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The second annual **Loch Sport Community Care Stamps, Coins and Collectables Fair** was in January. Thank you to all who attended. Attendees came from as far afield as Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Heyfield, Maffra, Rosedale, Longford, Yarram, Golden Beach and of course our local residents.

A huge thank you to Tony and Christine Shields from Shields Stamps and Coins for attending and for your support of this event.

Many thanks go to the following:

JK Bakery
Foodworks
Loch Sport
Volunteers - Michael, Ted, Jeff

A date will be set for next year's fair and we will keep you informed.




Want to learn more about scams and online safety?

Come along to our free workshop to learn about tips and tricks on staying safe online

05 February 2025
11:00AM at Loch Sport Community House - 222-236 National Park Rd, Loch Sport VIC 3851

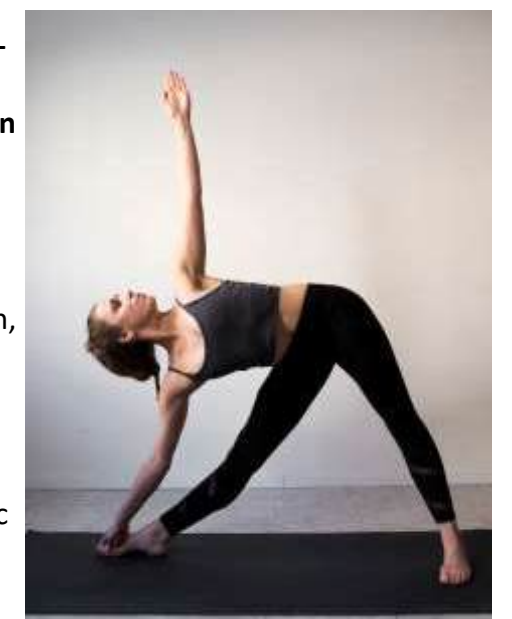
Book your spot by calling on (03) 5146 0145

Call the Community House to book for our free online safety workshop 5146 0145.

New to the Community House!
Gentle Zumba with Leanne commencing Saturday Feb 1
in the Public Hall.
10am to 11am
\$10 per person.
We are taking expression of interest for Fridays as well please call the Community House to register your interest or to book



Yoga and seated yoga with Bianka starts in March
Wednesday
11.45am to 12.45pm.
\$10 per person, all levels, all welcome.
Loch Sport Community House & Public Hall



222-236 National Park Rd
PO Box 587
Loch Sport Vic 3851
Monday-Friday 9.30am-3pm
P 5146 0145



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Loch Sport Community House produces the Link with contributions from the community, for the community. Please find below a list of our current distribution points:

BP Service Station
CFA Op Shop
C Shell Real Estate
FoodWorks
General Store/Post Office
Loch Sport Bakery
Loch Sport Community Health Centre
Loch Sport Community House
Loch Sport Pharmacy
Lochy Coffee
Loch Sport Medical Centre
Online:

Click on The Link tab on our website
lochsportcommunityhouse.com

The closing date for your contribution to the next edition of The Link is **March 3 2025**. All articles and new advertisements should be emailed to lochsportlink@gmail.com. Please find below upcoming Link publication, article and advertising submission dates for 2025.

Edition	Submission Deadline
Apr-May 2025	Mar 3
Jun-Jul 2025	May 5
Aug-Sep 2025	Jul 7
Oct-Nov 2025	Sep 8
Dec-Jan 2026	Nov 3

Please feel free to email lochsportlink@gmail.com with any constructive feedback or suggestions.

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Ambulance, Fire, Police	000
SES	132500
Poisons Information	131 126
Wildlife Rescue	0400 079 337
Sale Hospital	5143 8600
Loch Sport Police Station	5146 0556

For a comprehensive listing please see our Community Directory on the centre page of the Link.



DEFIBRILLATOR Locations	CALL 000
Ambulance National Park Rd	Outside
Boat Club 14 Charlies St	Outside
Bowls Club 14 Charlies St	Inside
Foodworks 48-52 Lake St	Outside
Loch Sport Caravan Park	Outside
Loch Sport Fishing Assoc (Cnr Cliff St/National Prk Rd)	Portable
Loch Sport Mens Shed Charles St	Outside
Loch Sport Medical Centre Lake st	Inside
Men's Shed Charlies St	Inside
Public Hall National Park Rd	Outside
Public Toilet Seagull Drv	Outside
Public Toilet The Boulevard	Outside
RSL Charles St Reserve	Outside
Tennis Club Charles St Reserve	Inside



Are you looking to get involved in your community, meet people and help out? Did you know that LSCH is registered with Centrelink for mutual obligation?

