



## New Bus Shelters Arrive in Welshpool

After a long time coming, Welshpool residents and travellers can finally enjoy a more comfortable wait for local bus services, with new bus shelters now installed in town.

The idea for proper bus shelters in Welshpool was first taken on by the Welshpool and District Advisory Group (RTC) many years ago, recognising the need for seating and protection from the weather for passengers using the V/Line bus services. More recently, the Welshpool Area Future Focus Group picked up the project again last year and worked to see it through.

For years, passengers had little protection from the elements while waiting for their bus, often standing in the rain, wind, or harsh sun. The newly installed shelters now provide both seating and cover, offering a simple but important improvement for commuters, visitors, and residents alike.

Members of the Welshpool Area Future Focus Group say they are delighted to see the project finally come to life. “We’re so pleased to see these shelters in place. They’ll make a real difference for people waiting for the bus, especially during bad weather.”

The shelters not only improve comfort and accessibility for regular travellers but also help make public transport a more appealing option for people moving through the region.

With the new shelters now ready for use, passengers can sit down, stay dry, and wait in comfort for their V/Line service - a small but meaningful upgrade that reflects the community’s commitment to improving local infrastructure.

The Welshpool Area Future Focus Group thanks everyone involved in helping bring the project to fruition and hopes the new shelters will be well used by the community and visitors alike.



### Disclaimer

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Welshpool & District Advisory Group Inc  
 Address:  
 14 Main St, WELSHPOOL

10am-3pm Monday,  
 Wednesday, Thursday &  
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Child Support	131 272
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Older Australians	132 300
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## Welshpool & District Horticultural Society

Our 2026 Autumn Show held over the long weekend was wonderful! The exhibits were exceptional in quality and number...280 entries in the Dahlia Class ... 100+ in 2025...

It was great to welcome our regular visitors and meet many first-time visitors.

Staging the Show is a huge task and relies on the talent and commitment of our Club members ...ably lead by Fran Grylls and Prue Fleming!

The average age of our Club members is creeping up particularly when "very active" member 100-year-old Bruce Crowl is in that equation!!

We are looking forward to a few months rest before we get into top gear for our Spring Show on October 30th and 31st!





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If you need help to apply, visit one of 259 participating Neighbourhood Houses across the state, or call our Victorian Energy Compare helpline on 1800 000 832.

One payment is available per household for eligible concession card holders, including:

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On average, people who used the website across 2025 were able to save \$170 by switching to a better offer. For more information on support to apply, visit [compare.energy.vic.gov.au/psb-outreach](https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/psb-outreach)



# Welshpool Op Shop & Nursery

Monday to Friday  
10am – 4pm  
Saturday 10am – 2pm  
Ph: 0417 367 629



## Welshpool Op Shop Donation Information & FAQs

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### Why don't we accept donations after hours?

Welshpool Op Shop is run entirely by local volunteers who generously give their time to keep our shop operating for the community.

When donations are left outside the shop after hours, they can quickly become damaged by weather, pulled apart, or taken. Unfortunately, this often means items can't be sold and must be thrown away, which goes against everything we're trying to achieve.

Cleaning up after-hours drop-offs also takes valuable time away from serving customers, sorting stock, and supporting local causes.

For these reasons, we kindly ask that all donations be brought in during opening hours only, so we can check them and make sure they can be put to good use.

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### What items can we not accept?

We truly appreciate every offer of donations. However, due to limited space and volunteer capacity, there are times we need to say no to certain items.

We may be unable to accept items that are:

- Broken, unsafe or missing pieces
- Stained, heavily worn or not in saleable condition
- Large items we don't have room to store
- Items we currently have an oversupply of

All donations must be clean, complete and suitable for resale.

As stock levels change regularly, it's always a good idea to give us a quick call before bringing items in, especially for larger donations.

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### Thank You!

Your generosity helps keep our Op Shop thriving and allows us to continue supporting our local community. We couldn't do it without you.

