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RAIL TRAIL

WELSHPOOL

to ALBERTON

NOW OPEN!



The Great Southern Rail Trail Connecting South Gippsland to Wellington Shire

The extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail from Welshpool to Alberton is now open!

Last Thursday, our Mayor, Clare Williams and Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Ian Bye, visited the recently completed section, to view the finished works first hand.

The new extension means the Great Southern Rail Trail now spans a whopping 129 kilometres, making it the second longest in Victoria.

The extension was made possible through \$6 million Regional Infrastructure Grant funding from the Victorian Government, via the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry, and Regions.

An official opening of the Trail will be celebrated in September, just before the school holidays, when the splendour of the season will be enjoyed by all.

The extension adds an extra 21 kilometres to the Trail. Heading east from Welshpool, you can travel to Port Welshpool, Alberton, Port Alberton and Yarram. Along the journey, enjoy the view from the impressive 80-metre bridge over Albert River.

When embarking on your next Rail Trail adventure, be sure to check out the new section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Update: Anchor Park Picnic Shelter



After considering the feedback received from the recent Your Say South Gippsland survey, Council will proceed with building a new Picnic Shelter in Anchor Park, Welshpool.

The proposed location will be next to the sensory garden. The existing Visitor Information Shelter will remain and will be refurbished by community volunteers.

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 picnic setting furniture.
- · Gravel connecting path.
- · Additional waste bin.
- · Infill panels on prevailing weather side.

Works are expected to begin in late 2024.





A variety of Bisley wear available to purchase. Orders can be placed if we don't have your size. Call in to view our range 14 Main Street Welshpool



South Gippsland Shire Council News 2024 Local Government Elections

Would you like to be part of shaping the future of South Gippsland Shire? Are you passionate about making a positive contribution to your community?

Three information sessions are being held to provide prospective candidates in this year's local government election with an opportunity to learn more about the election process and what it means to be a Councillor. One session will be held in-person and two will be held virtually for greater flexibility.

Stand for Council - Leongatha In this session facilitated by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) you will learn about the role and responsibilities of Councillors, the election process and candidate requirements.

When: Thursday 25 July (6.30pm to 8.30pm) Leongatha Memorial Hall Life as a Woman Councillor - Virtual In this session, hosted by the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) prospective women candidates will be provided with an opportunity to hear from previous women councillors about their experiences representing local community.

When: Thursday 15 August (6.00pm to 8.00pm) Becoming a Councillor - Virtual

Hosted by the VLGA prospective candidates will learn about their legal and regulatory obligations, Codes of Conduct and the leadership skills that promote and model good governance. When: Thursday 29 August (6.00pm to 8.00pm)

All sessions are free to attend. Registration is required. For more information on the sessions, or to register, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election

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Please be advised that until further notice, the Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre will be closed on Tuesdays. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Your closest Bendigo Bank Branch is Toora operating from 10am-3pm.

We have changed the way we bring you the community newsletter. Our monthly newsletters will be available in print at the Rural Transaction Centre and other shops within Welshpool.

Coloured copies will also be available to view on Facebook at **Welshpool RTC** or you can request a copy direct to your email.

To sign up to our mailing list, contact us on rtcwelshpool@bigpond.com, call us on 5688 1087 or call in to the RTC



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The Friends of Corner Inlet Libraries are having a

Book Sale on

Friday July 5

9 am - 4 pm

Saturday July 6

9 am - 1 pm

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Main St, Foster

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Join today at the Rural Transaction Centre and have access to a variety of books, audio books, DVD's and more. If it's not on the shelf it can be ordered in. Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 3pm. A Librarian also attends every Wednesday 12noon to 2pm for any assistance required.

Welshpool Primary School

On Friday 17th May students participated in a First Nations cultural performance as part of Mitch Tambo's Walan Baa Youth Tour. The presentation explored the topics of culture, identity, belonging and empowerment. Students participated in song and dance as well as a yarning circle. Joining Mitch on the tour was his wife, Lele. The Voice of Lele performance focused on community development, empowering individuals, and promoting togetherness while offering students an understanding of a refugee experience. It was a fantastic day of performances. The students and staff were actively involved through each presentation.











enjoy!

Welshpool PS are currently holding a Jolly Sock Fundraiser. Lots of cool funky styles to get your hands on. Be quick, these have been popular!! Socks available from School, Parents and Local Businesses.



Hello

You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host w	elshpool Op Shop
Where	12 Main Street Welshpool
Date.	uesday 25 th June
Time	10am
Details	\$10 lunch
	Come along and enjoy some beautiful home cooked food, great

company, have some fun and help raise money for cancer research.

About to light your **Fireplace?**



Time for a Safety Check

Fireplace Safety

To reduce the risk of fire from your fireplace or solid wood heater you should:

> Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions

Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually

Only burn dry, clean wood

Don't leave your fire to burn after you have gone to bed or left the house



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Shortest Day of the Year

Friday, 21 June 2024



Planning a burn off?

Check. Apply. Notify. Go to firepermits.vic.gov.au or call 1800 668 511

As we brace for the cold, let's stay energy efficient and save on bills.

