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WELSHPOOL HALLOWEEN 2026 – WHAT A NIGHT!

Another Halloween done and dusted, and WOW, what a fantastic evening we had! 🥳
We might be a small town, but we certainly know how to come together and put on a great night! We have so many wonderful people, businesses and volunteers to thank for making this year's Halloween another huge success! 🧡

Welshpool & District Advisory Group, Welshpool RTC, Welshpool Op Shop– For organising the event and generously providing all the goodies at the park, including the FREE sausage sizzle, lollies, drinks and best-dressed prizes!

Our local businesses – A big thank you to **Welshpool Outdoors** and **Welshpool Supermarket & Cafe** for getting involved and supporting our community event.

Our wonderful trick-or-treat houses – To every local resident who registered their home, decorated, stocked up on lollies and welcomed all our little ghosts and goblins, THANK YOU! You are what makes this event so special, and we couldn't do it without you!

The Olive Branch Prom Country – Thank you for staying open later than usual and keeping the caffeine flowing! We know there were plenty of parents who appreciated that little pick-me-up! 😂

Welshpool Hotel – What wonderful hosts you have been! Thank you for keeping the celebrations going with our Spooky Disco and giving everyone somewhere to come together and enjoy the night. We are certainly going to miss you guys! 🧡

Welshpool Eatery & Fuel – A MASSIVE thank you to the boys for their incredible generosity in donating nuggets and chips for all our hungry little monsters! What an amazing gesture. You guys went above and beyond, and we are so lucky to have such generous people in our little community. It certainly didn't go unnoticed! ❤️

Our fantastic volunteers – A special shout-out to everyone who helped cook the snags, decorate the park, set up and lend a hand throughout the evening. These events simply wouldn't happen without people willing to give up their time, and we appreciate every single one of you!

Welshpool CFA – Thank you for helping manage traffic along the highway and ensuring our families could cross the road safely. Having you there makes such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support!

And finally, to **EVERYONE** who came along! Whether you dressed up, brought the kids trick-or-treating, enjoyed a snag, had a dance or simply came along to soak up the atmosphere – THANK YOU!
It's nights like these that remind us just how lucky we are to call Welshpool home. 🥰
Seeing our little town come alive, families out enjoying themselves, local businesses getting behind the fun and community members coming together is something we can all be incredibly proud of.
Another successful Halloween in the books, and we're already looking forward to doing it all again next year!







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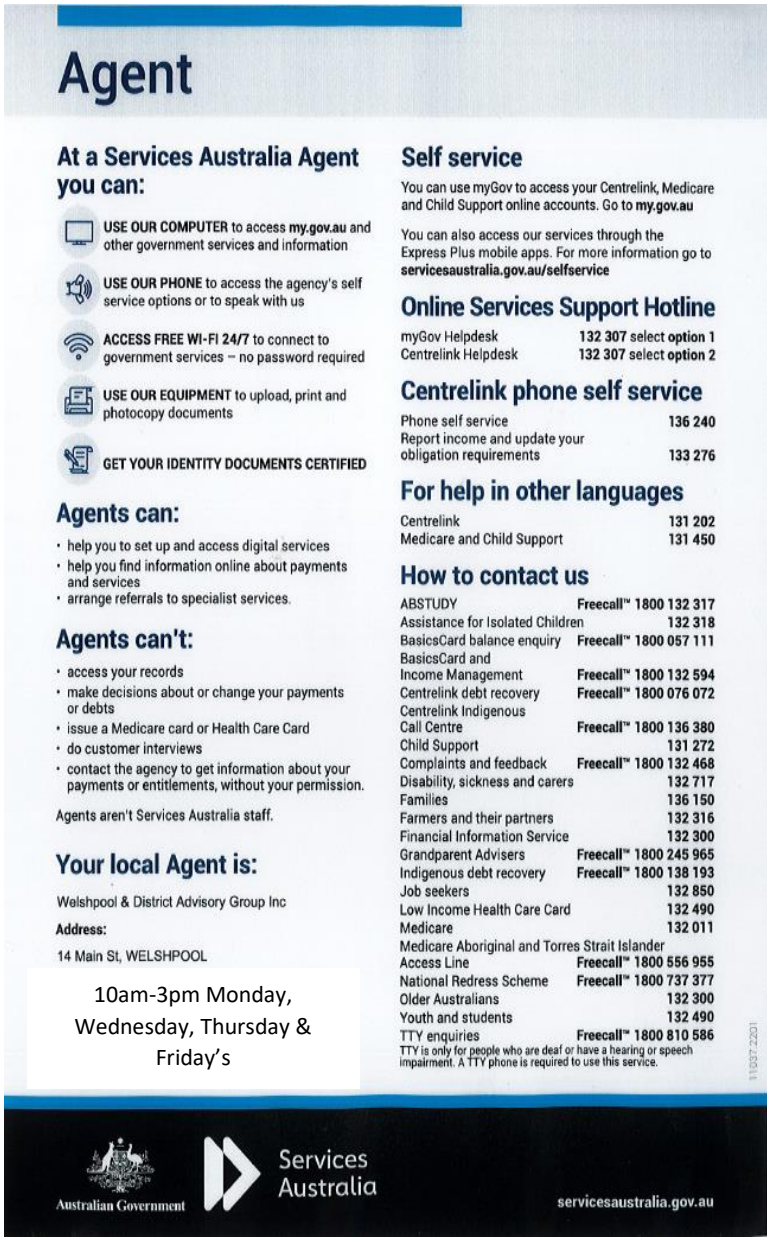

