



Welshpool Area Future Focus Group

Our WAFF Group has been working hard on some of the items in our town plan. Upgrading facilities for the children and families in our area was one of our biggest discussions.

Thanks to the South Gippsland Shire, Welshpool Playground will undergo a complete upgrade! This is a very exciting development for our younger community and families. The Shire have provided us with 4 design options to choose from and would love the community input on which one would be most suitable for our town.

The park is also to receive a new rotunda which was one of the major projects on the town plan. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Plans of both the rotunda and playground will be on display in the RTC for you to view and give your feedback. The WAFF Group in conjunction with the council will be hosting a Community BBQ on Friday May 3rd at 1pm. This is a free BBQ for the whole community. The 4 design options of the playground will be on display for you to vote on. Plans and information for a new rotunda in the park will also be available to the community on the day. Come along and be apart of these exciting times for our community. If you can't make the BBQ be sure to come and view the plans at the RTC.

Anchor Park Welshpool Option 1



Anchor Park Welshpool Option 2



Anchor Park Welshpool Option 3



Anchor Park Welshpool Option 4



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SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Update: Anchor Park Picnic Shelter



South Gippsland
Shire Council

Council are proposing to build a new Picnic Shelter in Anchor Park, Welshpool.

The proposed location will be behind the existing toilet block and will replace the existing Visitor Information Shelter, which will be demolished.

The design will be similar to the Picnic Shelter in Sagasser Park, Toora (see image below).



The new, modern, accessible facility will include the following:

- New shelter and seating in a different location.
- Gravel connecting path.
- Waste bin relocated from the Information Shelter.
- Infill panels on prevailing weather side.

Further information about the design and location can be found on the next few pages.

We would love to hear from you about our proposal. To do this, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/anchor-park>



Proposed Colours



The design will feature Dulux Woodland Grey for the corrugated exterior cladding and timber/steel frame.

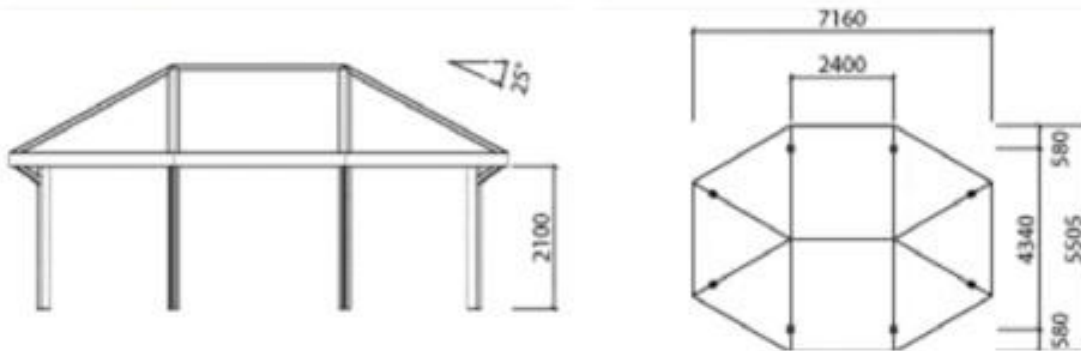


An aluminium timber-look product for the infill screens and furniture will be used, which is long lasting and maintenance free.

Product: Knotwood Woodgrain. **Colour:** Bush Cherry.

Please Note: Colours may vary slightly.

Plan View



Proposed Picnic Shelter Location



New Furniture Example



Shelter to be Removed



Don't forget you can provide your feedback by scanning the QR code or by visiting:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/anchor-park>



Welshpool CFA

A big shout out to everyone who supported the Good Friday appeal. This year we managed to raise a whopping \$2779.45
Another big congratulations to our raffle winner
Ron Leach.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, it was a fantastic day.



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10am – 4pm

Saturday 10am – 2pm



Summer is over...



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are currently looking into changing the way you receive your newsletter in the future. We would love to leave less of a carbon footprint therefore print less newsletters and move forward with providing our readers with different online viewing options. Our monthly newsletter will now be available online through the **Welshpool RTC** Facebook page. We will also set up an E-mailing list if you would like to receive a coloured copy directly, and for those who do prefer to have a **printed version of our newsletter, copies will still be available at the Rural Transaction Centre** and other shops within Welshpool.



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OPEN SATURDAY 12TH MAY 9AM – 2PM for last minute shopping.

- THURSDAY 25 APRIL -

ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget



Toora Sub Branch ANZAC Services

6:00AM - Toora Dawn Service
at the Cenotaph, followed by Gunfire Breakfast
at the RSL Hall. (Donation for ANZAC Appeal)

9:30AM - Welshpool Wreath Laying Service
at the Cenotaph, followed by Morning Tea at the Hall.

