

Celebrating the Port Welshpool Long Jetty

On Friday 22nd March, Federal Member Russell Broadbent, invited the community to join him for a jetty walk and BBQ to celebrate the rehabilitation of the Long Jetty. A crowd of locals and visitors to the area attended, hearing from Russell, Mayor Don Hill and Danny O'Brien. All agreed that although there were a number of setbacks along the way with funding and timing, this has been a great achievement.

Thanks went to all for their fantastic team effort, with a letter from Peter Ryan being read by Russell Broadbent, "The real triumph lies with the people of Port Welshpool and the South Gippsland region. In that I include the South Gippsland Shire which have been very supportive throughout."

Congratulations to everyone involved and may we all enjoy our wonderful Long Jetty.



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TRADING HOURS

MON - FRI
11.00AM - 4.00PM

- BENDIGO BANK
- CENTRELINK
- VETERANS AFFAIRS
- TAXATION INFORMATION
- MASSAGE (by appointment)
- V/LINE TICKETING OFFICE
- INTERNET ACCESS
- ROOM HIRE
- PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
- VISITING ACCOUNTANT (by appointment)
- DIABETES CLINIC (by appointment)
- TOURIST INFORMATION
- FAX, COPY & PRINT SERVICES



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.



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DIABETES CLINIC

Next Visit

Thursday 28th March

Wednesday 24th April

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS NETWORK

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Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre

The Welshpool RTC has recently had a makeover with fresh new carpet laid in the front area of the building. A grant was received from the South Gippsland Shire Council from their 2017/2018 Community Grants Program which assisted in the purchase of the carpet.

Many thanks must go to a number of members of our local community who volunteered their time to help remove the old carpet and prepare the under surface. It was a much bigger job than anticipated and the Welshpool & District Advisory Group members are incredibly grateful to those helpers who gave up their Friday night and Sunday to help our local Transaction Centre.

Feel free to call in, say "Hi" to our friendly staff and have a look at our Centre.

Also arriving soon will be a new community noticeboard for all things local. If any sporting clubs or local groups have any events or items of interest, be sure to drop them into us so we can display these items for you. Keep an eye out, it will be placed in between the Transaction Centre and the Op Shop / Nursery very soon.



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Kieran Olree is at the RTC every Wednesday

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Welshpool & District Horticultural Society
Autumn Flower Show - "The Tree Of Life"

Once again the Horticultural Society was thrilled with the enthusiastic response from locals and visitors to the recent show held in the Memorial Hall. Where else could you see such a wonderful display of what our gardens produce, purchase a range of plants, and indulge in heavenly food.

Winners:

Class A Dahlias

Best Exhibit – Gary Kipps

Best Dahlia – Gary Kipps

Best Vase – Gary Kipps

Best Progressive Dahlia – Trish Newby

Best Novice Dahlia – Noreen Watson

Class B

Best Exhibit – Rob Gyles

Best Rose Exhibit – Fran Grylls

Class C – Best Exhibit – Rosslyn McPherson

Class D – Best Exhibit – Rhonda Bland

Class E

Best Exhibit Floral Art – Marilyn Mackie –

Arrangements using pears –

This was also the Best Exhibit in Show

Class F – Susan Schumann

Class G – Home Produce – Jan Gyles

Class H Kate Crowl



Welshpool Recreation Reserve

Another very successful Seafood Night was held on Saturday 16th February. With 73 people attending, everyone enjoyed a feast of fresh hot and cold seafood and salads followed by a delicious choice of desserts. At the end of the evening we had 17 trays of mixed seafood plates to raffle and one 2kg crayfish kindly donated by Foster Seafood.

The committee would like to thank the wonderful crew in the kitchen and those who helped with serving throughout the night. All of our helpers are volunteers and we thank them immensely.

