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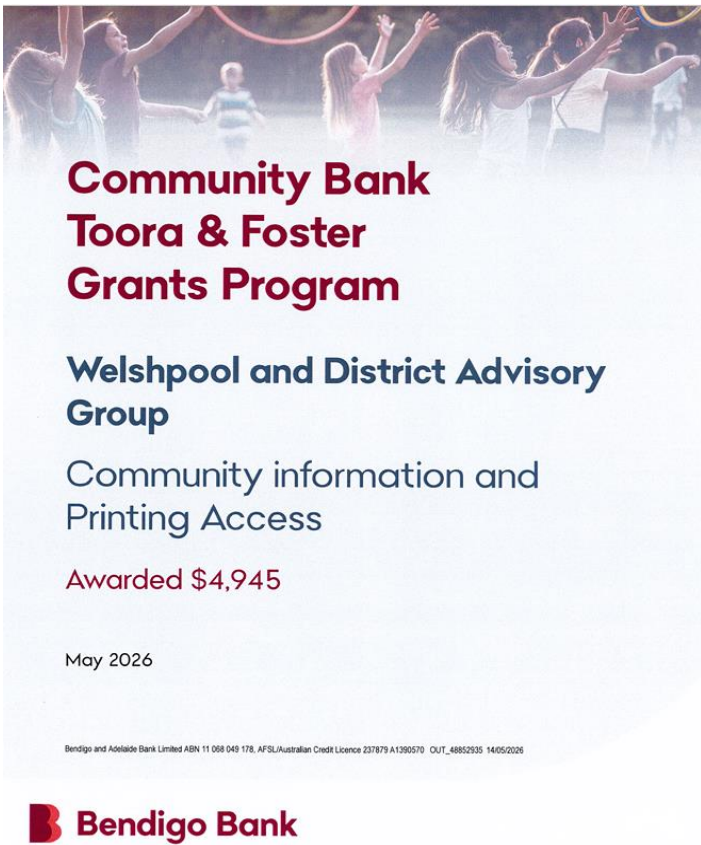
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Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre

The Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre is thrilled to announce the successful installation of a new Toshiba printer, scanner and photocopier, thanks to a generous \$4,945 grant from Community Bank Toora & Foster.

The new machine allows us to continue providing affordable printing, photocopying and scanning services to our community while improving the efficiency of our day-to-day operations. Most importantly, it ensures we can continue producing and printing our much-loved monthly newsletter, helping keep residents connected with local news, events, businesses and services.

We sincerely thank Community Bank Toora & Foster for supporting our community and helping make this valuable addition to the RTC possible. We are already loving our new printer and the difference it is making for both our volunteers and the wider community.



**Community Bank
Toora & Foster
Grants Program**

**Welshpool and District Advisory
Group**

Community information and
Printing Access

Awarded \$4,945

May 2026

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TRADING HOURS
MON, WED, THU, & FRI
10.00AM - 3.00PM
PHONE 5688 1087

- WELSHPOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY
- SERVICES AUSTRALIA AGENCY
- V/LINE TICKETING
- ROOM HIRE AVAILABLE
- COPY & PRINT SERVICES
- BISLEY WORKWEAR

Other services by appointment only

- Gibson Accounting – 5176 2031



**VLINE
BUS
SERVICES**

**Purchase tickets at the
Rural Transaction Centre or
collect a VLINE Bus Timetable**

Agent

At a Services Australia Agent you can:

- USE OUR COMPUTER** to access my.gov.au and other government services and information
- USE OUR PHONE** to access the agency's self service options or to speak with us
- ACCESS FREE WI-FI 24/7** to connect to government services – no password required
- USE OUR EQUIPMENT** to upload, print and photocopy documents
- GET YOUR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED**

Agents can:

- help you to set up and access digital services
- help you find information online about payments and services
- arrange referrals to specialist services.

Agents can't:

- access your records
- make decisions about or change your payments or debts
- issue a Medicare card or Health Care Card
- do customer interviews
- contact the agency to get information about your payments or entitlements, without your permission.

Agents aren't Services Australia staff.

