

## Need for Feed in Port Welshpool

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> May, Port Welshpool was a hype of activity when 30 trucks loaded with 550 tonne of oaten hay and 220 tonne of cattle pellets came from Swan Hill to be loaded onto the King Islander bound for King Island to assist with critical drought relief.

This huge task was organised by the crew from Need for Feed Australia and has taken many hours and volunteers to make it all happen. A large number of groups have been involved including the Port Welshpool Coast Guard and Yarram Lions Club who kept the drivers well fed during their stay. Thank you to everyone involved for pitching in when help is needed.



### Disclaimer

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- arrange referrals to specialist services.

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Hours of business:

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## ANZAC DAY 2024

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April many locals attended the ANZAC Day service in Welshpool. Thank you once again to Rod Coughran-Lane for conducting the service and to the members of the Sale RAAF Base. The service was followed by morning tea at the Welshpool Hall, thank you to all the volunteers for helping out on the day.







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## Welshpool RTC

We are very excited to have new carpet throughout and the Myli My Community Library service back up and running at the Rural Transaction Centre after the Boxing Day floods.

Library borrowing and returns are back as well as a full selection of books and DVDs to view and borrow. If you are not yet a library member, call in today, joining is easy and you can access all MyLi services.



## Welshpool Area Future Focus Group

Thank you to everyone for coming along to the community BBQ to vote for the new playground. It was great to have the local primary school children attend and view the options made available to us from council.

Thank you also to community members who called into the Welshpool RTC to have your say.

We had a large number of votes come in, and the overwhelming winner was option one.

Council have these results, and we will keep you updated as the process progresses.

You will also notice new tables and chairs and bench seats along the Port Welshpool foreshore, thank you to the South Gippsland Shire Council for providing these for our community members and visitors.



The graphic features a repeating pattern of blue teacups with yellow bases and handles, and blue hearts, set against a yellow background. In the center is a white circle containing the text "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea".

# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

## 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** Welshpool Op Shop

**Where** 12 Main Street Welshpool

**Date** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 50 Years in Business

### Eddie & Helen Fowler, Corner Service Station & Welshpool Outdoors

The journey began on the long weekend in June 1974 when Eddie and Helen purchased the Corner Service Station also affectional known as the Bloody Garage from Peter and Norma Stoitse. Eddie & Helen sold their home in Leongatha and moved to the little house behind the garage with their 2 children Jason and Tania and dog Tyler.

After a few years Eddie decided to branch out and start delivering LPG around the town. This business now has become one of the largest delivery of LPG in the area.

As the years went on they added to the family with Rikki then Stacey coming along, with this the little house behind the garage became too small to they built a new house to accommodate the family and moved out the Hedley.

Eddie and Helen have been involved with the community in so many ways including the Kindergarten, School, sporting clubs, Welshpool Hall, Welshpool Fire Brigade, Scouts, Venturers and the list goes on.

Jason did his apprenticeship with the Corner Service Station and after his completion he took over the Suzuki dealership from Eddie and started his own journey by opening Welshpool Motorcycles located at 19 Main Street Welshpool.

Rikki also did work for Corner Service Station for a period of time as a mechanic as well. Eddie & Helen have employed many people of the years including apprentices, full time and casual employees.

In 2000 when the GST came into effect that's when Tania came into the business and much to Eddie's dismay brought a computer into the office. At that stage Helen stepped away from the business on a daily basis and Tania took on that role.

In 2010 times were changing again, this is when Corner Service Station was closed down and the business made the move up the road to 19 Main Street and re named to Welshpool Outdoors. This took a few months to move staff and machinery to the new premises including Eddie.

Stacey and partner are now also working for Welshpool Outdoors. Eddie & Helen are preparing to start having some well deserved time away on holidays to visit grandchildren and children in Western Australia.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May we held a 50 years in business celebration at the Welshpool Hotel with so many old and current employees making the time to come and celebrate this milestone with Eddie & Helen and family. Also so many Family Friends from over the years came to celebrate. With approx. 140 attending the evening which was a proud moment for the Fowler Family.





