



New Basketball Court for Welshpool and District Primary School!

What a fantastic addition to our local Primary School. Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving such a great project for our local school children to enjoy.

“It was exciting to return to school, for the start of term 4, to see the completion of the basketball court floor. Jason and his team at Sports Court Victoria did an amazing job. It has certainly had a workout since the students have returned to school. A massive thank you to the Parents’ Club who helped fundraise for this project. It is a wonderful school and community resource that can be utilised for many years to come”.



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Welshpool and District Primary School

Last term, students worked hard to create artworks to fit the theme 'Together as One'.

Glenda and Jim from Toora Lions Club visited to announce our school's winner of the Peace Poster competition. A big congratulations to Ethan for his amazing effort with his artwork.



Congratulations Mrs. Wade!

A massive congratulations to our very own Chloe Wade who has been selected as one of three finalists in the Victorian Education Excellence Awards for 2025. Chloe has been nominated for Outstanding Early Career Primary Teacher. The Presentation evening will be held at the end of October.

We are extremely proud of Chloe and are excited to share with our school community this wonderful acknowledgement of her practice, dedication, and commitment to our school, students and community.

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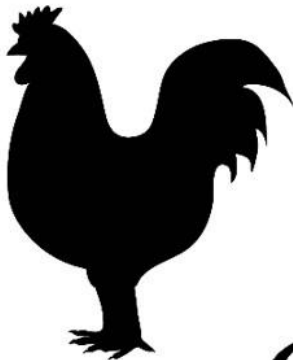
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Our **MEGA CLOTHING SALE** is still going strong, and we've got plenty more treasures waiting for you—furniture, books, DVDs, linen, toys, crockery, and so much more.

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🏀 Welshpool Basketball Association – Season Update 🏀

Time is flying and we're already heading into Round 7 of our Spring Season! The courts have been full of energy, and we couldn't be prouder of how all our players are smashing it every week.

We are so grateful to have received another generous donation from a local community group.

🙏 A massive thank you to The Rusty Gurnard Social Club for their donation of \$500!

This contribution makes a real difference — helping us keep registration costs low and making basketball more accessible for all families in our community.

To all the amazing families who put their hands up each week — whether it's helping courtside, in the canteen, or behind the scenes — you are absolute superstars!

Your support keeps everything running smoothly and creates the welcoming environment our club is known for.

Keep an eye out for finals dates in December! There's still lots of basketball to come, and we can't wait to see how the rest of the season unfolds.

We hope all our players and families are enjoying this season just as much as we are. Your passion, sportsmanship, and support are what make Welshpool Basketball such a special club.



Welshpool Golf Club

We have a new Facebook page for all our events and results. Join us on the new official page: [Welshpool Golf Club – Victoria](#)

Our AGM is coming up Sunday 23rd November, new members welcome, come along and support your local club. We look forward to seeing you.



Welshpool Golf Club Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23rd November
at 2pm

at the Golf Club
New Members Welcome

Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum

WATER..... Our everyday lives are filled with the reliance on water. So much is used in the process of what we eat, store and drink. We go about life without a second thought for the amount we use, unless you're a farmer or live in an area where you have to buy water for your everyday life. Bores are always a good help, but they are not always obtainable or household friendly for every aspect of the home.

Back in the day, some will remember when the mains weren't connected to residential houses. Mother Nature was what we relied on. The tank was our storage system. This had to be nursed through the year on every aspect of household living. "Turn the tap off", was the cry from a parent to a child as the water was needlessly running away. It was always a worry when little or no rain had fallen, and the tank was getting very low. We bathed once a week and mainly on Sunday nights. All to be clean for the coming week. The hot water system was the copper, which was to be lit and when the water was at a near boiling temperature the water was then bucketed to the bath. Because of the danger of scalding, parents usually saw to this task or the eldest child had the responsibility. Mum and Dad were usually the first in to enjoy the pleasure of clean hot water. Then a top up of some hot water and the kids had their turn to have a good scrub and "don't forget to wash behind your ears" mum reminded everyone. Depending on how many kids were in the family as to how this went, girls first then boys. But usually, the water was rather brown to say the least when the plug was pulled. In between the Sunday bath you made sure you had a good wash for each day. The lighting of the copper was also the procedure to do the washing, mainly cotton clothes; synthetics like wool or delicates were all hand washed. As we compare to today a lot has changed: Now it's the norm to start the day with a nice hot shower, not only to wake you up but a great way to start the day. If your hot and sticky, or cold and wet a shower is always the answer. Men coming home after a hard day's work behind them; a nice hot shower is the answer to a relaxing evening before sitting down to dinner. We just turn the tap for whatever reason and don't give it a second thought. Until maybe the authorities say our dams are getting low. But even then, do we really take notice, could be when the water bill arrives, we give it a thought but then there is always those extra charges, parks and fire adding to the total. As we remember back, it's a bit hard to fathom how we did survive but of course we didn't know any different. Imagine today turning the tap on and a wriggler appearing in the glass but back then it was no surprise. Gardens were totally reliant on the rain for water as the tank water was so precious for our everyday living. For a while there, the tank, was encouraged for every modern-day new build but it's too easy to just turn the tap from the mains and life's too busy to worry about the tank levels. Not to mention all those modern-day appliances, we now have that rely on water. Flushing toilets: rather than the dunny up the back yard. The dishwasher: when the kids argued over whose turn it was to wash, now it's the unpacking. Monday was washing day which had Mum spending all day slaving away in the laundry. Just to mention a few.