Your local Agent is:

Welshpool & District Advisory Group Inc

Address:
14 Main St, WELSHPOOL

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

Self service

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

You can also access our services through the Express Plus mobile apps. For more information go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/selfservice

Online Services Support Hotline

myGov Helpdesk 132 307 select option 1
Centrelink Helpdesk 132 307 select option 2

Centrelink phone self service

Phone self service 136 240
Report income and update your obligation requirements 133 276

For help in other languages

Centrelink 131 202
Medicare and Child Support 131 450

How to contact us

ABSTUDY	Freecall™ 1800 132 317
Assistance for Isolated Children	132 318
BasicsCard balance enquiry	Freecall™ 1800 057 111
BasicsCard and Income Management	Freecall™ 1800 132 594
Centrelink debt recovery	Freecall™ 1800 076 072
Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre	Freecall™ 1800 136 380
Child Support	131 272
Complaints and feedback	Freecall™ 1800 132 468
Disability, sickness and carers	132 717
Families	136 150
Farmers and their partners	132 316
Financial Information Service	132 300
Grandparent Advisers	Freecall™ 1800 245 965
Indigenous debt recovery	Freecall™ 1800 138 193
Job seekers	132 850
Low Income Health Care Card	132 490
Medicare	132 011
Medicare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Line	Freecall™ 1800 556 955
National Redress Scheme	Freecall™ 1800 737 377
Older Australians	132 300
Youth and students	132 490
TTY enquiries	Freecall™ 1800 810 586

TTY is only for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. A TTY phone is required to use this service.



Services
Australia

servicesaustralia.gov.au

Working from home and need a change of scenery? Office Space available to rent at Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre.

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Contact us on **5688 1087** for more information.



Gibson Accounting

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Traralgon, Vic 3844

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Kieran Olree is at the RTC every Wednesday

By appointment only - **(03) 5176 2031**

For more information and all the latest tax updates and handy hints for tax time, please visit Gibson's website:

www.gibsonaccounting.com.au

Connecting Welshpool Families

Welshpool & Surrounds, South Gippsland

Community Plan Snapshot



Our goal:

Children in Welshpool and surrounding communities grow, learn and thrive with strong family connections, accessible support, and collaborative local services.

Community Context

The Welshpool catchment includes small rural communities and surrounding farming areas. Families have told us about a range of challenges, including:

- Transport barriers, including one-car households and families without a driver's licence
- Rural isolation and long travel distances
- Work and farming commitments impacting participation
- Difficulty navigating services and referral pathways
- Limited informal family connection opportunities
- Language, cultural and communication barriers for some migrant families

Around 30% of students at Welshpool & District Primary School are from language backgrounds other than English. This highlights the importance of inclusive communication, culturally responsive engagement, and translation support where helpful.



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What we've heard

Families value trusted local connection points

- Welshpool Primary School events, kindergarten connections, community pop-up events and activities
- Informal service outreach opportunities
- Local community and social media networks

Families need practical and accessible support

- Access to local services and information
- Child development and parenting information in trusted settings
- practical strategies to support children's development, movement, sleep and wellbeing
- stronger visibility of local services and supports

Services want to work differently

- Improving collaboration and communication
- Strengthening referral pathways, increasing outreach opportunities
- Bringing services into local family friendly spaces



Key Initiative: Welshpool Playgroup

A welcoming local space for children and families to play, learn, connect and make new friends.

- Launching in Term 3 2026 as a supported playgroup, with the long-term goal of growing into a sustainable community-led playgroup.
- The playgroup will provide opportunities for families to connect, access information, and engage informally with local services in a trusted and welcoming setting.
- Inclusive communication, outreach and translation support will be explored to support culturally diverse families.

The program: Play-based activities, songs and stories, creative play, meeting other local families, and helpful information and service connections.

See Flyer on page 4 - (Mabuhay is a Filipino greeting!)



Where to from here?

Our Focus

- **Supporting parents:** Helping parents feel confident, informed and connected.
- **Strengthening services:** Improving collaboration, communication and referral pathways.
- **Making support easier to reach:** Creating local, practical and inclusive opportunities for families.

