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### Welshpool's Biggest Morning Tea

Welshpool's Biggest Morning Tea was a heartwarming and successful morning having community members and volunteers come together and raise funds for the Cancer Council. Guests enjoyed delicious homemade treats, hot drinks and good company. The Welshpool Op Shop would like to thank everyone for their kindness; we raised valuable funds to help in the fight against cancer. A big thank you to all who baked, donated and participated – your contributions truly made a difference!



Together we have raised a total of \$ 696.00









#### Disclaimer

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Address:

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10am-3pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday's

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You can use myGov to access your Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support online accounts. Go to my.gov.au

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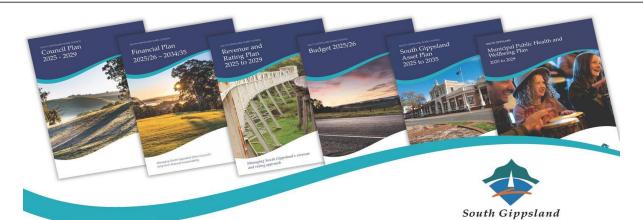
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Kieran Olree is at the RTC every Wednesday

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### South Gippsland Shire Council News

#### **Council's Integrated Planning Documents**

South Gippsland Shire Council has formally endorsed its suite of Integrated Planning documents at the June Council Meeting. These documents set a clear and strategic direction for the municipality over the coming years.

The endorsed documents include:

- Council Plan 2025 2029.
- Financial Plan 2025/26 2034/35
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2025 2029.
- Budget 2025/26 2028/29, including the 2025/26 Council Plan Annual Initiatives.
- Asset Plan 2025 2035.
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Integrated Planning Engagement Report 2025.

These documents were adopted in accordance with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2020, following extensive community consultation.

The Council Plan is one of the most important documents produced by Council as it provides the foundation for activities over the next four years. It features the following key themes:

- Leading with Integrity
- Developing a Sustainable Future
- **Empowering Communities**

Under each of these themes are a variety of strategies and actions that Council will work to achieve annually.

#### Budget 2025/26 - 2028/29

This year's budget features a number of new initiatives with a fiscally responsible focus. One major initiative is a \$1.2 million reserve to help our community respond to future storms and extreme weather events, which are becoming more common

To view the Council Plan and the other plans in the suite, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/key-plans

# Draft Road Management Plan 2025

South Gippsland Shire Council is reviewing its Road Management Plan (RMP). The Plan outlines how Council manages and maintains local roads and the associated road asset network to ensure it remains safe, accessible,

The Draft Road Management Plan 2025 is open for community feedback before the final plan is

To have your say, visit: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

#### www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/ councilmeetings

To watch the meeting live or when it suits

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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vacantpositions

#### IMPOUNDED VEHICLE

In accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council impounded a Green 2003 Ford Sedan on 17 March 2025 from Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha.

#### Registration Number: THP788

Unless the vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.

For enquiries, please contact our Community Safety Officers on 5662 9200 during office hours (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday).

#### SAFETY, RISK AND INSURANCE -**NAVIGATING DISASTERS**

Join this training session to understand your legal obligations when it comes to safety, risk and insurance. You can be better prepared for disasters if you understand your responsibilities as an non-for-profit organisation.

When: Thursday 26 June 2025 Where: Korumburra Community Hub

For more information and to book, visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/ communitytraining

#### CONTACT US

9 Smith Street, Leongatha 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra 03 5662 9200 www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

### Winter is here. How do you keep warm?

If you need to use a wood heater, protect your health and reduce harmful smoke:

🤚 Only burn dry, seasoned and untreated wood

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Toora, Foster and Welshpool



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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 12pm to 2pm for any assistance required.