Funds raised from this evening will be going towards a new storage shed for our user groups to make use of. An enjoyable night was had by all and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Welshpool & District Horticultural Society

Mary Ellis opened the show and it was very pleasing to see the Welshpool School children listening to her words and then enjoy the show. The Society is again indebted to them for the display of their work that decorated the entrance.

Thank you to all who contributed and visited the show. There aren't enough words to describe the contribution of the Hall ladies who provided such special food and welcome to visitors.

The next meeting activity is a bus trip to the Dandenongs on Wednesday April 10th. IF interested in going please ring Kate 0427 031 908.



Flying Doctor Wellbeing: Supporting the mental wellbeing of Welshpool residents

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria's mental health program 'Flying Doctor Wellbeing' is now offering services in Welshpool at the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre. Flying Doctor Wellbeing provides free and confidential mental health and wellbeing services to people living in regional and remote communities.

The RFDS is encouraging people, aged 18 or older, who may be experiencing low mood, persistent worry and stress, grief, financial stress or other mental health and wellbeing concerns to reach out and access free Flying Doctor Wellbeing services. Appointments are confidential and do not require a referral from a GP.



In Welshpool, local Mental Health Clinician Diana Boyd supports residents to talk through any concerns, and provides expert advice, resources and strategies for coping. Diana has a Bachelor of Social Work and postgraduate studies in mental health. Diana has a wealth of experience having worked in a range of diverse environments including mental health, trauma recovery, sexual and family violence and refugee communities. Diana's practice is founded in the belief that when people have hope they can learn to change and replace irrational thoughts, beliefs, attitudes and are free to experience change. Diana said,

"I believe that healing is a collaborative endeavor that requires honest caring without judgment. Rather than adopting one methodology for all individuals and issues, I draw from a variety of methods to create a tailored approach for each individual and situation. I am particularly concerned with the impact of loss and trauma and improving intervention to support trauma recovery for better emotional and physical health."

Diana is available to see clients on Thursday afternoons in Welshpool at the RTC. If you would like to make a free and confidential appointment please contact the Flying Doctor Wellbeing team on (03) 8412 0480.

Feeling worried or overwhelmed?

Flying Doctor Wellbeing can help when times are tough.

Mental health and wellbeing services are now available in your community.

Flying Doctor Wellbeing provides FREE and confidential mental health appointments with no need for a GP referral.

Call (03) 8412 0480 or email wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au to find out about the service or make an appointment.



How are you going? >

	Well			Unwell
How are you feeling?	Self-aware and calm	Irritable or impatient	Angry	Aggressive, out of control
What's your stress level?	Coping well	Worried, nervous	Very nervous, panicky	Highly anxious panic attacks
What's your outlook?	Positive outlook	Overwhelmed	Feeling hopeless	Depressed or suicidal thoughts
How are you working?	Working productively	Putting things off, forgetting	Poor performance	Unable to perform duties
How are you sleeping?	Sleeping normally	Trouble sleeping	Restless disturbed sleep	Sleeping too much or too little
What's your energy level?	Energetic	Low energy levels	Tired	Physical symptoms of illness
What's your activity level?	Keeping active	Decreasing activities	Little enjoyment from activities	Avoiding activities
How social are you?	Feeling connected	Withdrawing from social activity	Irritated and frustrated with others	Isolated from others

What can you do? >

Developed by:



Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health

Adapted from "How are you going" poster, original development and design by the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, University of Newcastle, with permission.

Keep it up!	Ask for support, try not to judge yourself	Don't put it off, act now	You must get help
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Fundraising Event – Club Choir

The Welshpool Trekkers will be raising money for the Fred Hollows Foundation by walking the Melbourne Coastrek, 30km Mornington Peninsula walk on the 24th May. Come along for a night of fun and assist our Trekkers in reaching their \$2000 target.

