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Sea Days 2017

Once again the 2017 Sea Days Festival was a successful event providing local activity and encouraging Tourism in the area. The weather was very hot and windy but this did not deter any of the activities.

A variety of displays and exhibits promoted local services, tourism spots and activities. Marine Safety education and the Local Coast Guard drew a lot of interest as did the Agnes Falls display, Pear Orchard, Local Family History Society and the Local Beekeepers.

Rob Gardiner a Marine Biologist from the Australian Marine Conservation Society provided a fish tank and touch tanks, and provided information concerning Corner Inlet Marine diversity.

Andrew Wegner sponsored by Coastcare was as ever popular with his display of wildlife and knowledgeable advice about Australian wildlife.

Local musicians gave a continuous concert on a stage provided by Stoitse Transport to whom we give gratitude for their continuous support of the festival.

Come Try Fishing provided by Fishcare Victoria was an important draw card with over 80 children registering to participate and many "tiddlers" caught from the jetty, a source of great excitement for the young children.

Children were also catered for with a jumping castle, Mini Gold and stalls selling locally made products.

There was ample food from the Welshpool Primary School run kiosk and a Port Welshpool Working Group BBQ.

Thank you to all who supported and volunteered at Sea Days. Already planning has begun for 2018 Festival which will have a strong ecological focus. We welcome any ideas for this festival and of course would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer and to help in the planning of next year's festival. Phone 0427310599 or pwwg14@gmail.com.au







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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.

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DIABETES CLINIC

Next Visit Thursday, 30th March

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or have any queries, please contact

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Community Bank Youth Foundation Behind bars at Parkville College.

KIDS in juvenile detention are often the most forgotten kids in society. Most have not had family support, have suffered abuse, struggled to stay in school, and are put in the 'too hard basket.'

Parkville College was established in Victoria's youth detention centres in 2012 to provide these vulnerable youth with an education seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

The Youth Foundation program, piloted by the Heidelberg Community Bank^{*}, has developed a program to bring the youth philanthropy program to them - giving them a voice and an opportunity to contribute back to their communities.

The results have been outstanding, and so wanting to run the program on an ongoing basis the Heidelberg Community Bank[®] asked all of Victoria's Community Bank[®] 's to help fund this wonderful program, with the hope to increase time with the facilitator from once month to once a week.

When this request crossed the Promontory District Finance Group's (PDFG) Board table, (the Board that oversee the Toora & District Community Bank[®] Branch, Foster branch and Welshpool agency), the Board was impressed by the innovations that the Heidelberg Community Bank[®] had undertaken and furthermore, the difference the program was having on these kids.

The Board members felt they could not be so naive to believe that none of our local children could end up in a place like Parkville College, and to give these kids who have no one else to help them, a chance to belong and contribute to society in a positive way really struck a chord with PDFG.

So PDFG has answered Heidelberg Community Bank^{*}'s call for help. Along with other Community Banks, the Toora & District Community Bank^{*} Branch, Foster branch and Welshpool agency has entered into a pledge for the Youth Foundation Program at Parkville College contributing funds every year for the next four years.

As it is proven that most of the children return to the communities from which they came from, our Community Bank[®] hopes to help break the destructive cycle and that the children return with a positive and engaging attitude to life.

What is even more encouraging is that Parkville College has now evolved to have a campus on 'this side of the wall' - where many of the students are returning, in order to finish their education after they are released from custody.

Toora & District Community Bank[®] Branch, Foster branch and Welshpool agency are so very proud to be involved in such a positive program, literally changing lives, after all, **we are Bigger than a Bank**.



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:

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Welshpool Basketball Association



Our Senior's season for 2017 has just started with the first game of the season being played on Wednesday 1st February. With 8 teams of mixed

over 16's joining us we are in for a great season once again. We have many newcomers playing this season which is great to see and we welcome them to our club. Good luck to all teams.