We are currently seeking team spirited, positive and enthusiastic volunteers to assist with supporting our Community House operations in the following areas:

- Administration
- Driving the bus for certain activities
- Events and fund raising planning/coordination
- Facilitating activities.

Do you have a skill, ability, art or information you'd like to share? We have some space available for additional activities, so let us know if you have a suitable activity you might like to facilitate at Loch Sport Community House. You can help as little or as much as you like!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2025

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page or call for one off or short term activities and programs. All activities are \$5 unless otherwise stated.

Some activities may be numbers dependent or on break and therefore may be subject to change. Please contact the community house office to confirm class details and book .

Day	Time	Activity
MONDAY		
Office open 9.30am – 3.00pm	11.00am-12.00pm	TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS – Hall (excl. 3 rd Monday of the month)
	1.30pm-3.00pm	SINGING GROUP - Hall
	3.00pm-5.00pm	BOOK CLUB – Arrawarra (1 st Monday each month)
TUESDAY		
Office Open 9.30am – 3.00pm	9.30am-12.00pm	CRAFT – Hall Meeting Room
	1.00pm-3.00pm	LINE DANCING - Hall
	3.00pm-5.00pm	FAMILY HISTORY – Arrawarra
WEDNESDAY		
Office open 9.30am – 3.00pm	10.00am-3.00pm	LSCH Community Bus into Sale – \$10 bus fee *Bookings essential
	11.45am-12.45pm	Yoga – Hall \$10 (*Not running through February, returning March)
	1.00pm-4.00pm	TABLE TENNIS – Hall
THURSDAY		
Office open 9.30am – 3.00pm	1.00pm-3.00pm	CREATIVE WRITING – Hall Meeting Room
	1.00pm-4.00pm	LIBRARY – Hall
	3.00pm-5.00pm	CROCHET – Hall Meeting Room. *Next 6 week course TBA. Bookings essential*
FRIDAY		
Office Open 9.30am – 3.00pm	9.30am	WALKING GROUP – Meet at Lochy Coffee
	10.00am-1.00pm	PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP – Meeting Room
SATURDAY		
Office closed	9.30am-3pm	FAMILY HISTORY – Hall (3 rd Saturday of month)
SUNDAY		
Office closed		

Community Bus Hire

Did you know that Loch Sport Community House has a 12 seater bus that we hire out? We offer affordable bus hire for social and recreational activities, subject to availability and suitability.

Hire charges and general information.

- \$150 for up to 250kms
- Hire is to be pre-paid
- The bus is required to be returned on time, with a full tank of fuel (and receipt) and cleaned
- Hire agreement subject to further conditions

For further information or bookings

- Contact us on 5146 0145 or
- manager@lochsportcommunityhouse.com



SERVICES AVAILABLE

Meeting place for Justice of the Peace appointments, daily activities, community referral service, Wednesday bus run to Sale and Fridays cash for cans. Other services include provision of

Domestic quantities of:

- Spaces for hire
- Printing
- Scanning
- Laminating
- Computer/Internet access
- Computer access for:
 - MyGov, My Aged Care, NDIS, Centrelink



- Assistance with some aspects of computer, internet and mobile phone issues. We provide a huge variety of general support, so if you're not sure if we can help, just ask. Our services are either free or very low cost. Please call 5146 0145 or visit our website lochsportcommunityhouse.com

Did you know that that Loch Sport Community House has DGR status (deductible gift recipient status) therefore any donations made to us are **tax deductible**?

NOMINATE LOCH SPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS PART OF THE RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

and help us generate extra funds.

- Download or update the Ritchies Card App
- Search and select our name when prompted to nominate a club, school or charity
- Every time you shop at Ritchies and scan your app or card, Ritchies will contribute a percentage of the total to us

*CONDITIONS APPLY. Go to ritchies.com.au/loyalty for further information.

