



## Sea Days Festival

Sea Days 2020 was held over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January. The weather this year for a change was largely windy, and wet (not hot and hotter). Along with the tragic bushfires further east, numbers were down on last year's bumper festival. However for those who attended, they were treated to a wide variety of activities inside, and stayed for a considerable time. Feedback was positive from those that attended.

The posters this year were provided by the students of the Welshpool and District Primary School and showed great flare.

The Port Welshpool Working Group would like to thank all who contributed to the success of this year's Sea Days Festival.

Planning is already underway for Sea Days 2021. The Committee is always looking for more input and support, so if you think you can help make a contribution, contact Vern Suckling, 56881554, or email [pwwg14@gmail.com](mailto:pwwg14@gmail.com). We would love to have you on board.



### Disclaimer

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## TRADING HOURS

MON - FRI  
11.00AM - 4.00PM

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- *Find out the latest information regarding services.*
- *Calculations can be done to work out family assistance.*
- *Access forms and brochures.*

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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

Next Visit

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## Location, Location??

Do you know the whereabouts of these and other Christmas decorations that were a past feature of Welshpool during the Christmas period? If so, could you please contact the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre as we would really like to locate them.



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COUCHES, LOTS OF TOYS, SANDPITS  
PLAY EQUIPMENT, INSIDE/OUTSIDE  
PLAY, CHANGE TABLE

## Meditation Classes

### Coming to the Welshpool Hall

Starting Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am cost \$15 for 2 hours, (evening sessions TBA depending on interest) which will include a Guided Visualisation Meditation followed by Personal Development with a different theme each week, including Essential Oils, Tarot, Numerology, Crystals etc.

I am a Certified Aromatherapist and Massage Therapist, Reiki Practitioner, Crystal Healer, Numerologist, Tarot Reader and Furniture Artist.

I am passionate about personal development through self-awareness and creativity, and have been involved in this lifestyle for over 35 years.

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We are looking for enthusiastic people who would like to contribute to our wonderful little school and our students. A Working with Children check is required and we can assist you with obtaining this.

There are many ways to be involved in the school. Listed beside are just some of the ways. We would love to hear from you! Your support can have a lasting impact on a child and their educational experience.

If you have some time to volunteer please contact either Gabbi (Principal) or Carmel (Business Manager) on 56881460.

**Gardening**

**Listening to  
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**Breakfast  
Club on a  
Tuesday  
morning**

**Assisting in  
the classroom**

**Assisting with  
the Kitchen  
Garden  
program**



## Welshpool CFA Notice

Having endured an extended period of extreme Bushfires throughout our state, it's a timely reminder for locals to be aware of their own surroundings. Planning ahead is vital to ensure that you can evacuate quickly and safely, no matter what the circumstances.

Download the VIC Emergency App to be aware of incidents near you.

Identify possible safe areas if you are unable to evacuate the area.

Be familiar with alternate routes out of your area.

Welshpool CFA test the town warning siren each Thursday evening between 7:30pm and 8pm. Should you hear an extended Siren (5 minutes) – it indicates that a current emergency has been identified in the local area and people should seek further information immediately. The emergency incident will impact people in this area.

**Interested in joining the CFA?...** For more information come along to the Welshpool CFA station at 7:30pm on a Thursday or contact your local CFA Brigade.



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Saturday 7th March 2020 10am - 4pm

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Admission \$3 | Plant stalls  
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Official Opening 2pm Friday 6th.

Show Secretary - Frances Grylls

Tel: 03 5184 1376 Mob: 0481 385 122

Entires to be notified to Frances by  
9pm Wednesday March 4th



## Toora Pear Party

Sunday 8th. March 2020  
Toora Heritage Pear Orchard  
Mill Street, Toora 3962.  
10 am. - 4 pm.

## Family Fun & Music

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### PORT WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT MARITIME MUSEUM

will be hosting another of the very interesting talks, to cover an important part of the areas history;

*Masons Mill, Hedley ,*  
including the Sawmill, Tramway, Timber and Workers,

GUEST SPEAKER; Mike McCarthy.

DATE; Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. MARCH 2020. At 1pm.

WHERE; Ferry Terminal Building. Port Welshpool.

Entrance by Donation; Gold Coin.



Following Mikes talk Afternoon Tea will be served.

Looking for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST to establish a local prayer group for praying for Australians and local needs – fires, etc.

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Last Year the Welshpool Memorial Hall was the fortunate recipient of a grant from DELWP. As part of the "Solar on Public Buildings" project, a 6.4kwh system was installed in December and this will go a long way to offsetting the power bills, and will also add to the sustainability of the Hall.