Opportunities being explored

- Pop-up family events and outreach activities
- Ambulance Victoria first aid pop-up events
- Maternal and Child Health outreach opportunities
- Parent education and child development programs
- Practical parenting workshops and family wellbeing activities
- Funding opportunities to strengthen sustainability

Our Current Partners

- South Gippsland Shire Council (Children & Family Services Team, MCH, Supported Playgroup)
- Welshpool and District Primary School
- Prom Centre for Children (PCCC)
 - Welshpool Kindergarten
- Manna Gum Community House (Foster)
- MYLI Library
- Bayside Health Allied Health
- Welshpool and District Advisory Group
- Facilitates Toora Hub Project
- South Coast Best Start

Email Joey, South Coast Best Start Facilitator if you'd like to be included in the working group.

joey.boothby@baysidehealth.org.au



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Mabuhay!

Welshpool Playgroup

Alternating Wednesdays
at Welshpool Kindergarten

10.00am to 12.00pm
First session 22 July 2026



Play-based learning, songs,
stories and creative play

A welcoming space for all
families to play, learn, connect
and make friends.

For more information contact Siona on 5662 9200 or
kinder@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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A variety of Bisley wear
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Call in to view our range
14 Main Street Welshpool

Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

10am to 3pm

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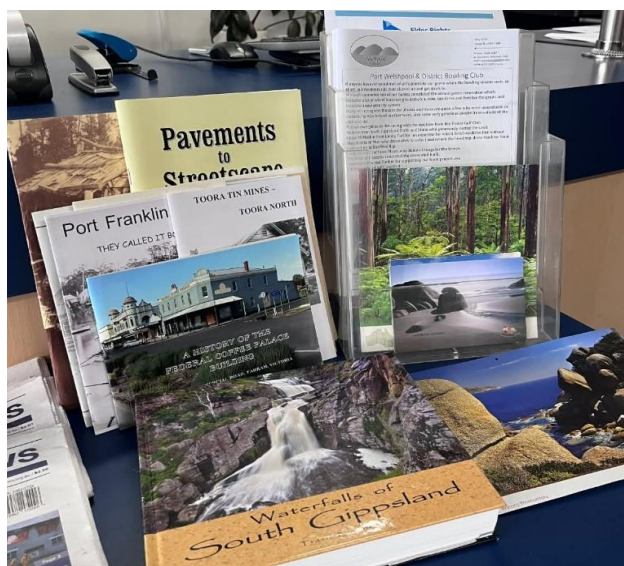
Support local pottery artist and treat yourself (or
someone you love).

Beautiful handmade pottery, unique designs, and
great prices.

Drop into the RTC to explore the range ♡



A big thank you to **Kathleen Carol Whelan** for
generously donating a wonderful collection of books
and photographs showcasing the rich history and
knowledge of our local area. These valuable resources
are now proudly on display at the RTC for everyone to
enjoy and learn from.



Myli – My Community Library

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.



Welshpool Op Shop & Nursery

Monday to Friday

10am – 3pm

Saturday 10am – 2pm

Ph: 0417 367 629



WELSHPOOL
Op Shop ♥

NEW WINTER HOURS

 **MONDAY – FRIDAY**
10:00AM – 3:00PM

 **SATURDAY**
10:00AM – 2:00PM

Come in and browse our range of
clothing ♥ books ♥ homewares ♥
toys ♥ furniture ♥ plants and more!

Every purchase helps support
our local community. ♥

We look forward to
seeing you this winter! ❄️

♥ **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL!**

🌟 Volunteers Needed! 🌟

Welshpool Op Shop would love for some friendly new faces to join our volunteer team. Whether you can give a few hours a week or a whole day, your time makes a huge difference.

👉 What you'll be doing:

Helping customers find hidden treasures

Sorting and displaying donated goods

Sharing a smile and a chat with the community

No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to help.

🌟 Perks of volunteering:

Meet new people and make friends.

Support a great cause right here in our community.

Be part of a fun, friendly team!

📍 Pop into the shop for a chat or call us on
56881087 to find out more.

The **Welshpool and District Advisory Group** were delighted to purchase a new wood heater for our op shop. As the winter months continue to bring increasingly chilly conditions, this much-needed addition has been 'warmly' welcomed by our dedicated volunteers. The new heater not only creates a more comfortable and inviting environment for those who generously give their time but also enhances the experience for the many community members who visit the shop.

We are proud to support our volunteers and ensure the op shop remains a welcoming hub for the Welshpool community throughout the colder season.