MAKE YOUR CHANGE HERE

Look for the 10c mark on the back of your drink containers to check eligibility

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LOCH SPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE AND PUBLIC HALL

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

WE WILL BE CLOSED:

LABOUR DAY	MARCH 10
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 18
EASTER MON	APRIL 21
ANZAC DAY	APRIL 25



BUS TIMETABLES

LOCH SPORT/GOLDEN BEACH/SALE

MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

Buses on this route are accessible for mobility aids. However, if a bus needs to be replaced we can't guarantee the replacement will be accessible. Occasionally there may be delays or last minute changes to the timetable. Timetables are correct at time of printing, but do change from time to time. Find up-to-date timetables on the PTV app, ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling the info line on **1800 800 007**

Major stops

1. Sale Hospital
2. Sale Rail Station
3. Gippsland Shopping Centre
4. The Lakes National Park

MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY

Inbound to Sale

The Lakes National Park Entrance	12.00 pm	5.45 pm
National Park Rd to Cliff St, Lake St, Warren St, Government Rd.		
Longford-Loch Sport Rd, Longford-Golden Beach Rd to Community Hall (Paradise Beach by request)	12.35 pm	6.20 pm
Longford/GBeach Rd, LSport/Longford Rd to Longford.		
Sth Gippsland Hwy, York St, Foster St		
Reeve St, Macarthur St, Cunninghame St		6.55 pm
Pettit Dr to Sale Rail Station		
Pettit Dr, Macarthur St, Reeve St, Cunninghame St to Gippsland Shopping Centre.	1.05 pm	7.00 pm
Desailly St, Foster St, Gutheridge Pde to Sale Hospital.	1.15 pm	7.10 pm

Outbound to Loch Sport

Gippsland Hospital/Gutheridge Pde	10.35 am	4.25 pm
Macarthur St, Pettit Dr to Sale Rail Station		4.35 pm
Pettit Dr, Macarthur St, Reeve St and Cunninghame St to Gippsland Shopping	10.45 am	4.39 pm
Desailly St, Foster St, Sth Gippsland Hwy to Longford.		
Longford-Loch Sport Rd, Longford -Golden Beach Rd to Community Hall.	11.15 am	5.09 pm
(Paradise Beach by request)		
Longford/GBeach Rd, Longford/LSport Rd, Warren St, Lake St, Cliff St, National Park Rd		
Swan St, Wallaby St, National Park Rd, Horder St, Geoffrey Ave, National Park Rd to The Lakes National Park Entrance.	11.50 am	5.44 pm

What's on



Join the Loch Sport Marina Hotel crew with their Summer Sessions in February

Sat 8th February - Rachel Jameson from 4pm

Sat 22nd February - Rachel Jameson from 8pm

VEGuary - Sustainable Food and Garden Festival

Wed Feb 5 10am-11am, Sat Feb 8 10am-2pm, Thu

Feb 13 3pm-6pm, Sun Feb 16 12pm-2pm, Wed

Feb 19 11a m-3pm, Fri Feb 21 11am-3pm, Sat Feb

22 9am-3pm and Thu Feb 27 11:30am-2pm

Email: enquiries@wellington.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 366 244

Join in VEGuary, a FREE festival celebrating sustainable food and gardening practices. With open gardens, workshops, and activities for all ages across Wellington Shire, it's your chance to connect with local food systems, get inspired, and embrace eco-friendly living.

What to expect:

Open Gardens: Visit inspiring private homes, community gardens, and schools showcasing veggie patches, orchards, and sustainable setups.

Sustainable Tips: Learn practical gardening advice, from water-wise techniques.

Local Produce: Discover fresh, locally grown food and meet the people behind your favourite seasonal ingredients.

Kids' Activities: Fun and interactive experiences to inspire the next generation of gardeners and eco-champions.

Expert Talks: Gain insights from gardening and sustainability experts.

Workshops: Hands-on sessions to help you start or improve your sustainable gardening journey.

Healthy Food Ideas: Explore creative and delicious ways to cook with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Latrobe Community Health Service invites you to Loch Sport Carer Group- Carers Only Support Group - Tuesday 18th Feb at Loch Sport Community House, 10am-12pm. This is a free carer only event designed to provide carers a safe space to come together where you can talk about your caring role, or just catch up with like-minded people. New carers are very welcome. email- danielle.marshall@lchs.com.au or mobile: 0428 504 510



Art Gallery

Located at the General Store

Boat Club

Open for drinks and nibbles overlooking the lake.