Anyone is welcome to come along and watch the games, every Wednesday night between now and the 19th April starting at 6.30pm. Knockout Final will be on the 26th April with the Grand Final being played on the Wednesday 3rd May.

A new stadium floor for Welshpool

It is well know that we have been in need of a new stadium floor for many years now. We are very excited to be able to confirm that the time has now come and will be done in the very near future. With the assistance of the South Gippsland Shire Council, the Welshpool Recreation Reserve Committee has been successful in their grant application for \$100,000 from the 2017-2018 Sport and Recreation Victoria Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. The Welshpool Basketball Association and the South Gippsland Shire will also each contribute \$50,000 towards the project. The Council will manage the project, with the funds going towards totally replacing the floor as well as new seating, scorebox, safety padding and a fresh coat of paint.

Thank you to Sport and Recreation Victoria, South Gippsland Shire Council, Welshpool Recreation Reserve and Welshpool Basketball committee members and also thanks to everyone's continued support for our club, our players, parents and anyone who has every supported any of our fundraising events. Thanks to everyone's ongoing efforts Welshpool Basketballs future is now guaranteed.

Stayed tuned for updates to our progress.

Prom Coast Seachange Festival

Spread over two HUGE weekends (24, 25, 26, 31 March, and 1, 2 April), the 2017 Prom Coast Seachange Festival will incorporate many events and activities.

We have supported this Seachange Committee since 2010 and are proud to see how the Festival has grown each year.

In the 2017 Festival, the Toora & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, Foster branch and Welshpool agency are sponsoring the spectacular Grigoryan Brothers, regarded as Australia's finest guitar duo.



Welshpool Golf Club

Well Christmas has come and gone as have the festivities of the New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed both periods and are looking forward to a great year of golf. Resolution being "to play better golf"- good luck with that one.

January was a month of ordinary events where everybody seemed to have a more social outlook to their games of golf. Probably trying to get their handicaps to go out some. February is where we see more competitive events such as the Drummond Golf 4BBB event. The South Gippsland Golf Classic where competitors can play on a different course over the period 11th February to 19th February, and the Gena Roughhead Bowl at Woorayl on the 20th February.

Winners throughout the month have been-

Tuesdays – P Delaney, Marco Salierno, D Bligh, B MacPherson, A Hayes.

Wednesdays Ladies - Monthly Medal Ann Skan, 4BBB J Swann/ T Latch, F MacPherson, R Brown.

Friday Chicken runs – B MacPherson, Dan Conley, R Easton, Rachael Brown.

Saturday Men's – Monthly Medal Graeme Brennan, G Brown, A Brown, B MacPherson.

Sundays - N Lucas, 4BBB P Delaney/ G Brown, Dan Conley, G English, Trish Latch.

"Three things an aging golfer loses – his nerve, his memory, and I can't remember the third thing"

Groucho Marx once said - "I'm not feeling very well - I need a doctor immediately. Ring the nearest golf course".

"HOW TO DROP A BALL" – In all cases, the ball must be dropped (not spun) from an erect stance and with an extended arm at shoulder height. It must strike the ground within the allowable area but may travel for up to a further two club lengths (not nearer the hole than the problem point or nearest point of relief) without requiring re-dropping.

Pennant for the ladies commences on Monday 27th February and for the men on Sunday March 19th.

February's monthly medal winners were – Ladies, Rachael Brown net 69 (18) and the men, Graeme Brennan net 66 (21). Ladies putting to Ann Skan with 23 putts and the men Alan Hayes with 26 putts.

Sunday 5th February was the Drummond Golf sponsored 4BBB men's and ladies event where some very good golf was played. We thank Damien Leggo of Drummond Golf for attending and playing on our course for the first time. Winners for the day were – Men, Tom Welsh/ Gary Brown with 46 points on a count back from Damien Leggo/ Graeme English. The Ladies winners were Ann Skan/ Glenda Burley with a great score of 51 points. Runners up were Jeanette Swann/ Trish Latch with 47. BDL's went to Greg Wilkinson/ Ken Hallett with 43 and Rachael Brown/ Jen Delaney with 44. The only NTP went to Damien on the 17th. We thank Drummond Golf for their generous sponsorship of this day.