The ladies at Welshpool Op Shop would love for you to join them for one of their favourite days of the year – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Come along, enjoy a delicious lunch, catch up with friends old and new, and help raise funds for a cause that touches so many lives. Whether you stay for 5 minutes or the whole afternoon, every cuppa, conversation and contribution helps make a difference. We'd love to see our community come together once again for a wonderful day of laughter and giving back.



Australia's
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SHARE A CUP.
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TUESDAY
14 JULY
11AM ONWARDS



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OP SHOP**
12 MAIN STREET,
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\$15
PER PERSON



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Together, we can make a difference.



Not sure how to apply, we are here to help

You must apply by 31st July



If you have a car or motorbike registered in your name, you are eligible for a 20% rebate. (Up to two registrations per person)
We know many of you don't have access to a computer or the internet or simply find these things a little overwhelming. Call in to the **Welshpool RTC** and the girls will assist you with applying for your rebate.

All you need is your mobile phone, email address, drivers' licence and bank details. If you don't have an email address, we can set one up for you. You will not need to access your emails; it's just for logging on to Services Victoria.

It only takes around 5 minutes.





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Printmaking workshops

Block Printing Lino Cutting

Come and create your own beautiful cards, paper or fabric using Rosie's hand carved lino blocks or cut your own.



Small relaxed printmaking classes

What

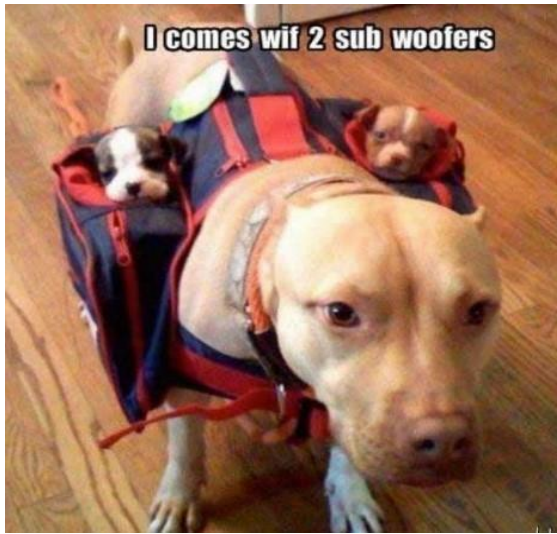
All materials provided
No experience needed
Just bring your creativity
Perfect for beginners and makers

When

Saturday and Sundays
11am - 1pm
\$30 Adult
\$25 Children

Where

Rosie Lyons
Gallery & Gifts
26 Main St
Welshpool 3966
VICTORIA
0432 404 580



How healthy is your home loan?

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

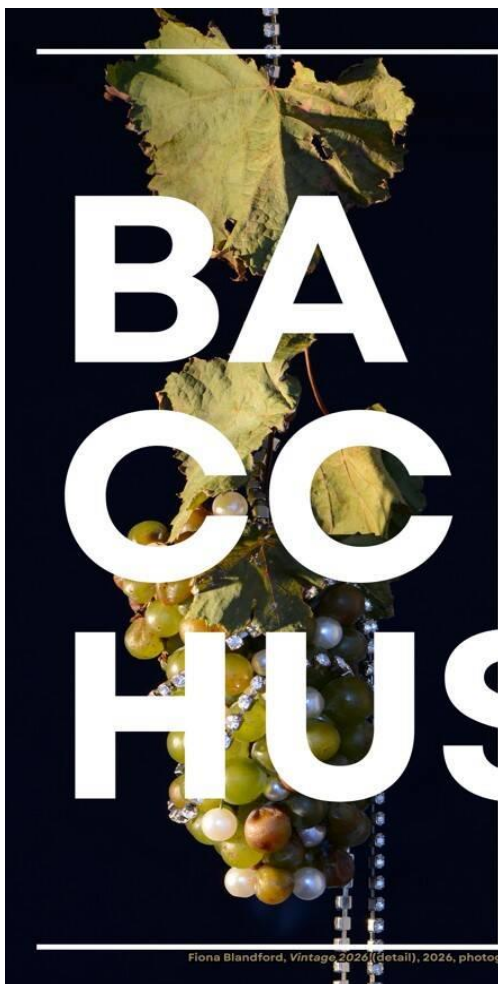
We'll look at your rate, term, repayments, and equity, giving your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

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BACCHUS

Opening Event
June 19, 5pm
Coal Creek
Korumburra

Exhibition open
June 18 - August 24
Thurs - Mon
10am - 4pm

Including an
Exhibition Tour &
Panel Discussion
August 8
2pm - 4pm
bit.ly/bacchus_

Featuring Fiona
Blandford, Jan
Learmonth, Sarah
Parkes and Ellen
Taylor. Curated by
Jasmin McNeill.