Live Lake Victoria webcam/weather station

Bowls Club

Casual bowls, darts night

Caravan Park

CFA

9am weekly Sunday garage sale

CLS Naturals

Unique gifts check Facebook for trading hours

Community Garden

Check out what's in bloom

Community House

Open for group activities, workshops and events

Explore

The many walking tracks

Foodworks Supermarket

Open 7 days

Fishing Association

Merchandise, live 90 Mile Beach webcam/weather station and fishing events

Golf Club

Play a round or walk the course to spot the local wildlife

JKs Loch Sport Bakery

National Park Rd opp (BP)

Lake Foreshore Trail

Walk, ride, pram or wheelchair the lake foreshore and enjoy:

- Viewing art by local artist Simon White
- Working out on outdoor gym equipment
- Using skate park or playground
- Visiting the jetty
- A picnic or cooking in the Lions BBQ shelter
- Reading the flood history on the rocks
- Spectacular sunsets and alpine views along the entire trail

Lakes National Park

Car, walking and bike trails. Camping, BBQ and picnic facilities. Local and unique flora and fauna either on walks or on the water, including dolphins, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, wallabies, a

vast range of birdlife and rare orchids, fungi and native plants.

Pelican Point

Lake Reeve Nature Trail and Lookout Tower

Sperm Whale Head

Trapper Point

Point Wilson

Dolomite Picnic Area

Trouser Point

Cherry Tree Picnic Area

Emu Bight Campground

parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/the-lakes-national-park

national park

Lake Reeve and 90 Mile Beach

Spectacular sunrises 90 Mile Beach

Fishing

Kayaking

Boating

Swimming and beach activities

90 Mile Beach Lookout

Whale Watching (May-October)

Superb sunsets over Lake Victoria

Loch Sport Hire

Kayaks and Paddle Boards

Made by Beck and other stuff

Locally made hand crafted gifts, check Facebook

Marina Hotel Bar and Bistro

Views over Lake Victoria, meals, bar and events

Loch Sport Post Office/General Store

24/7 Fuel

Laundromat

Loch Sport BP Service Station and Kebabs

Lochy Coffee Café

Neirbos Eats

Check Facebook for trading hours.

Night Life

Keep a torch handy to spy our local wildlife out and about. Look up and enjoy the Milky Way, constellations, stars and planets with awe inspiring clarity.

stargazinggippsland.au/locations/loch-sport/ or check out the signage and QR code at Stockyard Hill

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Rotamah Island and Little Rotamah

Various walking tracks with exceptional views and bird watching opportunities and bridge from Rotamah island over to Little Rotamah.

RSL

Open for meals and events

The Gourmet Shed

Fresh, homemade, jams, relish, butters and baked goods. Check Facebook for trading hours

Tennis Court Hire

Contact Hardware and Garden Centre

Speed cameras can be anywhere.

If you speed, even a little over the limit, you can expect a minimum fine of \$247 and 1 demerit point. Police and speed cameras can be anywhere, so why take the risk? Chances are you will be caught. Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

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Future Wellington moves into exciting new stage

Wellington Shire Council is ready to launch into the next phase of the Future Wellington project.

A diverse Think Tank group has been established, marking an important step in the development of Council's next Community Vision to guide the direction and priorities of Wellington Shire. The Future Wellington Community Check-in Findings Report identified that almost 1,900 residents participated in the community check-in process between July and August 2024, sharing their aspirations and priorities for the future of Wellington. This feedback provided a foundation for shaping the project's next steps and ensuring that the evolving needs of the community are reflected in Council's strategic plans. The Think Tank, made up of 25-30 participants from all walks of life will bring a wealth of perspectives to the table. Their role will be to analyse the feedback collected during the first stage of consultation and make recommendations for the new Community Vision as well as principles to guide the development of the following plans:

- Council Plan 2025-2029: Setting priorities and services to achieve the Community Vision over the next four years
- The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan: Identifying actions to improve community health and wellbeing in partnership with health services and community groups
- The Asset Plan: Ensuring Council has the facilities and assets to deliver on its priorities
- The Financial Plan: Providing a roadmap for Council's resources to operate sustainably now and in the future

Think Tank workshops, starting February this year, will bring participants together to explore community feedback, learn from experts, and collaborate on recommendations from the findings report. Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Cr Scott Rossetti expressed excitement about this next step, saying the Future Wellington Think Tank shows how serious we are about genuine community engagement. "Now is the time to bring together different voices to make sure our plans reflect the needs and aspirations of all residents. This is about shaping a future that works for everyone in Wellington". Cr Rossetti concluded.

