year at the museum started with the Sea Days Festival.

Saturday began with early birds to the street stall; held under the veranda of the museum, they snapped up a bargain or found a novel from the Street Library. A bit later in the day Local historian and author, Cheryl Glowery gave a talk on the Long Jetty’s History. Much was learnt and many of those that attended contributed with their knowledge. Thanks Cheryl for your support.

On show was an extensive and interesting display of photos telling with interest the progress when Esso made Port Welshpool their depot for their oil exploration while Barry Beach was being developed. This is where the Long Jetty played another important part in history.

On Sunday, John Woolley a member of the museum and a seaman himself, with Esso, also had many stories to share as he gave an interesting talk about the long jetty and its involvement in setting up the oil exploration in Bass Strait. Many of the audience had worked at Barry Beach as it was being developed. The audience sharing knowledge which was widely received and helps keep history alive.

Nice to see John back.

Reg McNee, Director, Offshore Specialists Ships, Australia was a member of the audience. John introduced Reg and invited him to speak of his knowledge of Esso and of Bass Strait oil exploration including the part Port Welshpool played.

While visitors enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere as they listened to the discussions, many asking questions or contributed to history, and later wandered around the museum to soak up more history, some looking for family in photos. Devonshire teas were also on demand from the cottage at the museum.

The museum committee are very pleased with the attendance, the interest shown and the history shared. Many conversations were followed up with photos shared.

COMING TO THE MUSEUM....

Thanks to Reg McNee and Offshore & Specialists Ships Australia group; an offer has been made to the museum to hold an exhibition in the very near future. The committee jumped at the chance, as yet, dates are to be finalised but keep an eye out as all will be well advertised and a display not to be missed.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS.........................

The museum committee with the support of Cheryl Glowery are going to be holding workshops to document local history of the area. For this all that is needed is your knowledge. A fun, free gathering where knowledge will be shared over a cuppa and nibbles. Keep the other eye out for this, as time and dates will be advertised soon.
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LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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Winner of the December Crossword:
Lynn Gray
Community Group Listing

*Welshpool & District Advisory Group – Contact: Linda Razinger 03 5688 1051

*Welshpool Fire Brigade – training every Thursday night 7.30pm

*Welshpool Recreation Reserve – Contact: Madelaine Mason 0409 976 211

*Welshpool Basketball Association – Contact: Madelaine Mason 0409 976 211

  Contact: Shellie Cashmore 0419 322 384

*Welshpool Memorial Hall – Contact: Alan O’Neill 5688 1419

*Friends of Agnes Falls – https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAgnesFalls/

*Port Welshpool Fishing Club – Contact: Vern Suckling 5688 1554

*Port Welshpool Working Group – Contact: Alma Mattingley 0427 310 599

*Welshpool & District Playgroup – https://www.facebook.com/WelshpoolPlaygroup/

*Welshpool & District Horticultural Society – meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
  Contact: Fran Grylls Ph. 5184 1376

*Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum – Email: pwmmuseum@gmail.com
  Contact: Fran Grylls Ph. 5184 1376

*Port Welshpool Coast Guard – Contact: Peter Carrolan 0417 372 059

Welshpool and District Future Plan

An invitation is extended to the residents and interested people and groups to participate in the Welshpool and District Future Plan.

The Welshpool and District Community Group in partnership with South Gippsland Shire have previously completed two plans. One in 2002 and one in 2011. We are overdue to bring our plan up to date and reflect the community’s perceptions and ideas for the future of our area.

Copies of the plan are available at the Rural Transaction Centre, Welshpool – Australia Post Office, Welshpool – Port Welshpool Working Group, Port Welshpool - and the Hedley Hall Committee, Hedley.

It is important to be part of this exercise so that the views of the local residents can be presented to the Shire. It will also prioritise our wishes to the Shire as a community group. We encourage anyone to write or email to us any ideas for our next plan.

A community meeting will be called in the near future to present our findings and to gain support for prioritised projects before a final report / draft is presented to the Shire and the community.

Please take the time to make yourselves aware of what is in these reports and, more importantly, please be part of the process.

All Correspondence to:

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Yours sincerely

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We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year festivities and are looking forward to having a great year not only in life but certainly on the golf course as well.

The standard of golf has not been real brilliant but everyone still enjoys their game/day out. Plenty of golf is being played with special events mingled in between. The January men’s monthly medal was won by Paul Delaney and the February medal went to Nino Ditta. The ladies medals went to Rachael Brown and Peta Barlow.

The Betta Home Living 4BBB event on Sunday 20th January was won by the pairing of Nino Ditta and Pixie Roberts. The ladies winners were- Peta Barlow and Dot Stait.

The Drummond Golf 4BBB event was won by Pappy Pope and Greg Wilkinson and the ladies winners were Peta Barlow and Dot Stait again.

Other day’s winners have been-

Tuesday- Brian MacPherson, David Bligh, Stan Walker

Wednesday- Dot Stait, Rachael Brown.


Saturday- Mulligans (Pappy Pope), 4 club event (Pappy Pope), 2 person ambrose (Alan Hayes/Graeme Brennan),

Sunday- Harry Barlow, Graeme Brennan, Pappy Pope.

The pennant season is nearly upon us, commencing on Sunday 17th March. Expressions of interest are very promising and we hope to emulate our win of last season.

The winter (summer) knockout competitions will commence shortly so get your names on the board for your chance to have your name in gold lettering on the winners board.

As you read this the South Gippsland Classic will be up and running with our day being on Wednesday 19th February. Good golfing is assured as competitors are competing on nine differ course over the full nine days of golf.

“Golf is the only game where the worst player gets the best out of it. They obtain more out of it with regard to both exercise and enjoyment. The good player gets worried over the slightest mistake, whereas the poor player makes too many mistakes to worry over them”.

Left to Right – Wilko, Pappy, Damien Leggo from Drummond Golf, sponsor of the Drummond Golf 4BBB, Dot, Peta, Sue and Jeanette