*Eddie & Helen Fowler 1974 – 2024*

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## Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum

### *The Washing Machine*

As daylight saving has ended and the days become darker and colder, we take cover as winter clouds our days. In days gone by, this meant the wood pile was to be checked as much wood was needed to keep the home fires burning. Not only was there the open fire that we lovingly sat around and where our clothes hung on the clothes horse to dry but the wood for the stove for cooking was another demand on the wood pile. For another all-year rounder putting demands on the wood pile was the copper and wood to heat the water for the Sunday night bath, how times have changed in this regard. The wood for the combustion stove also heating the water was a welcome invention and is still in us in a few homes today in a more modern style. Monday was the popular day to see the clothes flapping in the wind. Not like today where we have a pile or not and with a press of a button all is done.

Once it took mum most of the day to complete her day in the wash house as she slaved over the troves to wash, rinse, or starch our clothes for the week and of course it didn't finish there the ironing was to be tackled. Looking back the stove too het up the iron.

Today we have everything at our fingertips. The choices when buying a modern day washing machines are endless. Firstly, it's front or top loader. With front loader, don't forget an article!! Clothes in need of a bit of extra TLC were always soaked in a bucket or trough; now you can have a soaking dish built into some top loading machines. From the copper to the trough through the mangle, rinsed, and back through the mangle then out to the line was the way. It was hard work for mum. Now.... There are a few very important decisions to make before the clothes even get wet; Soaking or washing? water temperature, plus what size load? cycle for the type of fabrics. The time it takes to go through a cycle on my front loader its forever; but what does it matter really? For it's just set and forget and walk away. Just hope the weather holds out!! Like most white goods these days they have the need to talk to you. With the fridge; it's to let you know you have left the door open, which isn't a bad one but having a washing machine telling you it has finished by playing a programmed tune so you know it has happily completed the task you set it and is ready for the next, who would have every have thought. Life of a washing machine has also changed. If you could afford to buy one when you got married, it lasted you for life or if not there was the pass me down which you were most grateful for and it too lasted through the Mondays. And let us not forget the very important part of this process was the washing powder. The jingles sang to us as they boasted they had the answer to our wash day prayers by giving us the Whitest of Whites with "Persil" or "Omo" would give us the Brightest of Bright. Remember Blueo? Not only did it help whiten your whites but was the go to for a bull ant bite. As your clothes hung on the line, proudly secured with dolly pegs, and proudly showing off your hard work for all passing by to see; on a line strung from tree to tree and held up by a forked tree branch.

Velvet soap was another well used product especially when hand washing those delicate pieces. I mentioned the pegs; well there's a story for maybe another time.

### Kindergarten Central Enrolment Opens 1 May


**SAVE THE DATE!** Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten in 2025 open on 1 May.

To register, simply head to Council's website, complete the online registration form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences.



To ensure an easy and fair process for all parents, Council operates the central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across South Gippsland. The information also helps us anticipate the future demands for services. Find out more at: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment>





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In The Know is your fortnightly reminder of what Council is up to at the moment.  
Have a look at what is going on and how you can get involved!