For donation enquiries, please contact: 0417 367 629

## PORT WELSHPOOL & DISTRICT MARITIME MUSEUM

As land was settled and homes of all kinds were built, the Port of Welshpool was created. With the great expanse of water to explore fishing became the obvious trade to not only feed a family but to sell to others. Thus, the jetties were built. As more people moved in, the port was formed, all contributing to whatever skill was needed. Over the years the families grew, a school was needed and so it became S.S. 3375. The streets were named in honour of whoever at the time it was felt deserved the honour. As the community grew other essentials were needed so the General Store was opened along with a post office and newsagents, all stocking what essentials were required. Originally Mail was delivered to the Post Office by horse drawn tram, and it also became a taxi. Along the way as the Port became ever so popular for holidays, Guest Houses were created much to the enjoyment of families at school holiday times. Holidays meant that families could also enjoy camping so along came the Long Jetty Caravan Park that included a kiosk. With a Primary School and a Hall to hold events, dances or meetings, the Port was catered for. In bad weather the moorings at the little jetty were two and sometimes three abreast. Fish was sent to Melbourne by transport. Peter Petersons knife factory was built and became well known world-wide. The big jetty took care of the boats that needed slipping and the cattle boat originally off loaded there. Mine sweepers during the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war at times called in. A much-needed service station was another part of the ports long gone businesses. Everyone needs fuel and a mechanic. The Ports and Harbour master took care of all things Marine. There were residents for the Fisheries and Games inspector, the headmaster of the school. The port had the proud honour of having boats built in full view of all and the excitement when the launching date was announced. The whales beached themselves at another time that brought people from far and wide. As the residents got on with living all were overjoyed when love was in the air and more excitement when engagements were announced and weddings were held. As children were born families grew. Some children followed in their fathers' footsteps, others moved away. There was always a sad ripple through the port when someone lost their life, from an accident or sickness or old age. But support was not far away. Through all the years of change as people and businesses come and go and the Port goes from a thriving fishing village to now a holiday haven, there is one man who has seen it all. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March this year Frank Roberts celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Frank has lived his life in Port Welshpool and has seen all the mentioned changes. Fishing, playing football for Welshpool and working at the knife factory. We trust you had a special day and congratulate you Frank on being our first Centenarian.



## Welshpool Recreation Reserve

The Welshpool Recreation Reserve Committee is calling on community members to step forward and help support one of our town's most valuable local assets.

The reserve is a community-owned facility and an important hub for local sport and recreation. It is home to the Welshpool Basketball Association and Welshpool Golf Club and provides a place for people of all ages to come together, stay active and enjoy community events.

However, the future management of the reserve depends on volunteers, and the committee is urgently seeking new members to help keep things running smoothly.

Being part of the committee doesn't require special skills — just a willingness to contribute ideas, lend a hand and help ensure the reserve continues to serve our community well into the future.

If you value the Welshpool Recreation Reserve and want to help keep it thriving for future generations, please consider getting involved. Your support can make a real difference.

Anyone interested in joining the committee or finding out more is encouraged to get in touch with Tina - 0409444162.

Let's work together to keep this wonderful community asset strong.



## Port Welshpool Working Group

With the completion of the crossings at Port Welshpool recently, some members of the Port Welshpool Working Group got together to "unofficially" open them.

The crossings opposite Albert Road and Keane Street allow walkers to access the existing path along the foreshore without getting wet and muddy after rains.

This was a project identified by the Port Welshpool Working Group in consultation with the local community when developing our Community Development Plan.

The Port Welshpool Working Group would like to thank the South Gippsland Shire in seeing this project completed.

The Port Welshpool Working Group also recognises the support received from the Welshpool Area Future Focus Group.