When: Saturday 27th April

Where: Welshpool Golf Club

Cost: \$20 per person

Bar Opens: 6.30pm (Drinks at Bar prices)

Start Time: 7pm

Raffles on the night



Fiona Curram & Bec Bones

Our Club Choir is based on the concept of the “Pub Choir”. Bec Bones and Fiona Curram, two well-known local musicians, will be running the evening, dividing the group into three sections, teaching a song in three part harmony, and putting it all together to perform the whole song at the end of the evening.

Join us for some laughs, a great night out, and help support our local trekkers on their fundraising journey.

Tickets available at the Welshpool Post Office

Enquiries – Jeanette 0429 702 122

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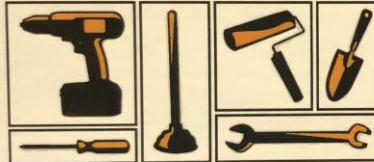
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THE “WESTERN SPRUCE” DISASTER.

*Fifty Years on, we remember.....*The beginning of the 1960's saw the commencement of exploration for oil and natural gas in Bass Strait, off the Gippsland coast. One such vessel engaged in a petroleum exploration was the seismic survey vessel 'WESTERN SPRUCE'. This ship was built in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. in 1966 and was originally named the "DANTZLER SPRUCE". Purchased by the Western Geophysical Company of America 1968, her name was changed to that of the 'Western Spruce'.

The purchase of such a seismic survey vessel was to map the geological formations deep beneath the seabed for the tell-tale signs the geologists were able to interpret as indicative of possibly containing petroleum deposits. Information was obtained from the vessel by using controlled explosions to create powerful seismic shock waves to penetrate the geological layers beneath the sea bed.

The explosions required to generate such a powerful shock wave, able to penetrate below the seabed, were produced by an electrical firing mechanism that triggered the ignition and explosion of two volatile gases combined, (liquid oxygen and propane). The mechanism for producing such explosion was generated by an 'aqua-pulse gun' which was towed behind or under the seismic survey vessel.

On March 22nd 1969, the Western Spruce, moored alongside the Long Jetty, had been restocked with stores and fresh water and was awaiting the arrival of 100,000 cubic feet of liquid oxygen and a consignment of diesel to 'top up' the 26,000 or 31,000 U.S. gallon tanks aboard the vessel.

At 6.30pm, a C.I.G. tanker arrived to deliver the liquid oxygen to the vessel. As soon as the pumping process was completed the CIG tanker moved aside to make way for the diesel delivery. At 7.30pm the town was rocked by the explosion.

Two employees, Charles Young, 51, and Thomas Coon, 38, were killed instantly. Rapidly an inferno developed and the crew had to abandon the vessel as the situation was too dangerous. At 8.30pm the supervisor of the Barry Beach Marine Terminal, Pieter De Neef, accompanied by Senior Sergeant Jock Bowman of the Yarram Police, arrived at the wharf. Noticing that the mooring lines had been burnt through, except for the bowline, these two men bravely reached the bollard where the bowline was attached and were able to cast the vessel adrift. Fortunately, the tide was ebbing and so the exploding vessel drifted away from the jetty and out of harm's way of the township. Now able to do so, the attending firemen were able to contain the fire that had spread to the jetty structure.

Unfortunately, while this was being done, they found an unconscious and badly burnt man lying near the end of the jetty. That person, was identified as Ian Meeker, aged 22, sadly he died the following day without regaining consciousness.

Following the death of the three killed and the twenty injured by the explosion, the coronial enquiry resulted in a finding of, "Death by Misadventure".

Around the time of this disaster there had been other marine accidents with the added questions about safety regulations. The Port Welshpool disaster forced government to change safety regulations and you can see why when you read the list of combustible materials aboard the Western Spruce. They included paint in drums, Hydraulic oil, approx 40 cylinders of oxygen, approx 12 x 44 gallon drums of lubrication and cable oil, thousands of gallons of liquid oxygen, diesel and propane. Some of the propane bottles were later found on Snake Island.