Fleet
South Gippsland
Council

Fiona Blandford, Vintage 2024 (detail), 2026, photograph. Image courtesy of the artist.

2026 NAIDOC WEEK ART EXHIBITION

Celebrating First Nations Artists

Sunday 5th July, 1pm - 3pm

We invite you to come to this showcase event, to meet the artists, and experience a Welcome to Country ceremony at Artspace Wonthaggi, The Centennial Centre, 1 Bent St.

The exhibition runs from 30 June - 8 August 2026

The virtual exhibition goes live 30 June 2026
www.naidoc-art.com.au

Presented by:



www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Bunurong / Boonwurrung people and pay respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in our community today.



NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026
www.naidoc.org.au

SNAP SEND SOLVE

-SNAP - Have you spotted an issue around town?

Snap to help have it fixed.

-SEND – Send a report on the spot.

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How can we help?

For information and assistance:

- 9 Smith Street, Leongatha VIC 3953
- 5662 9200
- council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- Facebook: southgippslandshirecouncil



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Solve**

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WELSHPOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED!

Help shape the future of basketball in our community!

Want to help shape the future of basketball in our community?

Welshpool Basketball Association is seeking enthusiastic and passionate people to join our committee for the upcoming season.

Whether you're a parent, player, supporter or community member, we'd love to have you involved. No previous committee experience is necessary - just a willingness to contribute and support our association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

MONDAY 22ND JUNE

6:00 PM

WELSHPOOL RECREATION RESERVE

Following the AGM, we will hold a brief committee meeting to discuss preparations and plans for the upcoming season.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- SUPPORT LOCAL BASKETBALL**
- HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION**
- MEET NEW PEOPLE AND BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM**
- MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR OUR PLAYERS AND FAMILIES**

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

FEEL FREE TO MESSAGE US FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - COME AND HELP KEEP BASKETBALL THRIVING IN WELSHPOOL!

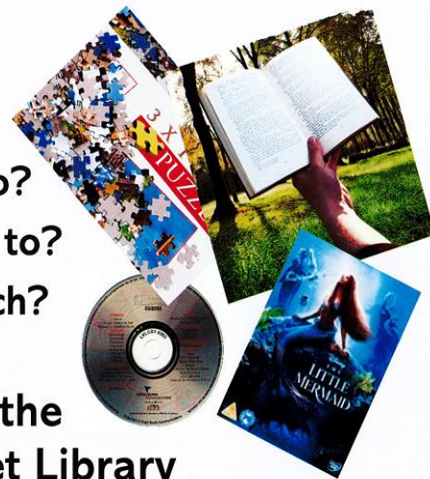
JOIN THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS

Need some new books to read?

Puzzle to do?

CD to listen to?

DVD to watch?

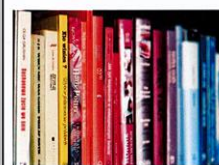


Friends of the Corner Inlet Library

Book Sale

Friday 3rd July: 9am – 4pm

Saturday 4th July: 9am – 2pm



Foster Hall



Phone Liz Kindellan on 0448 256 193 for details



—PLANTING SEASON 2026—

- * 28 June - Farm Planting (Toora South Gippsland Hwy) 9.30am-1pm
- * 12 July - Location TBC 10am-1pm
- * 26 July - National Tree Day (GSRT Charity Lane, Foster) 10am-1pm
- * 9 August - Farm Planting (Toora North) 10am-1pm
- * 23 August - GSRT Planting (Agnes) 10am-1pm

BYO gloves, water, sturdy footwear - Free BBQ and cake at each event!

Everyone welcome, do as much or as little as you can!

RSVP for catering + site address- stay in touch cornerinlet@group.sqln.net.au

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Saturday 9am to 2pm

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We also have an extensive list of products with very competitive prices.