V/Line

VLINE BUS SERVICES

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

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.

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WELSHPOOL HALLOWEEN 2026 🧡👻













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Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre

14 Main Street Welshpool

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 ♡





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.





🌟 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 or 0417 367 629** to find out more.



We have decorations galore for sale at the Welshpool Op Shop! Call in for a bargain and set yourself up for a Merry Christmas.







Welshpool & District Primary School

Tickets on sale at the Welshpool RTC





Welshpool and District Horticultural Society

Once again, our Spring Flower Show has been a huge success! Perfect weather, magnificent Entries and of course so many wonderful visitors.
The display in the Hall was the usual feast for the senses and such a beautiful display of Spring perfection.... even more remarkable given the variety of weather October has thrown at us ...huge rain and gale force winds but also weeks of dryness!
The Plant Nursery was very popular, and the Catering crew worked their magic again!
The Show was officially opened by long time Club Member Arie Bos and Tom Reakes ably supported Rob Gyles with the launching of Rob's now published Club History "A Local Triumph" !!
This Spring Show was definitely one of the "prettiest" Shows we can remember. Comments from Exhibitors were very positive and I loved hearing from a regular non-Club Member Exhibitor who mentioned she loved entering our Show because it was a "real Horticultural Show" and the judging was consistent and according to the official judging rules!!
Thank you to everyone ably lead by our Show Secretary Fran Grylls and her Assistant Prue Fleming who is also our Club President, for your contribution to making this Show a great success!
Looking forward to seeing everyone again in March 2027 for our 66th Autumn Show!!











Lest we forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Free guided adventures for kids in our local parks

This Park's Alive! is about encouraging children to experience outdoor spaces in new, creative ways. Local kids worked with artists for 12 months to design four very different device-guided adventures in response to their parks. The children now invite you to journey across South Gippsland Shire to try their interactive experiences.



How to play This Park's Alive!

Find the sign in the park. Borrow your adult's phone. Scan the QR code on the sign. Plug in your headphones or turn up the sound. Follow the steps. No sign up required!

VicHealth

JESSICA WILSON

Learn more at: southgippsland.vic.gov.au

This Park's Alive! is a South Gippsland Shire Council project conceived by Jessica Wilson and funded by VicHealth.