Special thanks and recognition go to Joy Kipps, and Eddie Fowler for their outstanding work as part of the hall committee for many years!!!. With Joy and Eddie stepping down at the end of last year we are looking for people keen to come on board to assist with the running of the hall and catering for events if need be. Please contact Alan at the Welshpool Post Office for further details.

Ph: 5688 1419 or Email [welshpoolpostal@bigpond.com](mailto:welshpoolpostal@bigpond.com)



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# Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum

Well here we are again... Santa's been and all is good. The Christmas school holidays have been and gone with lots of visitors to the Port. And along came the sand flies, of course, it wouldn't be summer without them. The Long Jetty is getting many visitors, no surprises there, what a view while you stroll along. The hotel is open for business and the General Store are run off their feet. Housing in the town is being bought and sold, some being demolished for more modern dwellings to take in the views.

Sadly, the New Year started with the devastating bush fires. We look on with amazement and disbelief that parts of our beautiful country could be reduced to this. As we help in whatever way we can, we hope that a lesson is learnt.

The New Year at the museum started with the Sea Days Festival.

Saturday began with early birds to the street stall; held under the veranda of the museum, they snapped up a bargain or found a novel from the Street Library. A bit later in the day Local historian and author, Cheryl Glowery gave a talk on the Long Jetty's History. Much was learnt and many of those that attended contributed with their knowledge. Thanks Cheryl for your support.

On show was an extensive and interesting display of photos telling with interest the progress when Esso made Port Welshpool their depot for their oil exploration while Barry Beach was being developed. This is where the Long Jetty played another important part in history.

On Sunday, John Woolley a member of the museum and a seaman himself, with Esso, also had many stories to share as he gave an interesting talk about the long jetty and its involvement in setting up the oil exploration in Bass Strait. Many of the audience had worked at Barry Beach as it was being developed. The audience sharing knowledge which was widely received and helps keep history alive.

Nice to see John back.

Reg McNee, Director, Offshore Specialists Ships, Australia was a member of the audience. John introduced Reg and invited him to speak of his knowledge of Esso and of Bass Strait oil exploration including the part Port Welshpool played.

While visitors enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere as they listened to the discussions, many asking questions or contributed to history, and later wandered around the museum to soak up more history, some looking for family in photos.

Devonshire teas were also on demand from the cottage at the museum.

The museum committee are very pleased with the attendance, the interest shown and the history shared. Many conversations were followed up with photos shared.

## COMING TO THE MUSEUM....

Thanks to Reg McNee and Offshore & Specialists Ships Australia group; an offer has been made to the museum to hold an exhibition in the very near future. The committee jumped at the chance, as yet, dates are to be finalised but keep an eye out as all will be well advertised and a display not to be missed.

## ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS.....

The museum committee with the support of Cheryl Glowery are going to be holding workshops to document local history of the area. For this all that is needed is your knowledge. A fun, free gathering where knowledge will be shared over a cuppa and nibbles. Keep the other eye out for this, as time and dates will be advertised soon.

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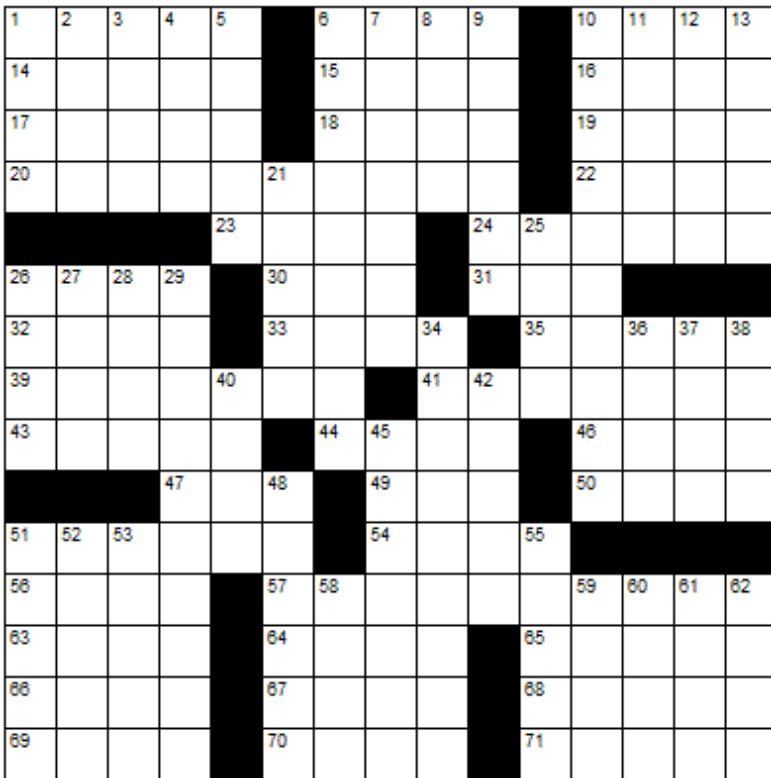


