

## **Welshpool & District Advisory Group**

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Summary of Minutes Welshpool & District Advisory Group for November 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

General Business was discussed plus the Nursery Shade Sails, trailer for the Nursery.

A new hot water service at the RTC was installed, thanks to Councilor Jeannette Harding who allocated monies from her discretionary funding.

The main discussion was around our Christmas meeting and thank you to our volunteers.

The Advisory group will be having a Christmas party on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Welshpool Hotel at 5.30pm onward. This is an opportunity to thank all our volunteers for the great work they have done over the last 12 months. A light dinner will be available i.e. finger food.

The last 12 months have been very busy and rewarding for WDAG and the community of Welshpool, the Opportunity shop has been doing well, and we've been able to help out a few of our community groups with donations from the Opportunity Shop. The Nursery has been developed and is growing in popularity within the community, and district.

On the Rural Transaction Centre side we have produced our 3 year strategic plan and in partnership with the Sth Gippsland Shire have produced our Community Plan. We secured partnerships with Social Traders, and the R.E Ross Trust, who have helped us in the setup of the Nursery and given us a grant for traineeship pathways for long term unemployed.

One of our staff Jeannie Causen left us to pursue her own business interests and we wish her well going into the future. Thank you, Jeannie for all your work for the RTC and Community. Jeannie was very helpful with our events especially the ART Show where she decorated the foyer every year, and helped in the organisation of the Prom Coast Summer Festival.

We have now employed a new member of the staff Sharon Demaria who will job share with Kerry Pinzone at the RTC, Sharon was the Manager of the Foster Branch of the ANZ Bank.

We wish to thank all our staff and volunteers for their service to the community and beyond.

We wish everyone of our staff and volunteers the very very best for Christmas and New Year.

Have a Good one.