For more information about Future Wellington or the council planning process, please contact Wellington Shire Council's Organisational Performance team on 1300 366 2414 or email futurewellington@wellington.vic.gov.au.

Local fauna & flora

The Australian Pelican

Scientific Name: *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

Australian pelicans are large, black and white birds with massive pouched bills. The Australian pelican is medium-sized by pelican standards, with a wingspan of 2.3 to 2.6 m. Weight can range from 4 to 13 kg, although most of these pelicans weigh between 4.54 and 7.7 kg. Pelicans have an extremely light skeleton, weighing less than 10% of their total body weight. The Australian Pelican's bill is 40 cm - 50 cm long and is larger in males than females. Australian pelicans have the longest bill in



the avian world. The bill and pouch of pelicans play an important role in feeding, mainly as a 'scoop net' for catching small fish and shrimp. It also has a hook at the end of the upper mandible for gripping slippery food items. When fully extended, the bill can hold up to 13 litres. Pelicans plunge their bills into the water, using their pouches as nets. Once something is caught, a pelican draws its pouch to its breast. This empties the water and allows the bird to manoeuvre the prey into a swallowing position - head first, then with a jerk of its head it swallows the prey. Pelicans can also collect rainwater by opening their bill. The Australian Pelican may feed alone, but more often feeds as a cooperative group. A flock of pelicans works together, driving fish into a concentrated mass using their bills and sometimes by beating their wings. The fish are herded into shallow water or surrounded in ever decreasing circles. During periods of starvation, pelicans have been reported capturing and eating seagulls and ducklings. The gulls are held under water and drowned before being eaten headfirst. Pelicans will also rob other birds of their prey.

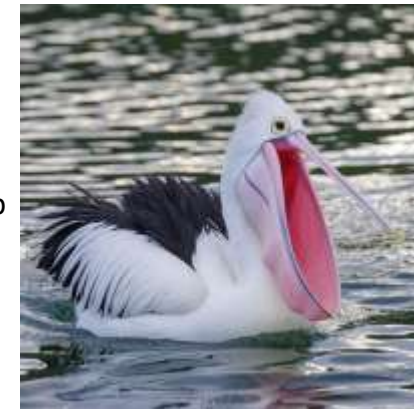
Pelicans are highly mobile, searching out suitable are-



as of water and an adequate supply of food. Pelicans are not capable of sustained flapping flight, but can remain in the air for 24 hours, covering hundreds of kilometres. They are excellent soarers and can use thermals to rise to considerable altitudes. Flight at 1,000m is common, and heights of 3,000 m have been recorded. By moving from one thermal to the next, pelicans can travel long distances with a minimum of effort, reaching air speeds of up to 56 km/hour.

Breeding can occur at anytime of the year though depends on environmental conditions, particularly rainfall. They almost invariably nest on islands. Pelicans are colonial breeders with up to 40,000 individuals grouping on islands or secluded shores. The female leads potential mates (two to eight or more) around the colony. As the males follow her in these walks, they threaten each other and may also pick up small objects, like sticks or dry fish, which they toss in the air and catch again, repeating the sequence several times. Both sexes perform "pouch-rippling" in which they clap their bills shut several times a second and the pouch ripples like a flag in a strong breeze. As the courtship parade progresses, the males drop out one by one. Finally, after pursuits on land, water or in

the air, only a single male is left. The female leads him to a potential nest site. During the courtship period, the bill and pouch of the birds change colour dramatically. The forward half of the pouch becomes



bright salmon pink, while the skin of the pouch in the throat region turns chrome yellow. Parts of the top and base of the bill change to cobalt blue, and a black diagonal strip appears from the base to the tip. This colour change is of short duration, the intensity usually subsiding by the time incubation starts. The nest consists of a scrape in the ground prepared by the female. She digs the scrape with her bill and feet, and lines it with any scraps of vegetation or feathers within reach of the nest. Within three days egg-laying begins and eggs are laid two to three days apart, incubation is 35 days, both parents share incubation and the eggs are incubated on their feet. The first-hatched chick is substantially larger than its siblings. It receives most of the food and may even

attack and kill its nest mates. The chicks are naked when they hatch, though quickly grow grey



down feathers and have a large bill and bulging eyes. The skin around the face is mottled with varying degrees of black and the colour of the eyes varies from white to dark brown. This individual variation helps the parents to recognise their chick from hundreds of others. For the first two weeks the chicks will be fed regurgitated liquid, but for the remaining two months they will be fed fish and some invertebrates. The chicks leave their nests to form creches of up to 100 birds. They remain in creches for about two months, by the end of which they have learnt to fly and are fairly independent. Wild birds may live between 10 and possibly 25 years or more. Pelicans are prominent figures in Aboriginal Dreamtime. Like most Australian animals, the pelican is hailed as a sacred creature by Indigenous Australians. Borun, the pelican, and Tuk, the musk duck are the parents of the five Gunaikurnai clans - Brataualung, Tatungalung, Brayakaulung, Brabralung and Krauatungalung.