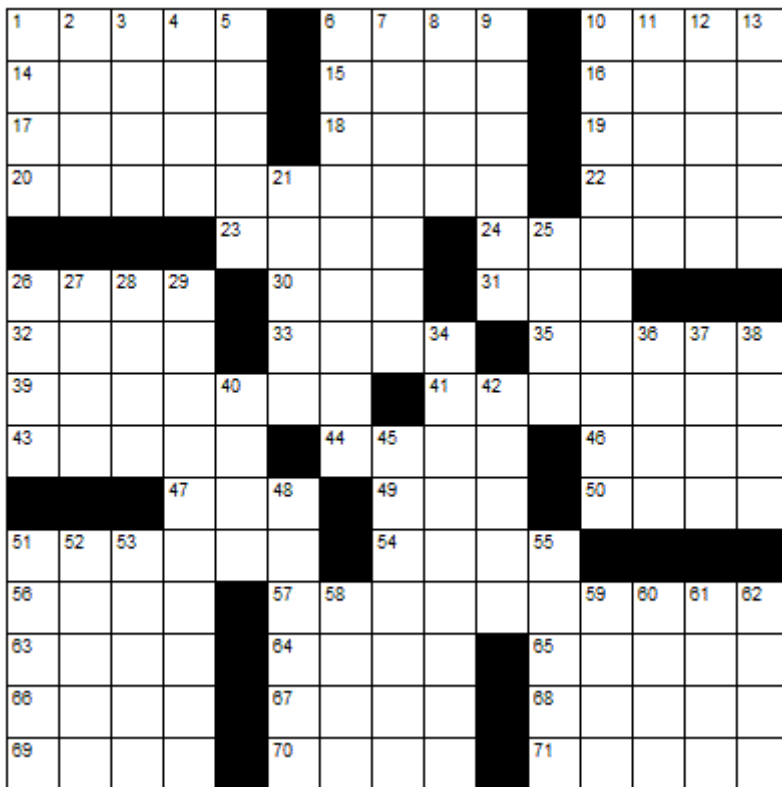
Mainly music

Hi come n check out this great music program
Fridays 9:30. Actions, drama, dance learning numbers etc.

Cost \$3 per family. Morning tea provided for parents n littles. 150 commercial rd yarram. All preschool parents n carers welcome.



CROSSWORD



Down

1. At a distance
2. Barbershop emblem
3. Academician
4. Skin disease
5. Apprehensive
6. Computer file transfers
7. Causing erosion
8. Beige
9. Not reptile
10. Deaths
11. Excuse
12. French for "Room"
13. Cornered
21. Consumer of food
25. Speech disorder
26. Flexible mineral
27. Smell
28. Bawdy
29. Scientific workplace
34. Stops the flow of blood

36. Alleviate
37. Backside
38. Caustics
40. Colored part of an eye
42. A religion based on sorcery
45. Hard painless nodule
48. Agreeable
51. Thorax
52. Cowboy sport
53. Church officer
55. Continuation of the coat collar
58. A single time
59. Old stories
60. Largest continent
61. Make out (slang)
62. Found in a cafeteria

Across

1. Dismay
6. Consider
10. Quick
14. Compel
15. Killer whale
16. Winglike
17. Single
18. Nematode
19. Scrabble piece
20. A popular vote by the electorate
22. Qualified
23. Harvard rival
24. Linked
26. Gangster's gal
30. 2,000 pounds
31. 52 in Roman numerals
32. Bright thought
33. Dines
35. Pilfer
39. North American blackbird
41. Garden of decorative shrubs
43. Fire
44. Anagram of "Cabs"
46. Anagram of "Sees"
47. 18-wheeler
49. Color
50. Views
51. Fold
54. A Freudian stage
56. A piece of woodland
57. Casual
63. Cocoyam
64. 1/12th of a foot
65. Show-off
66. Clairvoyant
67. Unit of land
68. Genus of heath
69. Conservative
70. Dregs
71. Not watertight



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



LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

B	A	B	E		S	T	A	R	S		M	I	S	S
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E	R	S	E		T	E	N	S	E		P	E	E	R

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:

Elaine Black



Carpet Bowls

Old Ferry Terminal, Port Welshpool

Come along for a fun afternoon of

Carpet Bowls

No membership
or equipment required,
everything is supplied for you.

Every Tuesday afternoon:

1pm sharp

\$5 per session plus a small plate for
afternoon tea.

Everyone welcome!