Port Welshpool and District Bowls Club

On October 15th we held our first Monthly Triples for the season. Other than the usual Port Welshpool wind, it was a perfect day for it.

Our newly appointed President, Matt Gallagher, welcomed the 12 teams who enjoyed bowling on our grass whilst catching up with all the usual suspects.

Winners were a combination team of Phil Stimson (MN), Dave Canning (PW) & Joe Paynting (Meeniyen).

Runners-up were the Meeniyen team of Nick Kelly, Dave Bond and Ray Corry.

Best Last Game went to John Ryan, Alan Spooner and Phil Brown of Toora.

We must acknowledge the service of Marg McDonald who has handed over the reins of Tournament Secretary to Andrew Stimson after many years.

A continued thanks to Denise and her team for her the fantastic catering.



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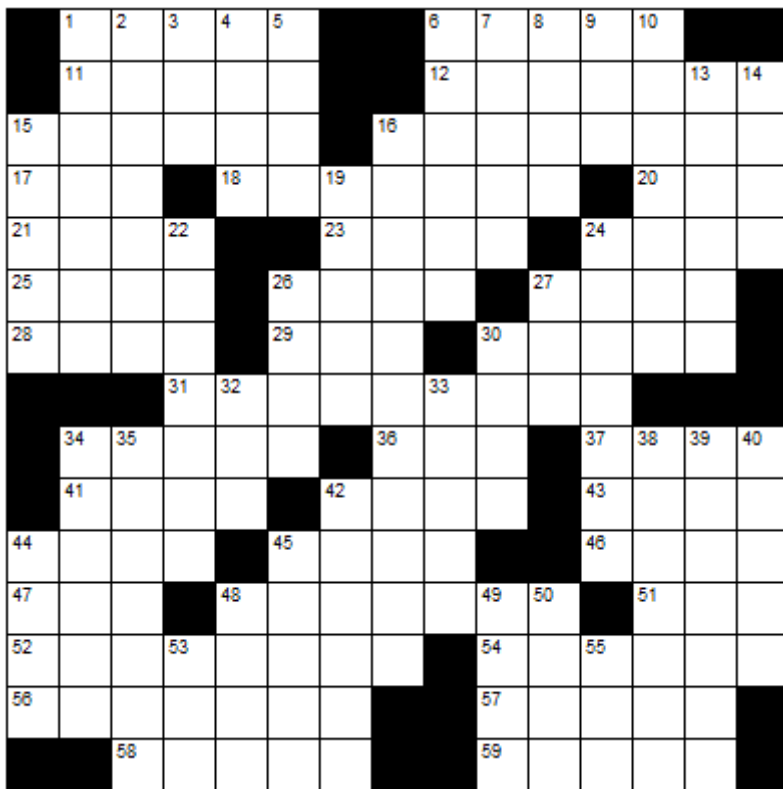
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4. Ancient marketplaces
5. Body fat
6. Services
7. Adhesive
8. Pretentious
9. Deli loaf
10. Smallest
13. Fretfulness
14. Between black and white
15. Stash
16. Coquetries
19. Fatuous
22. Rocket's cargo
24. Rigging rope
26. Europe's highest volcano
27. Animal doctor
30. Fork prong
32. Evil spirit
33. Washer cycle
34. Alarms
35. Let go
38. Turned a corner
39. Social skills
40. Contemptuous look
42. Second of two
44. Plateau
45. Feudal lord
48. Level
49. Untidy one
50. Arid
53. Hurry on foot
55. American Dental Association