South Gippsland Shire Council



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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- 5662 9200
- council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- Facebook: southgippslandshirecouncil

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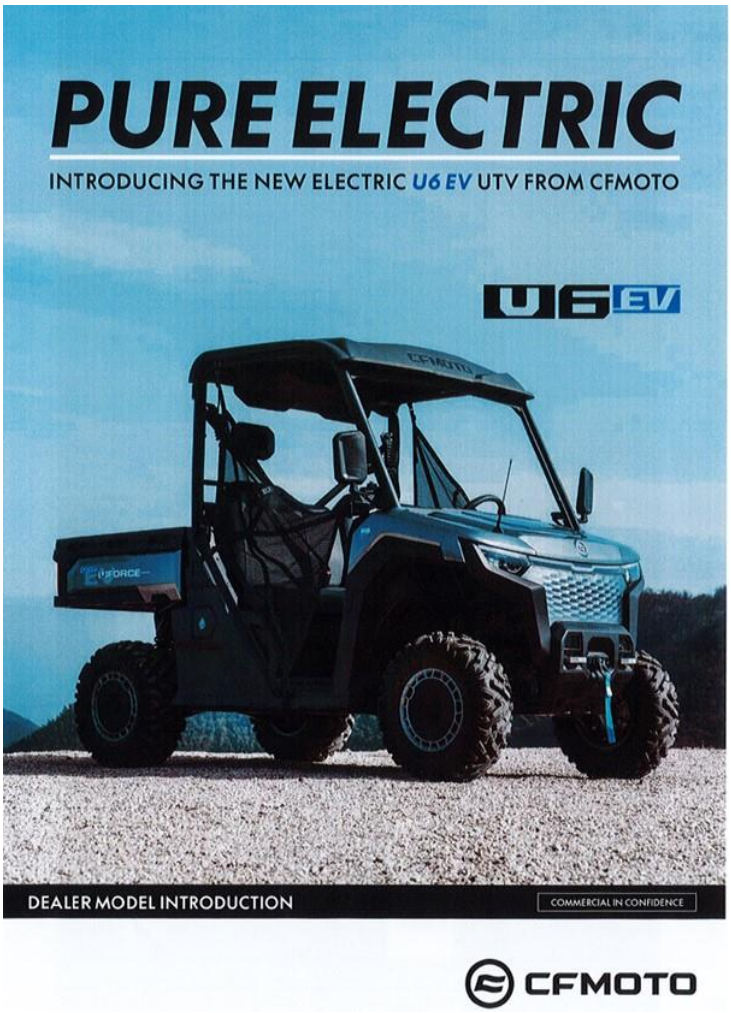

WELSHPOOL CEMETERY – COMMUNITY UPDATE

It has been a busy and productive six months at Welshpool Cemetery, and we wanted to take the opportunity to share with our community some of the things that have been happening behind the scenes.
Firstly, a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers, **Squiggs, David Grylls, Ben Grylls and Lisa Monod-De-Froideville (Lees)**, who continue to give their time, hard work and dedication to keeping our cemetery looking its best and ensuring everything runs smoothly.
We have been incredibly fortunate over the past six months to receive some wonderful grant funding and community support, which has allowed us to purchase some much-needed improvements to our cemetery.

Community Bank Toora & Foster and the Bendigo Bank Community Foundation

We were very excited to receive a grant of **$14,253.80** from Community Bank Toora & Foster and the Bendigo Bank Community Foundation to purchase specialised grave shoring equipment.

This is a huge addition to our cemetery and, more importantly, a significant improvement to safety for our volunteers and gravediggers. Due to the sandy soil conditions in our area, grave walls can sometimes collapse during excavation. The new shoring equipment will help support the sides of graves and prevent collapses, ensuring a much safer working environment and helping burial preparations run more smoothly.

Cemeteries Health Victoria

We were also successful in receiving a grant of **$5,102.25 from Cemeteries Health Victoria**, which enabled us to purchase a shipping container to be kept onsite.

This was a much-needed addition, providing us with valuable storage space for cemetery equipment and supplies.

A big thank you to **Crown Containers in Melbourne, Stoitse Transport and Andrew from ANSA Earthmoving here in Welshpool** for helping make the delivery and installation of the container happen so easily. We really appreciate the local support!

Rusty Gurnard Social Committee

We would also like to extend a big thank you to the **Rusty Gurnard Social Committee for their generous donation of $500**. This money will go towards updating some of the signs and markers around the cemetery, helping us continue to improve the grounds and make things easier for families and visitors.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from our local organisations, businesses and wider community. These contributions make a real difference and allow us to continue improving the facilities and services we provide.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who regularly takes the time to stop and tell us how lovely the cemetery is looking. We often receive lovely comments from visitors and families, and those kind words really do mean a lot to our volunteers.