Every year Birdlife Australia host the Great Borun (Pelican) Count check <https://birdlife.org.au/bird-counts-and-surveys/> for more information.



Recipes

Milk chocolate chip ANZAC slice

Prep 15m Cook 30m

Makes 24

Ingredients

1 cup flour
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup desiccated coconut
125g butter, chopped
1/4 cup golden syrup
1/4 tsp bicarbonate soda
230g milk chocolate baking chips

1. Combine the flour, oats, sugar, coconut and chocolate in a bowl.
2. Combine the butter and golden syrup in a saucepan and gently heat, stirring occasionally, until melted and smooth. Stir in the bicarbonate soda, add to the flour mixture and stir to combine. Cool for 10 minutes then stir through the chocolate. Press into the base of a greased and paper lined 28cm x 18cm slice pan (ensure paper extends 5cm above the top of the pan).
3. Bake in a moderately slow oven 160C for 25-30 minutes or until golden. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container until required. Cut into pieces then serve.



Barbecued prawns with honey, sesame and lemon

for those of you who are lucky enough to be catching local prawns!

Prep 15m Cook 5m

Serves 6 - 8

Ingredients

125 ml (1/2 cup) grapeseed or other neutral-flavoured oil
30 gm (about 6cm) ginger, coarsely chopped
1 long red chilli, coarsely chopped
2 tsp coriander seeds, crushed
18 large wild prawns, peeled and deveined, tails intact
Honey for drizzling
Roasted sesame seeds to serve



Lemon wedges to serve

1. Combine oil, ginger, chilli and coriander seeds in a blender and blend until smooth. Transfer to a non-reactive container, add prawns and a few large pinches of salt, and toss to coat. Refrigerate overnight to marinate.
2. Preheat a barbecue to medium-high. Thread prawns onto skewers, keeping them straight, then grill, turning occasionally, until charred and just cooked through (4-5 minutes). Drizzle with honey, sprinkle with sesame seeds and salt flakes to taste. Serve with lemon.

Wattleseed Honey Damper

Prep 10 m Cook 30-35 m Serves (1 loaf)

Ingredients

2 cups self-raising flour (+ extra to dust)
1 tbsp ground wattleseeds (+ extra to sprinkle) alternatively, use 2 tsp instant coffee powder
1/4 tsp salt (or ground saltbush)
30g cold butter, cubed
1/2 cup + 3 tsp milk
3 tbsp honey

1. Preheat oven to 170°C (fan-forced). Line a tray with baking paper.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, wattleseeds and salt. Rub cold butter into flour mix until coarse (alternately, pulse in a food processor).
3. In a cup, dissolve honey in milk, then pour 3/4 of it into flour mixture. Using a butter knife, mix until combined (if the mixture is too dry, add more of the milk – the dough needs to be soft, but not sticky).
4. Dust work surface with flour. Turn out dough and gently form a ball about 15cm in diameter. Place dough ball onto lined baking tray and flatten slightly.
5. Dust dough with flour and sprinkle over additional wattleseeds. Using a sharp knife, score a cross into the top.
6. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden and sounding hollow when tapped.
7. Serve hot with lashings of butter and honey.



When you are going to burn off please note that a permit is REQUIRED by the Wellington Shire Council. The local brigade cannot issue these permit. Remember to register your burn with ESTA on 1800 668 511 or email—

burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au

Make sure you go over with family your Bush Fire Survival Plans, adjust if needed and be prepared. If you have any questions we can assist on any Sunday morning, we can go through the list but sometimes is easier face to face on what to do with information. For other information or to find out how to be prepared visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan. If you are new to this town and are a registered operational member of the CFA, and you wish to help if the need arises please come and say hello any Sunday morning We already have several members from other brigades. Know your fire danger ratings and where to find this information.

cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions



If you have any questions relating to your fire safety, please come down to the station any Sunday morning from 8.30 am. We welcome discussion and can provide advice, booklets or brochures for you to read to assist you. Stay Fire Safe!