Across

1. Personnel
6. Not together
11. Christmas song
12. Fluctuating
15. Against
16. Clasp or pin
17. Arctic bird
18. Competence
20. Anger
21. Obscene term for feces
23. Egyptian river
24. Impose
25. Wife of Zeus
26. Hearing organs
27. Flower holder
28. Countercurrent
29. Explosive
30. Canvas dwellings
31. One-dimensionality
34. Fragrance
36. Can
37. Upper limbs
41. Jump
42. Queue
43. Horse color
44. Blend
45. Neighbor of Vietnam
46. A ridge of sand
47. Before, in poetry
48. Fettle
51. North northeast
52. Aspiring actresses
54. A person who rules
56. Allay
57. Command
58. Go inside
59. Rosary components



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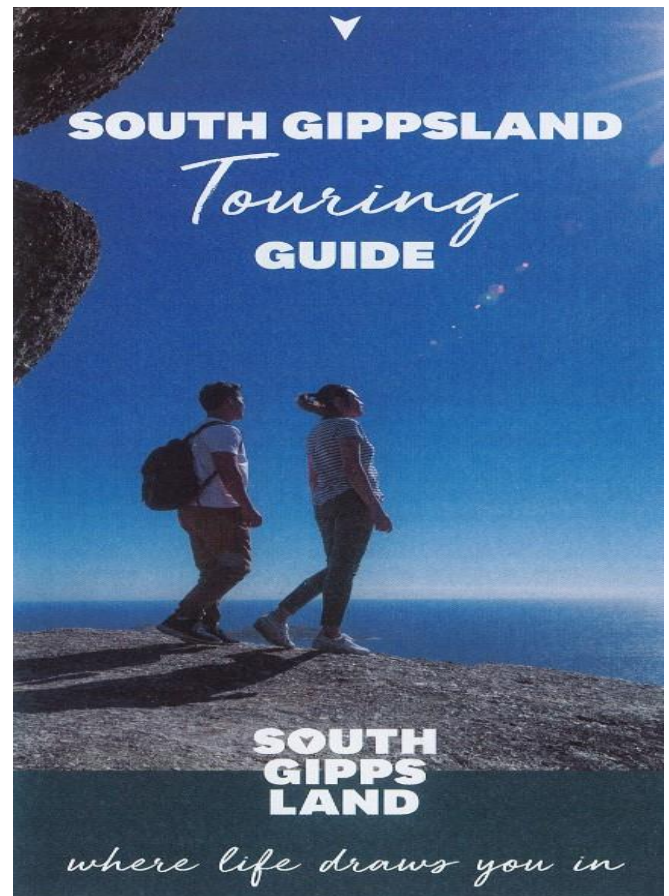
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Pre-Prep Consultation

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is becoming Pre-Prep and we are inviting parents, carers of young children, and people planning for a family to share their thoughts on the upcoming transition.

Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

This Plan seeks to balance the needs of pet owners and non-pet owners and addresses seven core priorities, including officer training, pet registration, nuisance management, dog attacks, restricted dog breeds, education, and animal businesses.

Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy (2025-2029)

These documents guide how Council meaningfully engages with the South Gippsland community. Key changes include a stronger focus on closing the loop by reporting back on community feedback to better share residents' views across the region.

Draft Governance Rules

This document defines how Council meetings are run, and how the public can participate. The review aims to improve and clarify processes, address previous inconsistencies, and strengthen good governance practices.

2026/27 Annual Budget

Share your ideas to help guide Council's investments within budget—building a safer, stronger South Gippsland.

For more information and share your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/

Further in-person engagement opportunities will occur throughout November.

COFFEE WITH A COUNCILLOR

Chat with your local government representatives over a nice, hot cuppa.

Date: Wednesday 22 October

Where: Venus Bay Community Centre

When: 12.30pm to 1.00pm

Note: Councillors will also be attending the community lunch from 12.00pm to 12.30pm

Council Adopts the 2024/2025 Annual Report



The 2024/25 Annual Report showcases the breadth of Council's achievements over the past year. Highlights include:

- Achieving all 21 annual initiatives in the 2022-2025 Council Plan.
- Completing our ambitious \$34 million capital works program.
- Ensuring Council remains in a strong financial position.

To read the full 2024/25 Annual Report, visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 November at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

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- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

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Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

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