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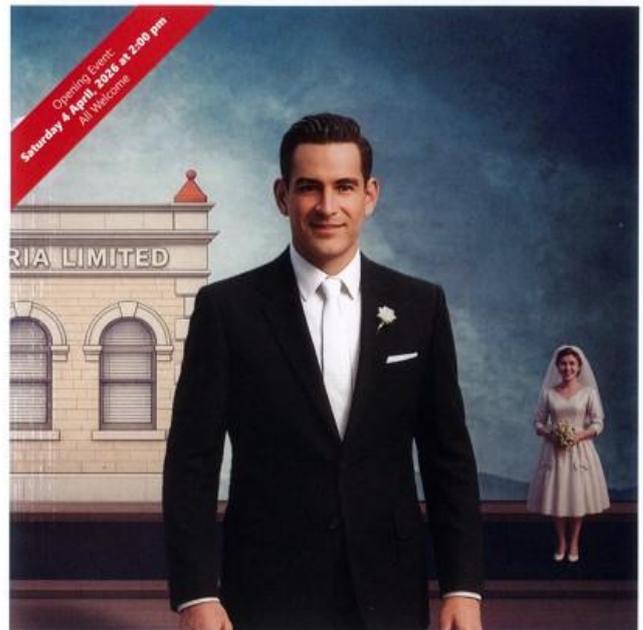
# Easter Long Weekend

3rd April - 6th of April 2026

<b>FRI</b>	<b>Cultivating Communities</b> 5:30pm - 7pm Commercial Road Yarram
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Street Parade</b> 9am - 1pm Commercial Road Yarram
<b>SUN</b>	<b>The Bunny Run</b> 8am Yarram Memorial Park

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## Welshpool Golf Club

Thanks to the generosity of the Rural Transaction Centre and Op-Shop, the Welshpool Golf Club has been able to install a Vendi Tap & Go EFTPOS machine to capture green fees when the club house is closed.

Being a small volunteer run club, the club house is only open during competition times and so for most of the time there is no one there to collect green fees. We have relied on the honesty of visitors to pay cash through a slot in the wall. These days a lot of people don't carry cash, so we were worried that some people either did not pay or simply did not play. The new machine gives people the option of paying by credit/debit card. It has been in operation for a couple of weeks and has already proven to be a valuable addition to the club.



## Welshpool and District Advisory Group

The Welshpool and District Advisory Group has kicked off the year by supporting local students at Welshpool and District Primary School with a donation towards student fees.

The group has contributed \$30 per student, which has been allocated to each child's 2026 voluntary financial contribution. These funds will help cover important school costs including association and membership fees, as well as school grounds maintenance and improvement projects.

It is hoped that this contribution will help ease some of the financial pressure for local families while supporting the ongoing upkeep and development of the school.

The Welshpool and District Advisory Group is pleased to be able to support the school community and looks forward to continuing to assist local initiatives throughout the year.



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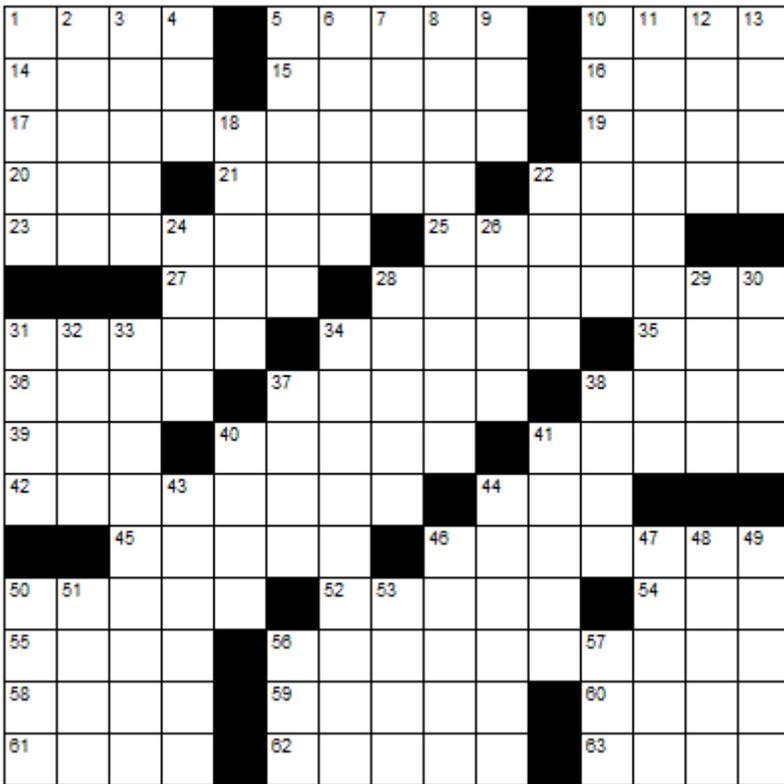
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1. Thought
5. Fine-tune
10. Small brook
14. Sleeveless garment
15. Scalawag
16. A Great Lake
17. Anxiety
19. Got bigger
20. East southeast
21. Severe
22. Impostor
23. Fate
25. Looked amorously
27. Picnic insect
28. Conception
31. Barren
34. Object