Thanks and take care

Peter Connell
Brigade Captain
Loch Sport Fire Brigade
P 5146 0997
F CFA Loch Sport
E lochsportcfa@gmail.com



The Christmas and New Year period has seen a few call-outs for assistance. We also attended three markets and supported the Loch Sport annual New Years Eve fireworks, with every body having fun with the community and visitors.



We are always looking for members. There are numerous tasks that can be performed by people with different levels of skills so if you are interested please call into the unit on any Tuesday at 5pm. We would like to say good luck and good bye to our valued member Chris Hanson after five years of service, he will be missed. Also please remember if you require assistance please call 132500 and not the Loch Sport unit. Thank you we wish everybody a great New Year.

Thank you

Chris Wood Unit Controller

F Loch Sport SES

A 105 National Park Rd Loch Sport

P 13 25 00

**EAST Victoria Flood Overlays
Petition**
parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/flood-overlays/ or scan the QR Code



A decision was made by the Victorian Government, backed by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA), to reject new business and residential development on existing land in the flood overlays on the East Coast Victorian. With the sponsored support from MP Danny O'Brien, a petition has been submitted to the Legislative Assembly. The petition is requesting for further discussions and a review of the Vic Government/ WGCMA Flood decision. Any Victorian resident can sign this petition.



Well hello again from the Loch Sport Ambulance Auxiliary. We have some good news at last on the long awaited Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We have successfully installed these strategically around the town as per community feedback. After many months of tireless work by some of our committee members we can finally announce that we have three new AEDs and a replacement at Foodworks with one pending approval for Stockyard Hill at the Ninety Mile Beach. The three new locations are :

- Seagull Drive Boat Ramp toilet block
- Boulevard Boat Ramp toilet block
- Ambulance Station on National Park Rd next to the Fire Station and the SES.

This now distributes access to AEDs throughout the township of Loch Sport.

More recently the Loch Sport Caravan Park have raised funds to install and additional AED on their site.

It truly is wonderful to have such a dedicated Auxiliary who have fundraised over many years. We are also very proud of our community who have assisted us in making these purchases possible via various fundraisers the latest being the Lions Club Market where we held a raffle and sold jewellery donated by one of our members. We made \$600 on the jewellery and the Raffle returned \$436. What a great day-even in the heat! We even had a young boy who bought three tickets with his Christmas money. The winners were:

- 1st Jenny yellow 97
- 2nd Clare green 58
- 3rd Debbie red 34
- 4th Liz yellow 74.

Many thanks to the businesses in town who generously donated prizes towards the raffle.

- Loch Sport Garden Centre
- Foodworks
- Lochy Coffee
- Loch Sport RSL
- Loch Sport Men's Shed

A big thank you also to our small group of members and extended family for their help. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in helping our much needed VOLUNTEER Ambulance crew, we need to keep our Ambulance



in TOWN.

For any further contact please contact Secretary Helen Boon on 0418 57 928 or at elenboon22@outlook.com

For a comprehensive list of all AED locations throughout Loch Sport please refer to the front inside cover of the Link.

Loch Sport Senior Citizens Inc

Welcome Seniors to 2025, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. As we are currently in hiatus there is nothing to report except that our first meeting for 2025 will be the 3rd Monday in February, the 17th, and will be a BBQ at the Lions Park in Lake Street at 11am. Hope to see you all then.

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GARDINER FOUNDATION

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH

We're looking for members of the farming community to participate in a new peer-led mental health research trial!

This innovative 10-session program (approximately one hour per week) will be running in the Corangamite, Wellington and Towong Shires

Get involved or find out more!
Phone: 03 5551 8533
Email: ncfh@wdhs.net
Visit our website: <https://farmerhealth.org.au/back-on-track>

Don't hesitate to share this opportunity with others who may benefit. Scan the QR code to submit your expression of interest today

This study has received St Vincents Hospital Research Ethics Committee Approval (Reference Number: 120/24)



sents for all the children. A great day was had by all.

Every year the Loch Sport Lions provide a \$500 scholarship to a grade 6 student from Loch Sport Primary School. The recipient is chosen by the school

teachers and Renee Meers was presented with the award. Congratulations Renee. Thank you Loch Sport Primary for a lovely morning and a beautiful morning tea.