Contact Alma 0427310599



**Looking for Exercise?
Easy, Casual, Friendly**

**Welshpool Memorial Hall
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm**

**All Equipment Supplied,
All Levels Welcome**

\$2 / player / time.

**Ask JJ on 0400 114 905
for more details**



South Gippsland Shire Council News

FOGO Kerbside Collection Begins on 1 July

As caddies (and new bins where required) are being delivered, it's a good time to get to know FOGO.

As part of the Victorian Government standardising waste collection across the state, your bin collection is changing as of 1 July 2026.

Here is a reminder of what will be different:

- Food scraps can go in your green-lidded bin along with your garden waste. This bin will now be collected weekly.
- Your red-lidded bin will now be collected fortnightly.

Your yellow-lidded bin will continue to be collected fortnightly.

When your 7-litre, lockable caddy is delivered, it will come with a new bin schedule and 200 compostable liners to

keep it clean. These should last a year.

If you have any questions about the changes you can chat to us at one of the sessions listed below.

FOGO INFORMATION SESSIONS

Korumburra
Tuesday 16 June, 11.30am to 2.00pm.
Korumburra Community Hub (drop-in any time).

Foster
Thursday 18 June, 2.00pm to 2.45pm.
U3A Prom Coast, Foster War Memorial and Arts Centre (Foster Hall).

Leongatha
Sunday 21 June, 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Leongatha Rail Trail Market (drop-in any time).

For more information, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/FOGO

Flood Planning Feedback



The South Gippsland Planning Scheme Draft Amendment C135 proposes to amend and introduce flood controls for properties at risk of inundation. The Draft Amendment proposes implementing data from ten flood studies undertaken for catchments within the South Gippsland Shire.

You are encouraged to participate in the consultation process by providing written feedback. Submissions can be made via our survey portal until 5.00pm, Monday 6 July 2026. For more information, to read the draft amendment and to share your thoughts, visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/c135

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 June 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 you, visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

KINDER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

It's a breeze to register your child for kinder in 2027 - simply complete the online form and select your top three preferences.

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FIRST 72 HOURS WORKSHOPS

Storms, power outages and floods can severely disrupt daily life.

While help will arrive as soon as possible, it's important to be prepared to look after yourself, your loved ones and your animals in those initial hours after an emergency.

Come along to a practical community session to learn simple steps to help you and your household prepare for the first 72 hours after an emergency.

Sessions will take place across South Gippsland over coming months.

For more information and to book your session, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/72HRS

IMPOUNDED VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle under Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on 5 June from Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Loch.

Toyota Hatchback.

Colour: Silver.

Year: 2003.

VIN: JTDJW133500193986.

If not collected and fees paid by 23 June 2026, the vehicle will be offered for public sale.

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(Australia Day Weekend)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th
(Labour Day Weekend)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th
(Easter Sunday)

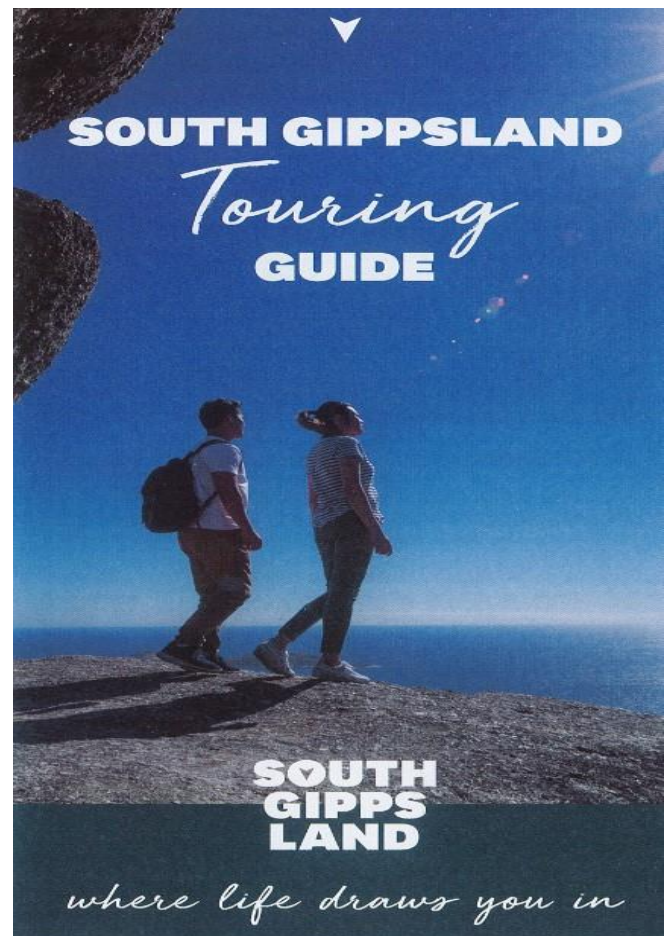
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Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients

