ANZAC DAY 2020

ANZAC Day 2020 we were unable to stand together and remember as we have done in the past due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Many people stood at their letterboxes or stayed in their living rooms as part of the “Stand at Dawn” campaign and tuned into a live stream virtual Anzac Day service. It wasn’t our usual service but it was conducted with dignity and reverence.

Thanks to Rod Cochrane-Lane from the Toora RSL who came to Welshpool at 9.30am and carried out the flag raising and cenotaph service, assisted by Alan from the Welshpool Post Office.

The Welshpool Cemetery flag was also at half-mast and individual flags were placed to commemorate our fallen veterans.
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.

VLINE BUS SERVICES

Purchase tickets at the Rural Transaction Centre or collect a VLINE Bus Timetable

DIABETES CLINIC

If you would like an appointment or have any queries, please contact

Karen on 03 5683 9780

Kieran Olree is at the RTC every Wednesday

By appointment only - (03) 5176 2031

For more information and all the latest tax updates and handy hints for tax time, please visit Gibson’s website:

www.gibsonaccounting.com.au
Welshpool Rural Transaction

The Welshpool and District Advisory Group would like to inform members of the public that the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre remains open for business during this time. We are still open Monday to Friday, however our hours are now 10am to 3pm. The RTC can assist with your Bendigo banking needs, Centrelink enquiries, VLine ticket purchases and Bisley clothing range. At this stage the Community Library remains closed, however as soon as government restriction allow, the library will be open once again.

The Welshpool Op Shop and Nursery is now open. Please be aware the hours are currently Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm, with no weekend trading. There will be a limit of six people allowed in the shop at any one time, excluding volunteer staff, and there is sanitiser on the counter which we ask you to use before browsing. Please obey the 1.5 metre social distancing rules at all times and note that at this stage we will not be accepting donations of any kind. Once restrictions are lifted completely we will begin to accept donations again. Thank you for your ongoing support, keep smiling and be kind to others.

With all public social events currently cancelled, our newsletter brings you a couple of extra puzzle pages for your enjoyment. We look forward to the future when we can continue to bring you up to date information and stories on upcoming local events. When that time comes if you belong to a community group and have an event to share please be sure to let the RTC know so we can advertise your event.
WELSHPOOL RTC

A variety of jackets available in store now

New stock arriving soon for Winter

Hi Vis and Casual wear

Call in or phone 56881051

Bisley WORKWEAR

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Central enrollment for three-year old and four-year old kindergarten

Is your child ready for kindergarten in 2021?
To enrol your child in funded three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten for next year, you will need to register now.

Kindergarten enrolment is centralised through South Gippsland Shire Council. Simply complete a single enrolment form and nominate your kindergarten preferences. Enrolments must be lodged by 30 June.

You can enrol at:

For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0459 079 442 and we will call you back.
Welshpool & District Primary School

Never in my life could I have ever imagined the events of the past few months. While things have changed in our school, home and work lives, I am sure we will be able to reflect back on this time with amazement and pride. I am grateful for our school community in which we live and learn. The way we have worked together to ensure the education and wellbeing of our students is first class.

I have loved seeing the photos of the students in their new learning environment. So many happy faces ready to learn. While the Webex has been a challenge at some points, it has been a vital tool in allowing our students to connect with the teachers and just as importantly, with each other. I would really like to acknowledge the work of our staff. They have accomplished an amazing feat over the past month, the re-engineering of the education process. They have moved it from the traditional model of learning and teaching to remote and flexible learning supported by online systems and one on one support. A truly remarkable achievement.

We miss you all and can’t wait to see you back at school.

From my Remote and Flexible Learning space.

Gabbi
Gabrielle Boyd
Principal
Little School, Big Heart

Children learn from anything and everything they see. They learn wherever they are, not just in special learning places.
Free telephone and video counselling available to Welshpool residents during COVID-19

Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria (RFDS) continues to deliver mental health and wellbeing services to rural communities despite the current COVID-19 pandemic. Our clinicians are available for free sessions over the phone and via video.

RFDS has delivered mental health and wellbeing services in Welshpool since March 2019.

“RFDS were dedicated to supporting the Welshpool residents before COVID-19, and we will continue to support them throughout and after this challenge,” says Health Service Manager, Lauren Zappa.

RFDS is encouraging people to reach out and make an appointment if you are experiencing:

- Low mood, anxiety or depression
- Persistent worry or stress
- Relationship difficulties
- Financial stress
- Grief and loss
- Lack of confidence
- Concerns for a family member of a friend
- Or any other mental health and wellbeing concern

If you are experiencing these or other symptoms, there is support available. In Welshpool, our locally based Alice Irving is available to support your via telephone or video. Face to face appointments with Alice will resume after COVID-19. Alice says,

“I love the way that my role with RFDS reminds me often of my family’s long held connection with our region. It’s great to drive past my Dad’s childhood farm when I travel to see my clients.”