Please note there will be no librarian in attendance on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June



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Welshpool Agency 5688 1087



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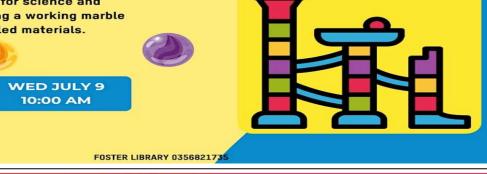
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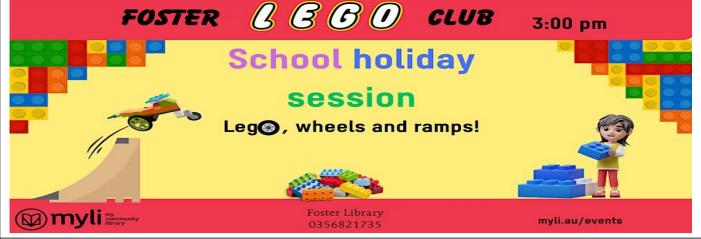
Join Foster Library for science and engineering fun building a working marble maze from recycled materials.



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### Welshpool Primary School

## **National Reconciliation Week**



National Reconciliation Week was held from May 27 to June 3 this year. It is a time for Australians to learn about and celebrate shared histories, cultures, and achievements, with a focus on strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples. This year's theme is Bridging Now to Next. It calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue to push forward as past lessons guide us.











As a whole school, we gathered and took part in an afternoon of reflection and visualisation. Students discussed what a bridge between now and next (the present and the future) looks like to them. All students then took part in a small yarning circle and completed a leaf decoration to create part of a shared display. Yarning circles were guided by staff, with beautiful discussions taking place around connections to Country, the importance of reconciliation, why storytelling is so vital and what we can do to make everyone feel respected and included.

Miss Reber.









#### PORT WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT MARITIME MUSEUM

Lest We Forget.

AVENUE OF HONOR .......WELSHPOOL TAKES THE LEAD

Wednesday, 18th Sept 1918 will long remain in the memory of the people of Welshpool, as on that day they began their memorial avenue of honour in recognition of the generous self-sacrifice and noble fortitude of loved ones amongst their numbers who had voluntarily enlisted to fight for home and country in the world's greatest war. Preparations for the event may have been in hand for many weeks before last Wednesday. The operations of the Avenue of Honour and Soldiers' Memorial committee having temporarily taken precedence of all other generous patriotic efforts, for the successful vigour of when the Welshpool community has earned wide and deserved celebrity. What may be termed the executive or management committee, greatly aided by many outside silent but vigorous helper include the following names: — Mesdames Speirs, Daff, Newson, Parry, Merritt, Cr R. Growse (chairman). Messrs.Geo. Knight (hon. sec.), Hor. Newson, H.K. Johnson, T. B.Crouch, H. Kerr, W. Sweeney, Ingle Morgan, members of committee. It may not be out of place to mention the name of Mrs. Speirs as having been specially coadjutor and contributory to the success of the afternoon. That the executive applied it vigorously to their duties, and that plans were well organised, was easily manifest, not a hitch occurring during the whole proceedings. Whether they arranged for beautifully fine weather, an estimated attendance of between 400and 500 spectators (Yarram and Toora districts being well represented), or for a very enjoyable reunion can only be imagined; still, they had them all. The principal streets were well decorated with greenery and flora and made gay with abundance of bunting—every national flag of the allied nations being represented—precedence in allotment being given to the Union Jack and the Commonwealth banners. Punctually to time, after arrival of the train from Melbourne, when the assembled crowds gave the town a most animated and prosperous air an adjournment was made to an improvised oratorical platform opposite the railway station, the dais for the occasion being the typical, liberally decorated Gippsland bush wagon. As, however, slightly more than gentle zephyr prevailed, the practical member, fearing possible acoustic difficulties, desired a slightly amended venue, willing workers soon converting ornamental design into conversational convenience. The chairman (Cr. Growse) having taken his place, thanked the crowd for the reception given him, and invited singing the National Anthem, the request being heartily responded to. He then expressed the great pleasure of the committee in seeing such a large and representative gathering. Before they proceeded to the real business of the day, they would probably like to hear a few words from the member for the district and other visiting friends on the platform. The committee had intended to combine the ceremony of unveiling a Roll of Honour, containing the names of their comrades who had considered it their noble duty to sacrifice themselves for the protection of their homes and country. The roll had unfortunately not arrived in time and the unveiling would have to be postponed, as well as would that of planting a few more trees next season, the complete list of departed soldiers not having been received. To-day they were celebrating the names of between 60 and 70 of the men who had gone to the front, and there were very few families who were not represented in that number. The proceedings had been originated by members of the Red Cross Society, to whose energies they were all very much indebted. Besides extending the avenue in time it was also their intention to erect a marble monument in honour of those who had fallen in a garden near where the audience was at present gathered, and it was hoped that in this undertaking all would assist. He (Cr. Growse) very much regretted the unavoidable absence of Mr Wise, M.H.R., whom they all would have liked to have been present. He would now ask Mr. Livingston to speak. Mr Livingston quite excelled himself in speaking of the great pleasure it was to him to be among them on that most eventful day—an occasion when the people of Welshpool were taking an emulative initiative in establishing a lasting memorial to record the heroism and patriotism of their loved ones in their awful struggle to keep flying the flag which now protected them all. Welshpool people had always shown their keenest sympathy with their relatives and comrades in the most practical way and to-day they were crowning their efforts in the most permanent and realistic manner devisable. The trees, as they grew would, to the present generation and to following generations, always be a living and consoling reminder of present and past heroic self-sacrifice. The Avenue of Honour was a splendid title and evidence which would remain to show the great gratitude of the people of Welshpool to their brave and gallant defenders. He complimented the committee upon the great success of their undertaking and had no doubt that the trees, which were the gift of the Forestry department, would be well planted and treated with gentle hands. If the trees could speak, they were to be able to perpetuate the names of such honourable men.