Here are some tips to keep cosy without breaking the bank:

b Set your heater between 18-20. Every degree higher adds about 15% to your energy bill.

Replace old gas heaters with reverse-cycle air conditioners. They're the cheapest and most energy efficient heating source.

Wait until your washing machine and dishwasher are full before running a cycle.

Replace old light globes with energy-efficient globes.You can wipe up to \$16 per globe annually.

Fit draught seals on windows and doors.

For more information, visit http://energy.vic.gov.au/.../winter-energy-saving-tips



The days become shorter as a result of the earth tilting away from the sun (at least in one hemisphere at a time). This causes the sun to appear lower in the sky and spend less time above the horizon, meaning the day is shorter.

The word solstice comes from Latin 'solstitium' meaning "the sun stands still". This is because the sun's path north or south stops before reversing direction.



Welshpool Hotel

Congratulations to Skye and her team at the Welshpool Hotel for being awarded **'Top Supporting Pub'** for 2024 at the AHA State Awards. This was awarded for their amazing efforts with the Good Friday Appeal. **Well Done!**



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Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum

The Museum will be closed over the winter months for our usual winter tidy up. However, if you are a member of a club or group and have members that would like to explore the local history, we are happy to open for groups. Just give us a call to discuss 0413199776.

How exciting is it to receive a phone call asking if we would be interested in receiving documents of forgotten history? I can tell you.....very! Recently we have had the excitement of receiving a full report of the "Western Spruce Disaster" at the Long Jetty. This report was kindly donated by Terry Bowman, son of Jock Bowman who was Policeman in charge of the operations who was stationed at Yarram at the time.

Another treasure that was found at Inverloch and given to the Museum is a full plan by a then committee who organised the "Avenue of Honour" trees that we see still standing in the Welshpool Main Street. How wonderful would it be to have the plaques with names of the local men that went to and fought in WW1 standing proudly back at the base of these trees. All these documents will be on display for all to see so as history is kept alive.

The Committee of the Museum are excited to have planned Mike McCarthy to be guest speaker at the Old Ferry Terminal building, **Wednesday** 4th September to entertain us with a talk on the Great Southern Rail Trail and the history along the way.

The following month on **Wednesday 2nd October** we are excited to announce we will be having another photo and story day as we have had in the past. Where you can bring your photos along and have them copied and stories can be documented as we share the history of the area. Previously we held the first of these days and were rewarded with a lot of photos and stories while everyone enjoyed a chat over a cuppa and cake while catching up with old friends.

As we get closer to the dates more info will be given as the Committee organises these community events. So, as we work our way through Winter and enjoy the sun as Mother Nature shows us it's not all cold, wet, wind and rain we hope you can join us in the coming months to help celebrate history of the area.





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CROSSWORD



1. See the sights

- 5. Delete
- 10. 11th Hebrew letter
- 14. Not pretty
- 15. Preserves
- 16. Adept
- 17. Lacking moral discipline
- 19. Smell
- 20. Night before
- 21. Law and ____ 22. A high-pitched
- woodwind
- 23. Not frivolous 25. A gold coin of ancient
- Persia

Across

- 27. Donkey 28. Wordlessly 31. Motif
- 34. Shoe stud
- 35. 3 in Roman numerals 36. Uterus
- 37. Drench
- 38. Ceremonial
- splendour 39. Evil spirit
- 40. Razz
- 41. Small boat

- 42. Instructing 44. Policeman 45. Believe in 46. Adorable 50. Hurts 52. Deafen 54. 18-wheeler
- 56. Delimitation

- 60. Midmonth date
- 61. Bobbin

Sponsored by: Welshpool Supermarket Entries must be received before 15th July, 2024

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 May Crossword:



Arie Bos



Down

- 1. Large bulrushes
- 2. Pointed arch
- 3. Canker sore
- 4. Type of whiskey
- 5. Anagram of "Russet"
- 6. Forays 7. ____ vera
- 8. Stoutest
- 9. S
- 10. China clay
- 11. Kidnapping
- 12. Conspiracy
- 13. Not there
- 18. Hangman's knot
- 22. Fuss
- 24. Poetic foot
- 26. Wings
- 28. Catapulted
- 29. Large luxurious car



- 30. Cry of pain 31. Blockhead 32. "Where the heart is" 33. Be understanding of 34. Heard before a rocket launch 37. Speaker's platform 38. Not Mama 40. As a result 41. Concealment 43. A type of curved shape 44. Secret or hidden 46. Burdened 47. _____ and groom 48. A protective covering 49. Excrete
- 50. Food thickener 51. An abandoned calf
- 53. Sea eagle
- 56. Type of snake
- 57. 54 in Roman
- numerals

Winning entry will receive a free coffee and cake from the Welshpool Café L Supermarket



LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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- 55. Acquire 58. Axlike tool
 - 59. Proprietor

 - 62. About
 - 63. Green



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Port Welshpool & **District Museum**



The building that houses the collection was designed and built by John Avery in 1881 for W.B.M. Smith. Being the first large home in the village, it became the unofficial community centre. conducting dances, weddings, church services and even a wine salon.

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Website - ptwelshpoolmuseum.wixsite.com/pwmuseum Group visits are welcomed.

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