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## Down

1. Platter
2. "Do \_\_\_ others..."
3. Where two pieces meet
4. Journey
5. Chaff
6. Using traditional skills
7. Musical master
8. Moving within
9. Order of business
10. Bombastic
11. Roof overhangs
12. Wingless bloodsucking insects
13. Apologetic
21. Kingly
25. Edges
26. Significance
27. A D-Day beach
28. Govern
29. Driven by lust
34. Ran off
36. Certain
37. Large North American deer (plural)
38. A musical pause
40. Diva's solo
42. Heretofore (2 words)
45. An apparition
48. Worldwide
51. A short moral story
52. French for "Love"
53. A stringed instrument
55. Hosiery
58. Broad valley
59. Roman moon goddess
60. By mouth
61. Lass
62. Harvard rival

## Across

1. Cleans
6. Dogfish
10. Umpires
14. Unreactive
15. Telephoned
16. Angel's headwear
17. Step
18. French for "Head"
19. Always
20. Similitude
22. Rip
23. Toward sunset
24. Rubbishy
26. Throw
30. Needlefish
31. Atmosphere
32. Decorative case
33. Dwarf buffalo
35. Cheapskate
39. A gathered flounce
41. A counterbalanced structure
43. Not our
44. Not more
46. Boats
47. Excavate
49. Frozen
50. In order to prevent
51. A type of beauty treatment
54. Accomplishes
56. Ends a prayer
57. Dental medicine
63. Western tie
64. Hairless
65. Papal court
66. Humdinger
67. Balm ingredient
68. Archaic form of Gnarl
69. God of love
70. Extend credit
71. French for "Room"



### LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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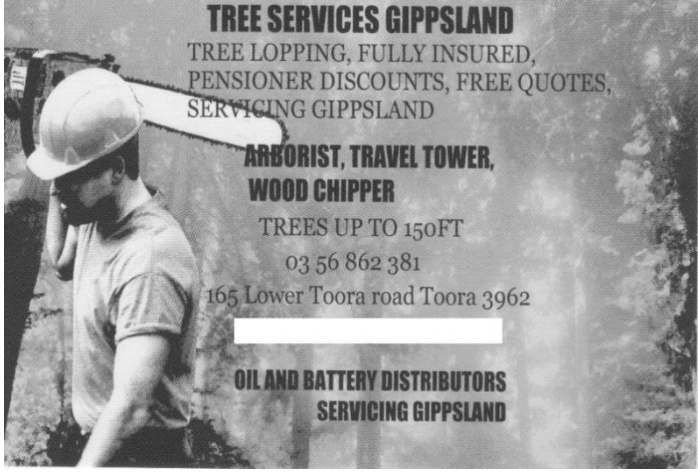
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The standard of golf has not been real brilliant but everyone still enjoys their game/day out. Plenty of golf is being played with special events mingled in between. The January men's monthly medal was won by Paul Delaney and the February medal went to Nino Ditta. The ladies medals went to Rachael Brown and Peta Barlow.

The Betta Home Living 4BBB event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January was won by the pairing of Nino Ditta and Pixie Roberts. The ladies winners were- Peta Barlow and Dot Stait.

The Drummond Golf 4BBB event was won by Pappy Pope and Greg Wilkinson and the ladies winners were Peta Barlow and Dot Stait again.

Other day's winners have been-

Tuesday- Brian MacPherson, David Bligh, Stan Walker

Wednesday- Dot Stait, Rachael Brown.

Friday- Brian MacPherson, Russell Barwick, David Lucas, Stan Walker, Richard Knowles.

Saturday- Mulligans (Pappy Pope), 4 club event (Pappy Pope), 2 person ambrose (Alan Hayes/Graeme Brennan),

Sunday- Harry Barlow, Graeme Brennan, Pappy Pope.

The pennant season is nearly upon us, commencing on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Expressions of interest are very promising and we hope to emulate our win of last season.

The winter (summer) knockout competitions will commence shortly so get your names on the board for your chance to have your name in gold lettering on the winners board.

As you read this the South Gippsland Classic will be up and running with our day being on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Good golfing is assured as competitors are competing on nine differ course over the full nine days of golf.

"Golf is the only game where the worst player gets the best out of it. They obtain more out of it with regard to both exercise and enjoyment. The good player gets worried over the slightest mistake, whereas the poor player makes too many mistakes to worry over them".



Left to Right – Wilko, Pappy, Damien Leggo from Drummond Golf, sponsor of the Drummond Golf 4BBB, Dot, Peta, Sue and Jeanette