11:00AM - Toora Wreath Laying Service
at the Cenotaph. March to the RSL Hall followed by a Memorial
Service. A light lunch will be served on completion.
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THREE CHAIN ROAD

FREE ENTRY



ARE COMING TO PARTY @ THE WELSHPOOL HOTEL

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 2024

8.30PM START

DINNER BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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Welshpool Hotel

Congratulations to Skye and the team at Welshpool Hotel who managed to raise

\$5086.77

for their Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The Good Friday Appeal silent auction raised \$2506.87.

Raffles & In House events raised \$2408

Online donations raised \$103

In-house Good Friday money Jars \$68.90

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- 🧰 an emergency kit
- 🥤 non-perishable foods and bottled water

Stay safe by keeping clear of fallen powerlines – always assume they are live – and report any fallen powerlines to your electricity distributor.

If you are a registered power-dependent customer, ensure your power outage plan is updated and in place.

To find out how you can prepare for power outages, visit www.energy.vic.gov.au or phone 136 186.

Animal Registrations



Now is the time to renew your pet's registration!

Keep your four-legged friends safe and secure by registering them with South Gippsland Shire Council.

Owning a cat or dog in South Gippsland requires registration to ensure they can be returned to you if they become lost, plus your fees go towards important services within the Shire such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership.

Renewal registration must be paid by 10 April each year. New dog and cat registrations can be made anytime throughout the year.

For more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register-your-pet

Kindergarten Central Enrolment Opens 1 May

SAVE THE DATE! Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten in 2025 open on 1 May.

To register, simply head to Council's website, complete the online registration form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences.



To ensure an easy and fair process for all parents, Council operates the central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across South Gippsland. The information also helps us anticipate the future demands for services. Find out more at: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment>

Don't Forget!

Mother's Day 2024

Sunday, May 12



In the know

WANT TO STAY IN THE KNOW?
 In The Know is your fortnightly reminder of what Council is up to at the moment. Have a look at what is going on and how you can get involved!

Do you know someone who might want more information on what Council is up to? Be sure to send this message on and have them [register](#) for a copy or share it on your socials!

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Down

1. An essay
2. Fatuous
3. Particles
4. Norm
5. Upper legislative chamber
6. Tricycle
7. Lack of difficulty
8. Forever
9. Herd of seals
10. Kiosks
11. With footnotes
12. Render senseless
13. Tube
18. Leaves out
22. Food thickener
24. Head
26. Angers
28. Throb
29. Infinitesimal amount
30. Lascivious look
31. Spill the beans
32. Noble
33. Junk pile
34. Immune
37. Morsels
38. Farm building
40. Misrepresent
41. Cowboy sport
43. Handmade items
44. Not shorter
46. Not fresh
47. Gentry
48. Subsequently
49. Spectacle
50. Quarry
51. Bristle
53. Skin irritation
56. Pool stick
57. Jewel

Across

1. Panderer
5. Precipitous
10. Big party
14. Dwarf buffalo
15. Muse of poetry
16. Aware of
17. Treated condescendingly (Br. sp.)
19. Burden
20. East northeast
21. Craftsman
22. Expiate
23. Break
25. Not day
27. Consumed
28. A type of parachute
31. Beats
34. Monarch
35. Foot digit
36. Shoestring
37. Chimes
38. A detested person
39. Arrange (abbrev.)
40. Pantywaist
41. Radiolocation
42. Formal attire
44. Craggy peak
45. Newspapers
46. Gloom
50. Exclamation of contempt
52. What books are called
54. Fifty-two in Roman numerals
55. Coral formation
56. Classifying
58. French for "State"
59. Parental brother
60. Engrave
61. Blabs
62. Aromatic solvent
63. Encounter



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LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT



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Winner of the March Crossword:

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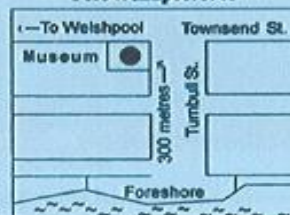


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As part of our community consultation process, we will be holding information sessions where community members can drop in and speak to our team.



Artistic impression of the proposed BBMT upgrade.

Drop in and speak to our team at these locations

Toora

- Monday 6 May 2024
- 9am – 12pm
- Toora Hall

Welshpool

- Monday 6 May 2024
- 1pm – 4 pm
- Welshpool Memorial Hall (49 Main Street)

Foster

- Tuesday 7 May 2024
- 9am – 12 pm
- Mannagum Community Centre (33 Station Road)

Stay updated

Scan the QR code to register your interest in receiving BBMT Project updates.



Take our community survey

This short 2 minute survey is to help us understand your thoughts about this project.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

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HAPPY
Mother's
Day