Keeping a cemetery looking beautiful and well maintained takes a lot of ongoing work, and we are very proud of what our small team continues to achieve.
Thank you to everyone who supports Welshpool Cemetery. Your generosity, encouragement and community spirit are very much appreciated.







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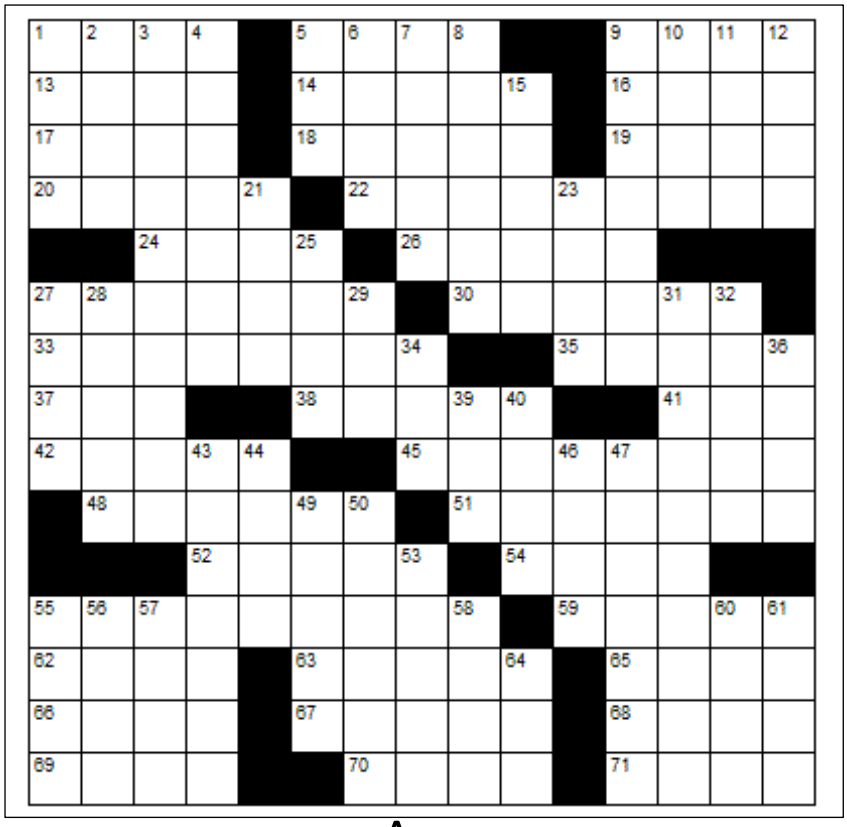
CROSSWORD



Across

1. In the center of
5. Play parts
9. Streetcar
13. Pitch
14. Empties a boat
16. Angelic headgear
17. Three in a baseball inning
18. Denude
19. Put ____ words
20. Sneaks a look
22. Breakaway
24. Ticket part you keep
26. Administered
27. Footstool
30. Abilities
33. Drubbing
35. We chew with them
37. Convent dweller
38. Instruct
41. Modern
42. Slap
45. Britons' bangers
48. Light-haired
51. Grapple
52. Harnesses
54. Strip of wood
55. Has
59. Delicacy
62. Dwarf buffalo
63. Roman god of love
65. 2.53 centimeters
66. Male deer
67. Give a speech
68. Greek district
69. Achy
70. Apart from this
71. Anagram of "Need"

Down

1. At the peak of
2. Pout
3. Enteric
4. The top of a desk
5. Stomach muscles, for short
6. Felines
7. Weary
8. Pieces of bread
9. Prickly plant
10. Hindu princess
11. Countertenor
12. Natural satellite
15. Talk
21. Cesspool
23. Narrow opening
25. Enticement
27. Posseses
28. Next to the fingers
29. North northeast
31. Elongated
32. An alloy of iron
34. Petrol
36. Tube
39. Crow cry
40. Catapult
43. Bouquet
44. Leg joint
46. Chair
47. With one leg on each side of
49. 70's dance music
50. Guarantee
53. Floral leaf
55. Overtake
56. Aware of
57. Fly high
58. Seats oneself
60. Pinnacle
61. Not now
64. D

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



Sponsored by: **Welshpool Supermarket**
Entries must be received before 16th December

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 October Crossword:





LAST MONTHS CROSSWORD RESULT



We forgot to save last month's solution!