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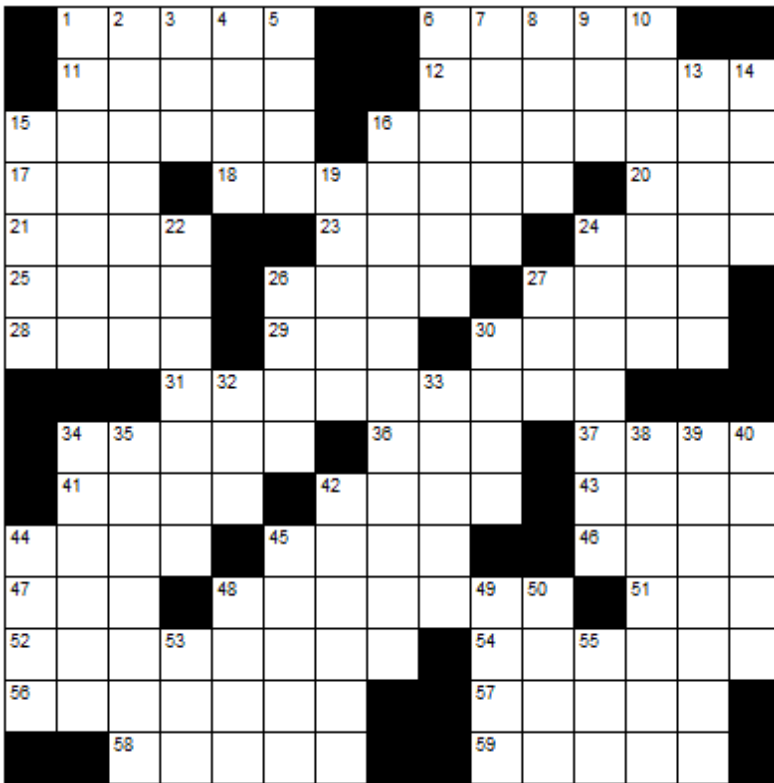
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2. Sickness
3. 12 in Roman numerals
4. Nights before
5. Start over
6. Liar
7. Prevent legally
8. Cajole
9. Former boxing champ
10. Ointment ingredient
13. Renter
14. Biblical garden
15. Viper
16. Working
19. Stave off
22. Colonist
24. Pendant earring
26. Found on most heads
27. Regret
30. French cheese
32. A common cyst
33. Duck down
34. Bestow
35. Personal journals
38. Cordial
39. Existing in name only
40. Investment
42. Prayer beads
44. Collections
45. Eats
48. Gingivae
49. A ceremonial staff
50. Historical periods
53. Bleat
55. Altitude (abbrev.)

Across

1. Whisk
6. Poopy
11. Quick
12. Set apart
15. Yoked
16. Acquired
17. One of the tribes of Israel
18. Dais
20. Half of two
21. Perishes
23. Vice President
24. Distinctive flair
25. Being
26. German for "Mister"
27. Shower
28. A musical pause
29. Genus of macaws
30. Charred
31. Tweeted
34. Lazybones
36. 3 in Roman numerals
37. Rodents
41. Bearing
42. Was a passenger
43. Leave out
44. Box
45. Accomplished
46. Falafel bread
47. Hearing organ
48. A bladed medieval weapon
51. Arctic bird
52. Court
54. Fit for farming
56. Paddle-wheeler
57. Kind of lily
58. Impudent
59. Banana oil, e.g.



LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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15th April, 2019

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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 February Crossword:

Arie Bos



Welshpool Golf Club

What an eclectic mix of weather we have been having although it has not interrupted the playing of golf too much we still have had to cancel some days. On Wednesday 20th February the club hosted our round of the South Gippsland Classic. The format was a two person medley ambrose. The mens winners were- Dan Macey/Leroy Sharrock with a fine score of net 60 ½. The ladies winners were- E. Hatwell/D. Mulcahy with net 68. The mixed winners were- S. Craven/C. McNall with net 63 ¾. The highlight of the day was a hole in one for Pam Davies from Axedale who aced the par 3 eighth. For her effort she secured the \$1000. Cheque for the first hole in one throughout the classic. She went home a very happy golfer. The event was a reasonable success with players coming from all over Victoria, Interstate and even from America to participate.