No GP referral is required to access this service. You can contact Flying Doctor Wellbeing directly or ask your trusted health professional to put you in touch.

To find out more or to make an appointment, contact the Flying Doctor Wellbeing team on (03) 8412 0480 or at wellbeing@rfds.vic.com.au.
Butterfly Word Search

CATERPILLAR
WING
CHRYSALIS
EGGS

INSECT
BUTTERFLY
NECTAR

Q: WHY DO FISH LIVE IN SALT WATER?
A: BECAUSE PEPPER MAKES THEM SNEEZE!

Q: WHAT DO YOU GIVE A SICK LEMON?
A: LEMON AID.

1-Blue 2-Pink 3-Yellow 4-Green 5-Red 6-Purple

Math Puzzle

8 + 6 + 1 = 
10 + 3 + 5 =
6 + 5 + 6 = 

Grade
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Council’s COVID-19 Hardship Policy

Rate Relief

South Gippsland Shire Council has adopted a new Hardship Policy to assist residents and businesses that are experiencing difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The policy applies to all rateable properties in South Gippsland and allows for the deferral of rates up to 30 June 2021 – however the establishment of a specifically tailored payment plan is encourages in the first instance.

Importantly, ratepayers do not need to have their hardship qualified by a financial councillor to apply for assistance and no interest will be charged on deferred rates.

Council’s COVID-19 Hardship Policy application form can be viewed at


Community members are encouraged to speak with a member of the rates team prior to completing the application on 5662 9200.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO STAY ENTERTAINED AT HOME?

Is staying at home giving you cabin-fever? Here are a few activities you can do from the comfort of your home that will help spend your time and can bring connection.

- Call or video chat with a loved one
- Utilise our online library, we even have a virtual story time
- Start an online course
- Relax, appreciate the slow life for a while
- Implement a self-care routine
- Get active! This could be a walk outside while social distancing or one of the many free online home workouts available on YouTube
- Take part in an online virtual experience, some great ones are being held by Zoos Victoria and Melbourne Museum

Keep an eye on Council’s Facebook Page for more inspiration!
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Consulting Room: $27.50 per day
Meeting Room Hire: $38.50 per day

Here at the Welshpool RTC
Currently Closed due to the COVID-19 situation

Many thanks to all our customers for respecting Social Distancing rules when visiting our shop.
Please look after yourselves, and respect others through this trying time.
Dear Football,

Some hate you, some like you, others not so sure, and then there are others that are so “very passionate”.

Back in the early 1900’s is when it all started for our family. It was a way to bring two towns together so everyone could forget about the woes of life, as sport does for the duration of the game. War was brewing, some were struggling for work, and families were expanding at an uncontrollable rate. What a better way to forget about all of life’s problems but sport, and you became it. Three days out of the seven in a week blokes had a time where they got with their mates to train and compete against others in the name of the club. No one was precious about anything other than the pride of the club. The competition against other towns in the area to become the best was the goal and along the way fun was had with celebrations after the games. If the scores weren’t anything to celebrate, much discussion was had on how to improve.

My grandfather became President of the club and no one was more passionate than him. Players who returned from a time out fishing were sent home to rest. His sons were told to help unload the catch so these players could get a good night’s sleep, because tomorrow being Saturday, a local team was to be played and these fishermen needed to be at their best. Talk about passionate. Also during these times an umpire needed to be protected as some spectators could get very vocal and fights were known to develop. Once again this same man sent his sons to the rescue.

As the years progressed the club became strong. Young men followed in their father’s footsteps and wore the colours with pride. Even though some teams in the comp were quite a drive away, who cares about distance when you have pride, fun and celebrations to be had, never mind about the injuries that was all part of the game. In the days when not everyone owned a car, ask around and you could always hitch a ride with someone. At one stage, Wally Harman ran a bus to the games and I remember as a child, having to get out of the bus at the Albert River and walk across the bridge. The bus was driven across then we all got back in the bus and off to the football we went. All this happened because the bridge in question was in need of repairs.

Grounds were not pristine grassed areas, they were mud holes in winter. With the players wearing woollen jumpers and leather boots, mud was always a problem from sticking between the stops, to the weight of a wet, muddy woollen jumper. These same grounds were the home for a few sheep, what a better way to keep the grass cut.