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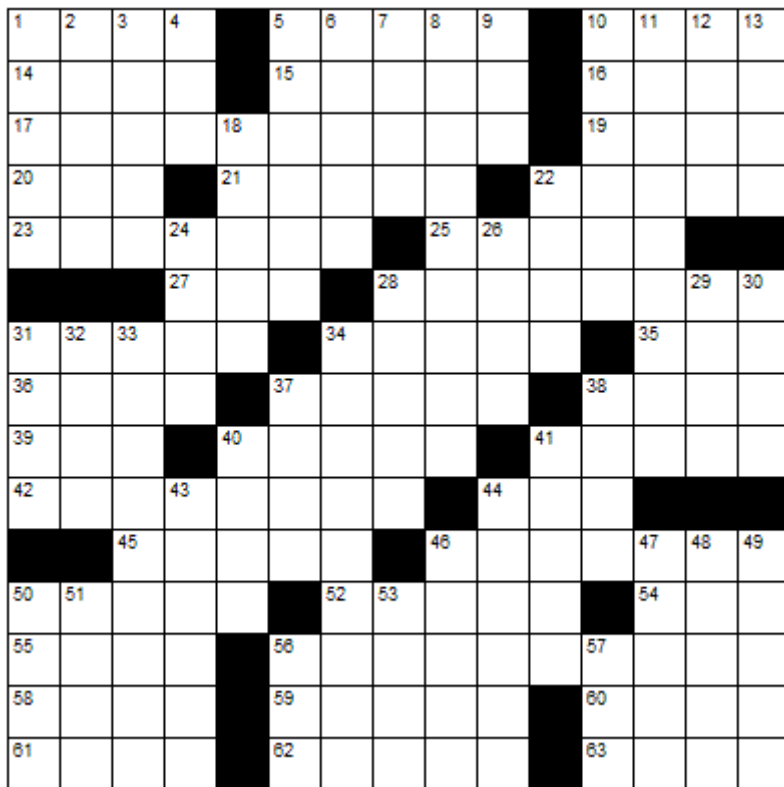
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## Across

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Eject                   | 31. Brainy              | 52. Ancient Roman magistrate |
| 5. Weary                   | 34. Bib                 | 54. Type of snake            |
| 10. Carve in stone         | 35. Word of possibility | 55. Hornswoggle              |
| 14. Cans                   | 36. Bee home            | 56. Prodigious               |
| 15. Elicit                 | 37. What we think with  | 58. Coastal raptor           |
| 16. Not false              | 38. Mend                | 59. Extremely                |
| 17. An outstanding feature | 39. Air hero            | 60. Misfortunes              |
| 19. Despise                | 40. Blockish            | 61. Where the sun sets       |
| 20. Snake-like fish        | 41. Perception          | 62. File                     |
| 21. Gladden                | 42. Fort                | 63. Constructed              |
| 22. Allied                 | 44. US spy agency       |                              |
| 23. Promises               | 45. Nymph chaser        |                              |
| 25. Daughter of a sibling  | 46. Flawless            |                              |
| 27. What we breathe        | 50. More than once      |                              |
| 28. Under pressure         |                         |                              |

## Down

- |                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Precipitous              | 29. Hearing organs              |
| 2. Picture element          | 30. Physics unit                |
| 3. Parental brother         | 31. Carpet type                 |
| 4. East southeast           | 32. Isinglass                   |
| 5. Bank employee            | 33. Intense dislikes            |
| 6. Notions                  | 34. Botanical garden            |
| 7. Litter member            | 37. Occupied                    |
| 8. Quirky                   | 38. Unable to hear              |
| 9. D                        | 40. Give as an example          |
| 10. High standards          | 41. Femme fatale                |
| 11. Artisan                 | 43. Tennis tool                 |
| 12. Adorable                | 44. Crunchy vegetable           |
| 13. Pay attention           | 46. Plays the bagpipes          |
| 18. In accordance with law  | 47. Deadly virus                |
| 22. Observed                | 48. Was able to                 |
| 24. Challenge               | 49. Thigh armor                 |
| 26. Weightlifters pump this | 50. Believe or trust (Scottish) |
| 28. Iberian country         | 51. Had on                      |
|                             | 53. Fool                        |
|                             | 56. South southeast             |
|                             | 57. Faint                       |



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



## LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT

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Entries must be received before

**15<sup>th</sup> June, 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 April Crossword:**

Stacey Fowler





## 2024 Victorian Seafood Industry Awards

Congratulation to Luke and the crew of Long Jetty Seafood for taking home the Primary Producer award in this years Victorian Seafood Industry Awards. This award was presented to a seafood primary producer that demonstrated excellence in the sustainable production of quality seafood.