From the Archives.

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- www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- · Facebook: southgippslandshirecouncil









Welshpool Basketball Association will hold their AGM on Monday 21st July 7.30pm at the stadium.

We would really like some newcomers to join the committee and lend a helping hand. As they say many hands make light work! Please reach out if this is something that interests you. Our basketball club is a huge part of our town providing many kids with endless memories and opportunities playing a competitive team sport.

Once the June meeting has been held, we will start asking for player interest so we can get an idea of numbers.

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All meals and transport are provided

In a safe environment, explore your future and plan ahead

Women of all ages are welcome

Information Session: Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 Wonthaggi Library at 10:00AM & 1:30PM Murray St, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

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bowls season (Oct - end of April) from
4:30pm.

Bowls provided.

Bar service available. BBQ & Salad dinners available most weeks at 6:30pm

NEW MEMBERS AND BOWLERS MOST WELCOME

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- 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
- 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

### Across

- 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

- 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
- 55. Acquire
- 56. Delimitation
- 58. Axlike tool
- 59. Proprietor
- 60. Midmonth date
- 61. Bobbin
- 62. About
- 63. Green



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



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

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:

Mary Moore



#### LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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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.

#### ADMISSION CHARGES

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Opening Hours 12.30pm - 3.30pm Sat, Sun, Public Holidays and by Appointment.

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### Broccoli and Potato Soup

#### Ingredients:

40g / 3 tbsp unsalted butter

- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups chicken broth/stock
- 2 cups water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 800 g / 1.6 lb potato, peeled
- and cut into cubes
- 5 cups broccoli, small florets (1 large head)
- 1+ cups grated cheese

#### Garnish, optional

Cook bacon pieces (highly recommended)

Shallots/Spring Onion, finely

sliced

Grated cheese

#### Instructions

- 1. Melt butter in a large pot over medium high heat. Add onion and garlic, cook for 3 minutes or until onion is softened.
- 2. Add flour and mix into onion mixture. Cook for 30 seconds.
- 3. While stirring, slowly pour the milk in and keep mixing as it turns into a thickish paste that's mostly smooth. Use a whisk to make it smooth if needed.
- **4.** Add chicken stock, water, salt and pepper. Stir, then add potato.
- **5.** Bring to simmer then adjust heat so it's simmering gently. Cook for 8 minutes (no lid) or until potato is almost cooked. Stir occasionally so the base doesn't catch.
- **6.** Add broccoli and stir. Cook for 2 minutes (or until broccoli is cooked to your liking), then take the pot off the stove.

- 7. Stir through cheese (I use 1 cup) broth soup be nicely thickened. Add more salt if needed.
- **8.** Ladle into bowls and top with garnishes of choice.

To make this GLUTEN FREE, leave out the flour and make sure you use GF broth. Then mix 2 tablespoons of cornstarch / cornflour and a splash of water to make a slurry. Add that into the soup towards the end and cook for a couple of minutes - this will thicken the soup.







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