## Across

35. Lumberjack's tool
36. Slave
37. Stage
38. Ragout
39. Small piece of cloth
40. Radium discoverer
41. Exhausted
42. More lustrous
44. Service charge
45. Give a speech
46. TV audience
50. Father
52. Expend
54. Fifty-two in Roman numerals
55. Unit of land
56. Exchange letters
58. Comparison connector
59. Awry
60. Abbey area
61. Male turkeys
62. Gave birth to
63. Marsh plant

## Down

1. Overgrown with ivy
2. Thick
3. S S S
4. Consumed
5. Absent without permission
6. Anxiety
7. Sponsorship
8. Delegate authority (Br. sp)
9. Essential
10. Rue
11. Expose to radiation
12. In place of
13. Ribald
18. Armor flaw
22. National symbol
24. Empty weight
26. Heredity unit
28. Seat
29. Beasts of burden
30. Colorful salamander
31. Belgrade native
32. Russian emperor
33. X-ray photograph
34. Trio
37. A golf shot
38. Gush forth
40. Talk
41. Sows
43. Putting surfaces in golf
44. Top quality
46. Contrariwise
47. Run off to wed
48. Washer cycle
49. Allied
50. Matted cotton for stuffing
51. Bounce back
53. Disagreeable person
56. Taxi
57. Norm



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



## LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT



We forgot to save last month's solution!

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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.

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**Winner of the February Crossword:**



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## ANZAC Day Service – Welshpool

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Friday, 25 April at 9:30 am  
at the Welshpool Cenotaph.

Following the service, morning tea will be held at the  
Welshpool Hall. Community members are warmly invited  
to attend, and donations of food for morning tea would be  
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For further information, please contact  
Diane Bradford on 0491 155 029.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th**  
(New Year's Weekend)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th**  
(Australia Day Weekend)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**  
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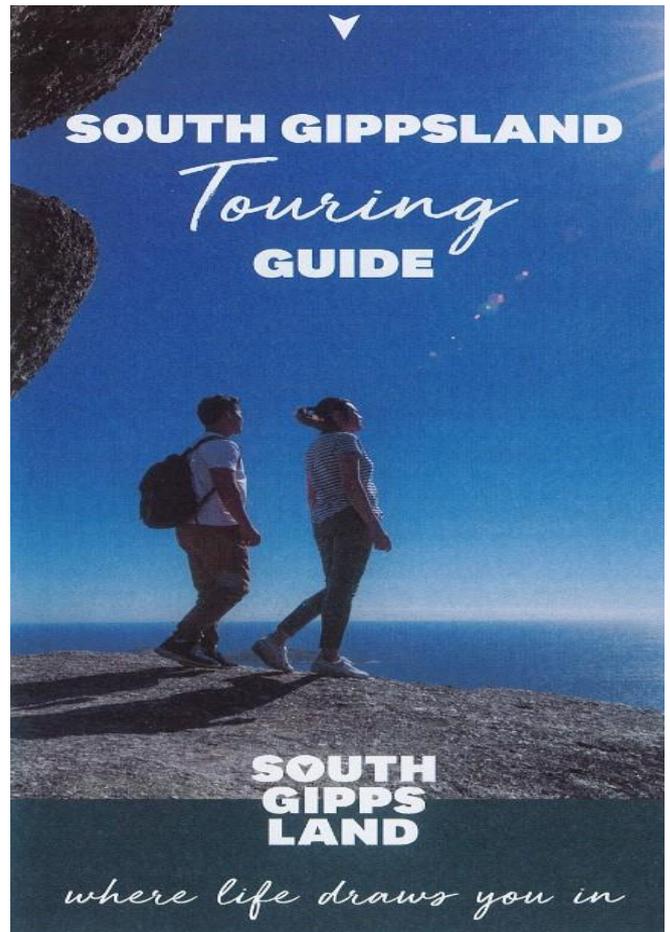
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# Hot Cross Buns