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Date: **From November 25th**

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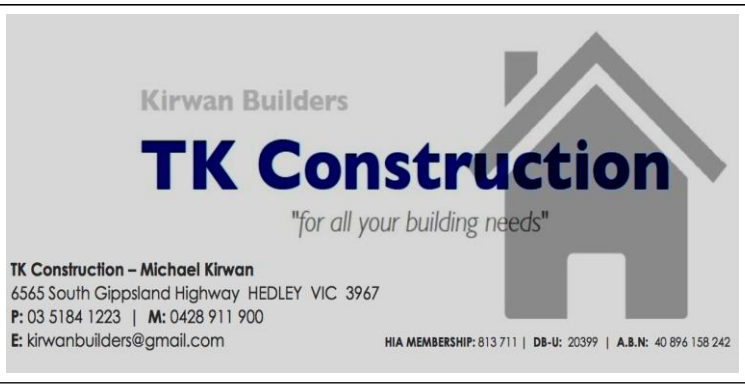

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28th
(Easter Sunday)
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Market Entry: $2 adult, children free



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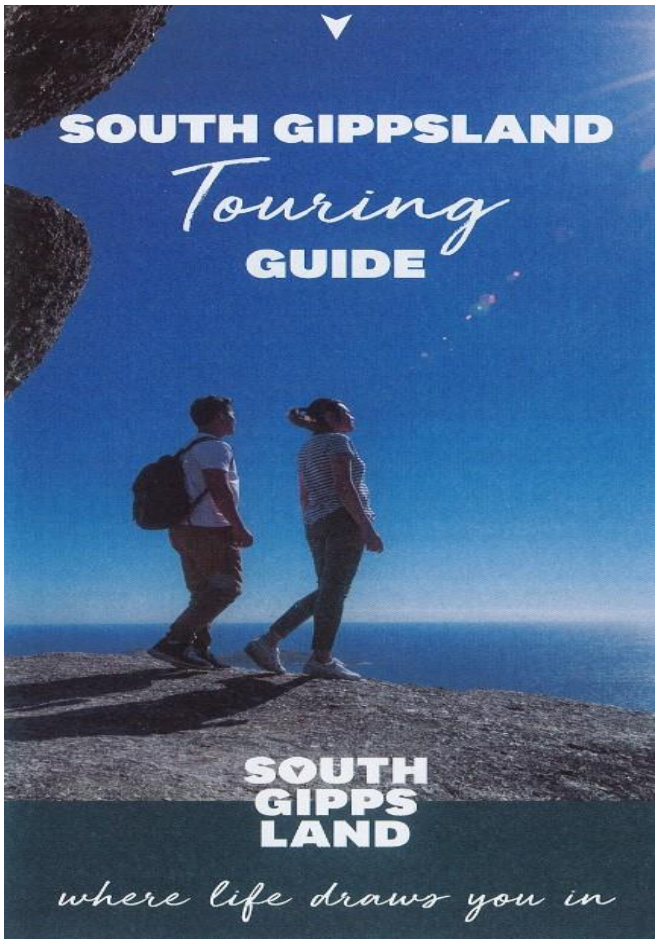

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Community Bank
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Manna Gum Community House Christmas Hamper Drive

Share the joy this Christmas by taking part in the Manna Gum Community House Christmas Drive!

Drop off your unwrapped gift at the following locations by December 2nd:

Manna Gum Community House; Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Bendigo Bank Toora Branch; Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Bendigo Bank Foster Branch; Mon-Fri 9:30am-4pm
Rural Transaction Centre Welshpool; Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Paragreen Real Estate Foster; Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm
Foster Primary School; Mon-Fri 8.30am-3.30pm
Welshpool Hotel Motel; Wed–Sun 12pm–Late
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