Drummond Day Men's Winners Gary Brown, Tom Welsh, Damien Leggo and Graham English.



Drummond Day Lady Winners Jeanette Swann, Trish Latch, Anne Skan and Glenda Burley with Damien from Drummond Golf Traralgon.



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Welshpool Basketball Association



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VHF Marine Radio Course



Port Welshpool Coast Guard will be running the

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Why do I need a qualification at all?

A marine radio can save lives. So it's important that:

- you know the correct channels to use, and how and when to use them
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- you know how to respond to an emergency call
- your messages are understood and others know how to respond
- you know what DSC is and the benefits of connecting a GPS to your radio
- you know when and how to operate an EPIRB in a distress situation.

in an emergency, knowledge of distress and safety procedures helps everyone involved in the rescue. Marine radio communications can also provide a variety of services to small vessels, including weather and navigational information. So, the more you know about how to operate a marine radio, the more benefit you'll get from yours. Anyone operating a VHF marine radio without an appropriate qualification, or not under the supervision of an appropriately qualified person, may be breaching the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*.

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Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum

Well, here we go again another year galloping along. The Committee and Members of the Museum trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish everyone all the very best for 2017.

From all reports, another successful "Sea Days Festival" was enjoyed by all, yes way back in January!

As they say "every picture tells a story", and this photo below shows testimony to that with these happy visitors at the museum enjoying the shade of the 100 year old peppercorn tree. [The tree believed to have been planted when the owners Mr. and Mrs. W.B.M. Smith moved into their home back in 1881.] A stroll through the Museum to view the exhibition titled **"War at Sea"** being held until **early February**, and then Devonshire tea was enjoyed while unwinding from entertaining at the festival.

Mother Nature sent us another hot and windy weekend for the festival: "well after all it is summer", and what we have come to expect. Even though it was felt that the heat did deter visitors from the museum, it was a "cool" place to be, with the house having 15 foot ceilings. Many enjoyed and soaked up the history: others took a stroll down memory lane, seeing a photo of a family member or school friend.

The railway, and in particular the horse drawn tram seems to be of interest to many visitors. Railway Magazines have shown interest of late, asking all sorts of questions as it was very unique for its time, and it was only at Port Welshpool.

Mr. Wally Mansell, employee of the Victorian Railways was the only driver employed to drive a horse drawn tram. By the way the horses name was "ledger". So if you are a railway buff, relative of the Mansell family or have photos or knowledge you would like to share with us we would love to hear from you.

The Museum is open on weekends.....12.30 till 4pm

Week day visits can be arranged for group booking by phoning 59886173.

Maybe you have lived in the area for some time, driven past and never been in; 2017 could be the year to change that. You will be made most welcome and I assure you, you will be pleasantly surprised by all the Museum has to offer. If you are new to the town and are looking for photos and history of the property you have just purchased we will be only too happy to help. OR, if you would like to become a volunteer, we are always looking for new friends of the museum. "Many hands to preserve history". You don't have to have any experience and it is a very interesting place to spend a few hours.



Group enjoying Devonshire Tea at Museum



Mayor Ray Argento and Port Museum Committee Janet Taylor and Charlotte and Gloria



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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. Ballet attire
- 5. Dim
- 10. Winglike
- 14. Nameless
- 15. Nigerian monetary unit
- 16. Lasso
- 17. Untruths
- 18. Streamside
- 20. Will supplement
- 22. A canvas shoe
- 23. Cheat
- 24. Test, as ore
- 25. Advocates (British spelling)
- 32. Beginning

- 33. A green fabric mixture 34. Not against
- 37. Anagram of "Dice"
- 38. Crinkly
- 39. Desire
- 40. Directed
- 41. Seminal fluid
- 42. Anoint (archaic)
- 43. Myopic
- 45. Body
- 49. Born as
- 50. Embodiment
- 53. Gist
- 57. Contemplative