For Luke Anedda, and the Long Jetty Seafood team fishing is more than just a job or an income, it is a generational stewardship role for the water in which they work. Long Jetty Seafood operates with a unique professionalism in the industry and constantly demonstrates leadership through a desire to innovate and improve, evident by their involvement in the Corner Inlet seagrass rehabilitation project.

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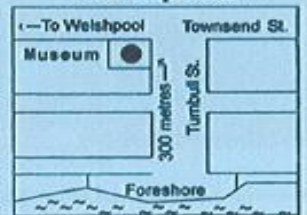
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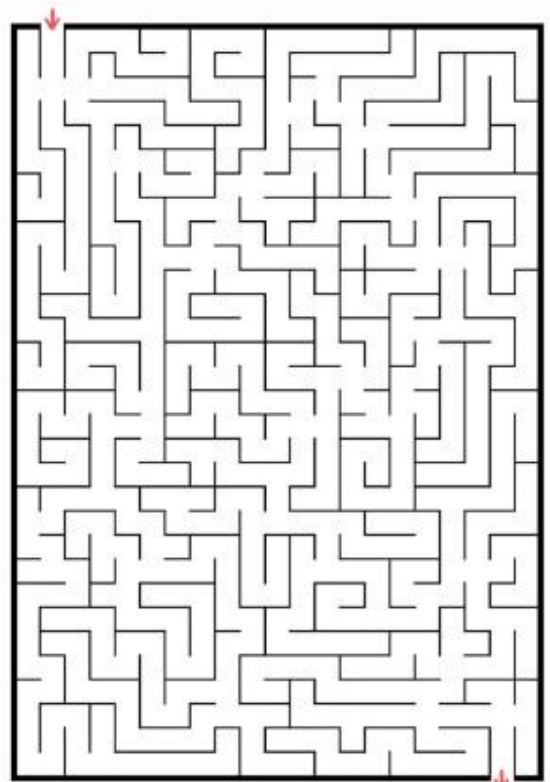
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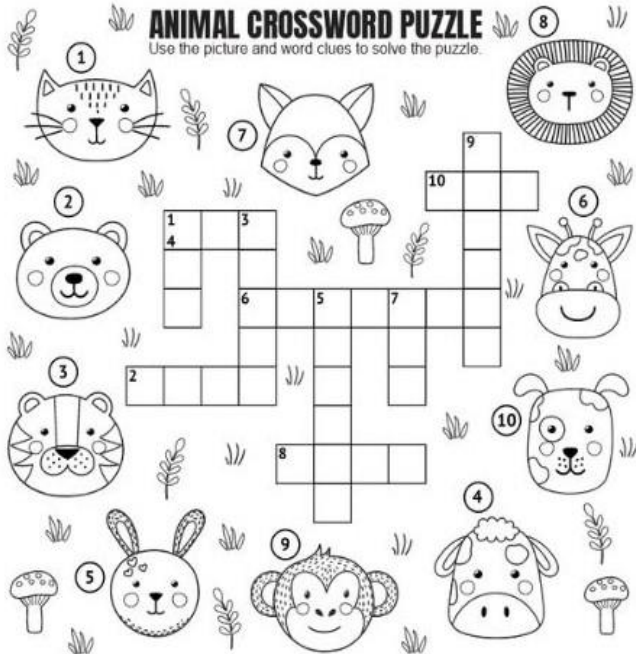
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## ANIMAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the picture and word clues to solve the puzzle.



1. This small animal loves chase laser pointers.
2. Honey bees beware! This big animal with sharp teeth loves honey.
3. A big cat known for its beautiful white stripes.
4. A common farm animal that gives us milk.
5. A small animal with big ears, known for its long jumps and long ears.
6. The long neck and long legs are its most distinctive features.
7. A wild animal with sharp teeth, famous in many fables.
8. Known as the king of the jungle, though not se
9. The primate with a long tail and a love for ban
10. Known as man's best friend, with hundreds of

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