Local golf winners have been-

Tuesdays- Ian Gibson, Steve Stewart, Harry Barlow and Greg Wilkinson

Wednesdays ladies- Trish Latch twice and Rachael Brown

Fridays chicken run- Gary Jones, Merv Lowe twice, Tom Welsh and Kevin Stait

Saturdays mens- Dan Conley, Harry Barlow, Ian Gibson, Paul Delaney and the March monthly winner was Graeme Brennan.

Sundays games- Pappy Pope, Dan Conley, Greg Wilkinson, Paul Delaney and Harry Barlow.

In the mens Summer Knockout competition Andrew Brown defeated Pappy Pope to Go into the final round and Ian Gibson defeated Nino Ditta. The final will now be between Andrew and Ian.

In the ladies knockout competition Di Walker defeated Sue Brown. Rachael Brown defeated Anne Skan to go into the final. Di now plays Jeanette Swann to see who plays Rachael in the final.

Pennant has started and the mens and ladies teams have suffered defeats in their first games. We will look forward to a better showing in the coming weeks.

“When I’m on a golf course and it starts to rain and lightning, I hold up my one iron, cause I know even God can’t hit a one iron”

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Rock 'n' Roll Night at Welshpool

Welshpool Memorial Hall was rocking on Saturday night (16th of March) as part of the Prom Coast Festival activities.

Rock n Roll groups from Yarram, Foster, Leongatha, and surrounding areas attended and the final numbers were around 70 people. A great turnout for the first time we had run this event.

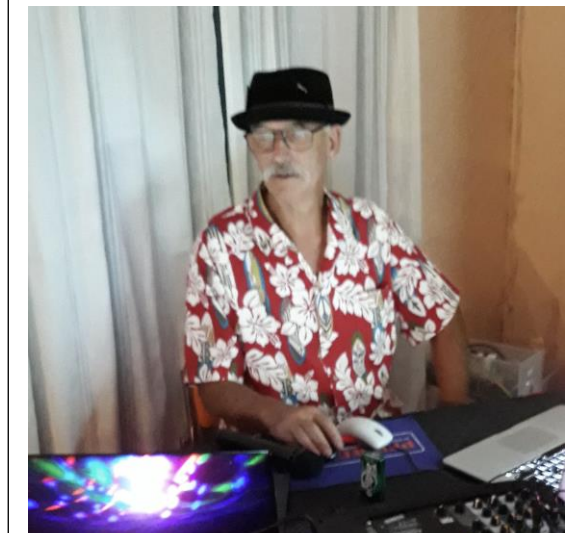
Martin Sullivan from Leongatha was D.J. for the evening, with Peter and Tim of Blue Suede Rock putting out a few live tunes.

There was an introduction for newbies to learn a few dance moves, and then a chance to dance the evening away.

Attendees brought along refreshments and a raffle sealed the night off.

Many thanks to the organisers and attendees for making it all happen.

Should you be interested in helping out at such events we would love to hear from you !!! Please contact Welshpool Post Office if interested Ph: 5688 1419 or email welshpoolpostal@bigpond.com



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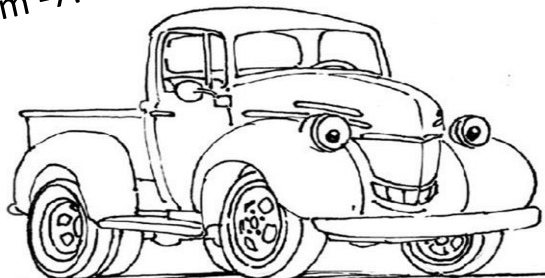
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