Sponsored by: Welshpool Supermarket Entries must be received before 27th February, 2017

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 December Crossword: Lynn Gray

Down

- 1. After-bath powder 2. Pearly-shelled mussel Pigeon-____ 4. Lacking a signature
- 5. Immature
- 6. Found on a finger
- 7.54 in Roman numerals
- 8. Angers
- 9. Mountain pool
- 10. Tapestry
- 11. Glances
- 12. Breathing problem
- 13. Attempt again
- 19. Banguet
- 21. Vesicle
- 25. Spring
- 26. A single time
- 27. Utilized
- 28. Andean animal
- 29. Admirer
- 59. A whitetail
- 60. Kind of school
- 61. Flamingo or heron
- 62. Twin sister of Ares
- 63. Container weight
- 64. Begin 65. Airhead



30. Roasters

31. Beam

35. Leer at

39. Ignored

44. Enclose

46. A drama

set to music

51. Mouths

53. Always

47. Equestrian

36. Marsh plant

42. Anagram of "Sage"

48. Anagram of "Spite"

52. French for "State"

54. Roman emperor

56. At one time

55. Cover with plaster

34. Fuss

38. Tiny

41. Snob

45. Lure

LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT





The **Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre** is now on Facebook. "Like" our page to stay informed of upcoming local events and news as well as the services provided by the RTC.

"Welshpool RTC"



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The Volunteers at the Op Shop have done a brilliant job in keeping everything in ship- shape and running okay. Not only running the day to day responsibilities of the Business but also supporting each other as a few volunteers have had medical issues to deal with and our best wishes go to them.

The support of goods from the general public to sell in the Op Shop has been great BUT please don't use it as a rubbish dump. It costs money to dispose of JUNK! Not all junk is someone else's treasure. This is not saying we don't want goods but please ask if you think something might not be acceptable.

Prior to Christmas a flagpole was erected and a new sign put in place to explain our Services. Also, we had the front of the Rural Transaction Centre repainted to match the Op Shop. We think it looks great!

Recently there has been a fair bit of angst about the use of the land at the rear of the shops in Welshpool. The Welshpool and District Advisory Group along with Volunteers are doing their best to negotiate the use of this land for Community use. A lot of thanks is due to those people who pushed this project forward. More news later on this project.

Recently we have been made aware of persons attempting to dump rubbish on the Rail Trail to Port Welshpool and around our towns. This needs to stop if we are to have neat and tidy areas that don't look like a Dump. We need to encourage people to go to the tip or contact Welshpool Waste.

Great news for the Welshpool Basketballers! Funding for the new floor at the Stadium has come through due to the persistence of a dedicated bunch of Volunteers. An ongoing testimony to the Welshpool and District population being doers, not talkers. You only have to look around this area to see this- an example is the Golf Club. Do any of us realise the amount of work a few Volunteers do to keep the Golf Club in a pristine condition. Don't forget the Gippsland Golf Classic is up soon and the Welshpool Golf Club is in the middle of it. The South Gippsland Classic Golf tournament starts at Foster on Saturday 11th February and a game is played every day at a different course across South Gippsland until Sunday 19th. Welshpool Golf Club plays host on Wednesday 15th. If you want any further information about this tournament contact the club. The club also holds a non-handicap event every Tuesday morning starting at 9:00am. It is followed by a sausage sizzle. Non-members are most welcome. If you would like to give golf a try, come along. If you don't have any clubs, they will find some for you.

The Financial news is that the Welshpool and District Advisory Group have reserves to cover the outstanding payments to finalise the commitment on the purchase of the Op Shop. Our general accounts are not great but we are meeting our commitments and the a/c is growing slowly. With the community's support we will continue to grow a great community asset.

Regards

Eddie Fowler

President

Welshpool and District Advisory Group