As the years go on and the community changes due to the options of work for young men, the clubs ebbed and flowed. Not everyone wanted to stay on the land as farmers or battle with Mother Nature in Bass Strait. There were other options more exciting on offer for a career with more money to be earned, so off to the big smoke men ventured. Some did return on weekends to keep the club afloat, but as their lives progressed or they joined a more local club, their home club found it hard to field a team so the inevitable happened. Where previously the thought of playing for another club was not an option, it soon became one. Towns swallowed their pride and amalgamated to keep the game going in the area. Even though cars had improved and more could afford to own one, distance became an issue. Sadly after much discussion you became history for the Welshpool Bulldogs. Photos and trophies were all put into the history file. Great memories are still discussed, laughed about or whispered about. As you drive past the footy ground the goal posts are still in full view to remind us of the days gone by and where two towns joined and stood proud under your brand.

WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS..............................

Next to the footy rooms was where the girls played netball in the proud colours of the red white and blue. The draw was the same as the blokes, e.g. Welshpool V Woodside, so did the girls. I think we had a small shed, but I don’t recall there being any flash change rooms, and certainly no showers but then we were out in the elements just not where the sheep wandered.

If there are any community members that have photos of Welshpool netball teams, we at the museum would love to be able to have a copy; this can be done at the museum. The museum has many team photos, trophies etc. covering the footy but none to cover the history of the netball club and it is a very important part of history.

As proudly they all wore........ Red White and Blue.
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I just told him
we're getting a puppy
CROSSWORD

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3. Enduring
4. French for "Names"
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Sponsored by: Welshpool Supermarket
Entries must be received before 16th June, 2020

All correct entries will be put into a hat and the winner will be drawn by Supermarket staff. No correspondence will be entered into etc.
Please remember to double-check your spelling.
Remember to include your name, contact number and date on your returned entry, Thank you.

Winner of the March Crossword:
Marilyn Heggie
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

Does volunteering interest you?!

Have you ever thought about joining a local community group, but not sure which one or where to find them? The list above are many of our community volunteer groups helping to run local services and facilities for all community members to enjoy. These groups rely on volunteers to help them continue and grow. Maybe you have a skill that could be beneficial, or just want to meet a few new faces. Any of our community groups would be grateful of your help. If you think one of the above groups may be of interest to you please contact them on the number above for information.

With recent restriction due to COVID-19 most groups have ceased holding meetings or events, however with restrictions slowly easing, they may soon start meetings again. Give them a call and join one of our wonderful community groups. A great place to meet new people and lend a helping hand at the same time.

Cider From Toora Pear Orchard

Friends of Toora Heritage Pear Orchard have partnered with Gurneys Cidery to produce local Toora Pear Cider. The Cider to be produced in 375ml cans will be ready in time for the 10th Toora Pear Party in March 2021. This is a very exciting project for the Friends who have been busy maintaining this community asset. They had the soil tested and the recommended fertilizer was applied. Thanks to Tony Adams and Jeff Unthank for their work. Tina Snell and Peter Berbee are planning to start pruning soon. The planned Grafting Day will be August 14 if Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted.

Gurneys is holding a competition for a label for the new Toora Pear Cider which should feature Toora and/or the Pear Orchard. It is open to all ages and skill levels. First prize is the honour of having your work on possibly thousands of cans plus $250 in cash and $200 worth of cider (only for those over 18). Runner up prizes will be announced in due course. Entries close 30 June 2020. See details at: www.gurneyscider.com.au
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THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS ONLY

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Local Medical Transport

Gippsland Southern Health Service, South Gippsland Hospital and Bass Coast Health are working together to transport people to medical appointments within the Shires of South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

The South Gippsland Coast Partnership have hospital vehicles located at Leongatha, Foster and Wonthaggi with a pool of volunteer drivers working from each site.

Transport is for all types of medical appointments including hospital admissions and discharges, podiatry, community health centre and GP visits.

If you require assistance with medical transport please call

5671 3372

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

Please also call if you would like to volunteer
Fit the numbers 1 – 6 in each hex. Where the sides of different hexagons meet, the adjoining segments will have the same number value. No number can be repeated in a hexagon.

MARCH SOLUTIONS

Buzzword! by Ann Richmond Fisher

The shaded U and the six letters surrounding it spell JUSTICE, which matches one of the clues below. Find 7-letter words for the remaining clues. Shade the center letter of each word.
1. fairness justice-U
2. hair-cleaning soap ___________
3. bring things together ___________
4. enthusiastic ___________
5. skin at base of nails ___________
6. in the future ___________
7. not straight ___________

Now unscramble all 7 of the center letters to spell today’s BUZZWORD.

Individual-sized dessert: ___________

boots flood store
breathing flush testing
chair foil tote
cient grain transmit
damage guide treat
danger intelligence wander
deep latex water
desire option wean
dots others weapon
enjoy rainy wildfire
fence report within
fight sire word
first smart worry

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