## Ingredients

### Buns:

- 3 teaspoons instant or rapid rise yeast (9 grams), *Note 1, CHECK still active!*
- 1/2 cup (110g) caster sugar (superfine sugar)
- 1 1/2 cups (375ml) milk, warm, *full fat or low fat (Note 2)*
- 4 1/4 cups (640g) bread flour (or plain / all purpose) *(Note 3)*
- 2 tsp cinnamon powder
- 2 tsp All Spice *OR Mixed Spice (Note 4)*
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups (210g) sultanas *(Note 4)*
- 1 – 2 oranges, zest only *(Note 4)*
- 50g / 3.5 tbsp unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 egg, *at room temperature*

### Extra Flour for dough

- 1/4 cup (35g) Extra bread flour

### Crosses:

- 1/2 cup (75g) flour *(any white flour)*
- 5 tbsp water

### Glaze:

- 1 tbsp apricot jam *(Note 7)*
- 2 tsp water

1. **Mix dry** – Place flour, yeast, sugar, all spice, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. Briefly mix with stand mixer fitted with a dough hook.
2. **Add wet** – Add butter, milk, egg, sultanas and zest.
3. **Stand mixer:** Mix for 5 minutes until a smooth elastic dough forms. Start on speed 2 then once the ingredients are combined, increase to speed 4. After 1 minute, add extra flour if required, just enough so dough comes away from side of bowl when mixing and doesn't stick terribly to your fingers.
4. **Hand kneading:** Alternatively, dust a work surface with flour and knead by hand for 10 minutes.
5. **Dough is kneaded enough** when it's smooth and does not break when stretched.

### Rise #1:

Leave dough in the bowl, cover with cling wrap and place in a warm, wind free place to rise until doubled in size. This will take anywhere between 30 minutes to 1 1/2 hours depending on how warm it is.

### Forming Balls

Line a 31.5 x 23.5 cm / 9 x 13" tray with baking paper with overhang.

1. Remove cling wrap and punch dough to deflate.
2. Dust work surface with flour, place dough on work surface, shape into a log – this will deflate the air. Cut into 12 equal pieces.
3. Take one piece and press down with palm, then use your fingers to gather into a ball, then roll the dough briefly to form a ball. This stretches the dough on one side and that's how I get a nice smooth surface.
4. Place the ball with the smooth side up on the tray. Repeat with remaining dough. Line them up 3 x 4.

### Rise #2:

1. Spray a piece of cling wrap lightly with oil (any), then loosely place over the tray.
2. Return tray to warm place and leave 30 – 45 minutes, until the dough has risen by about 75% (less than double in size).
3. Partway through Rise #2, preheat oven to 180°C/350°F (all oven types).

### Crosses:

1. Mix flour and water until a thick runny paste forms.
2. Spoon into a round 3 mm piping bag or small zip lock bag then snip corner.
3. Remove the cling wrap and pipe crosses onto the buns. Go slow so it hugs the curves.

### Baking/Glaze:

1. Bake in preheated oven (180°C/350°F) for 22 minutes, or until the surface is a deep golden brown. The surface colour is the best test for this recipe.
2. Meanwhile, place jam and water in a bowl, microwave for 30 seconds. Mix to combine.
3. Remove buns from oven. Use overhang to lift buns onto a cooling rack.
4. Brush with jam mixture while warm. Allow to cool to warm before serving.