- **Pie Crust** – store bought or hand make 2 discs
- 1 pound (450g) skinless boneless **chicken breast** or **thighs**, cubed
- 1 cup (about 130g) sliced **carrots** (about 2 carrots)
- 1/2 cup (about 40g) sliced **celery**
- 1/3 cup (5 Tbsp; 71g) **unsalted butter**
- 1/3 cup (45g) chopped **yellow onion** (1/2 of a small onion)
- 1 teaspoon minced **garlic**
- 1/3 cup (41g) **all-purpose flour**
- 3/4 teaspoon **salt**
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground **black pepper**
- 1 teaspoon **dried thyme leaves**
- 1 and 3/4 cups (420ml) **chicken broth/stock** (I recommend reduced sodium)
- 2/3 cup (160ml) **half-and-half***
- 1 cup (125g) frozen **peas**
- **egg wash**: 1 large egg beaten with 1 Tablespoon (15ml) milk
- **optional**: sprigs of fresh thyme for garnish

1. In a large pot, combine chicken, carrots, and celery. Add enough water to cover the chicken and vegetables, then place over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then allow to boil for 10 minutes. Remove from heat, drain, and set aside.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, combine the butter, onions, and garlic. Stirring occasionally, cook until the onions are translucent and the butter is lightly browning. Whisk in the flour, salt, black pepper, thyme, chicken broth, and half-and-half. Cook and whisk until no flour lumps remain, then simmer over medium-low heat until thick. I simmer mine for 10 minutes. You want it to be a very thick gravy; simmer longer if necessary. Taste and add more seasonings if you prefer. Sometimes I add more thyme. Remove from heat and set aside.
3. Preheat oven to 425°F (218°C).
4. On a floured work surface, roll out one of the discs of chilled dough (keep the other one in the refrigerator). Turn the dough about a quarter turn after every few rolls until you have a circle about 12 inches in diameter. Carefully place the dough into a 9-inch pie dish that's 1.5–2 inches deep. Tuck the dough in with your fingers, making sure it is smooth. With a small sharp knife or kitchen shears, trim the extra overhang of dough and discard.
5. Spoon the chicken and vegetable mixture into the crust. Scatter the frozen peas on top. Pour/spread the gravy evenly over top.
6. Roll out second half of pie crust dough just as you did the first. Cover the pie with the second crust and trim the extra overhang off the sides. Crimp the pie crust with a fork to seal the edges. With a small sharp knife, slice a few small slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape. Using a pastry brush, brush crust and edges with egg wash.
7. Bake for 32–38 minutes or until the top of the crust is golden brown. After 20 minutes of baking, be sure to cover the edges of the crust with aluminium foil or use a pie crust shield to prevent the edges from getting too brown.
8. Remove from the oven and cool for at least 10 minutes before serving. Makes amazing leftovers—the filling is so thick on the next day! Reheat as desired. Leftovers keep well in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

BEST BETS FOR Winter Savings

Energy consumption spikes during winter months as we spend more time indoors and heating systems work overtime. You can help reduce demand and strain on the electric grid by conserving during peak energy times. Reducing energy use will also help lower your energy bills.

UNPLUG WHEN POSSIBLE

Turn off unnecessary lights and electronics when you aren't using them.



MAINTAIN HEATING EQUIPMENT

Maintain your heating system by replacing dirty, clogged filters and scheduling an annual inspection for necessary maintenance.

ELIMINATE DRAFTS AND AIR LEAKS

Seal air leaks and drafts around windows and exterior doors.



USE APPLIANCES WHEN ENERGY DEMAND IS LOWER

Run large appliances like clothes washers, dryers and dishwashers early in the morning or before you go to bed.



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