Our Bush Market was a great success despite the heat. We had a good number of stalls with a great variety of goods for sale as well as our community groups and the usual BBQ. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the market. All profits go to very worthy causes such as, bushfire relief, flood relief, cancer research, eye health, community groups, wildlife centres etc.

Australia Day celebrations and Loch Sport Lions Citizen of the Year Award was a great day, with the award going to a very worthy recipient in Craig Holland. Craig is a passionate fisherman and has contributed in



many ways to improve boating and fishing in our Lakes system and has made fishing an all inclusive recreational activity in our community. Congratulations! We thank Wellington Shire for their support of this event and for Deputy Mayor Cindy Madderly for attending and presenting the award. Our next event is the Easter Market on Easter Saturday. Noleen and Christine continue to run the meat raffle at the Marina Hotel on Saturdays, currently all proceeds are going to Lions Disaster Relief Projects. Thank you everyone for continuing to support our Club.

We are always looking for new members. If you have some spare time and would like to join our club, you would be most welcome. There is a lot of satisfaction in helping others in need, and also to be part of assisting those who have experienced disasters here and around the world. For enquiries, email lochsportlions@gmail.com.

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The Committee and members wish every one a very Happy New Year.

Passionate about Loch Sport?

Why not join and support your Community Representative Group.

A Community Repre-

sentative Group is a group of local people seeking to broadly represent the interests of their community.

Every individual, club or organisation in the community has an opportunity to be involved. The CRG can provide an opportunity for the community to work on matters relating to Loch Sport's future direction. Develop a community plan capturing the vision and hope of the community. The community noticeboard is well underway with the refurbishment.

For all enquiries regarding meetings, please contact the Secretary Helen on 0427649238.



What a great summer so far - wonderful to see so many people and boats out and about enjoying a bumper season out on the lakes and down on the 90 Mile Beach. Surf fishing

has been very productive especially for salmon, gummy shark, snapper, flathead and more. On the lakes, the Dusky Flathead catches have been simply stunning like not seen for many years. Catching a 90cm plus dusky on light gear with 10lb line and a small soft plastic lure is an exhilarating experience. Similarly, there are huge Black Bream all around the lake system and up the rivers, the likes of which have not been seen for many years. The only mystery at this stage is "Where are the KG Whiting?" – LSFA members have spent many hours searching for this iconic species without a lot of luck so far, but maybe they are just late in arriving for whatever reason? Stay tuned.

Breaking News: on Dec 27 Loch Sport Boat Club and LSFA entered into an agreement to jointly manage, operate, grow and ultimately re-develop a new hospitality venue based around the existing boat club facility. In a recent note to its members, the Boat Club Committee wrote 'The Loch Sport Boat Club (LSBC) is thrilled to announce our exciting collaboration with the Loch Sport Fishing Association (LSFA). This partnership marks a significant step forward in bringing together two clubs to share and maintain our infrastructure during a two-year trial period. While LSBC and LSFA will continue to operate as individual clubs, this initiative fosters a welcoming and open environment for the entire community to enjoy. To celebrate this joint venture and the years to come, New Year's Eve celebrations were held at the clubrooms by both clubs. This shared resource aims to create a vibrant hub for a larger group of individuals and families who cherish the lake and beach – club members, locals and visitors alike. By pooling our resources, we can reach a membership base that has not been fully accessed before. In these challenging times when many clubs have struggled to recover from the impacts of COVID and current financial pressures, this collaboration ensures the sustainability of our club while making membership more accessible. We commend the

current LSBC committee members for their dedication and foresight in driving this initiative. Their efforts are instrumental in ensuring the long-term viability of the club and creating a brighter future for our community'.

The LSFA crew is very excited about this opportunity to jointly contribute to the creation of a vibrant and successful community-based hospitality venue in Loch Sport. While the main interest will be driven by keen boating and fishing enthusiasts, the strategy is to create a club environment where members, locals and visitors will always be welcomed, and indeed contribute by way of their participation to growth and prosperity of the new venue.

The joint steering Committee will shortly be announcing the details of new regular opening days / hours and a calendar of boating and fishing events for the remainder of 2025 - such as a 'Fish & Sips' day - go out fishing for the day and come back to club rooms mid-afternoon for a beer and a BBQ. Details will be posted on Facebook as they are confirmed.

The 2024 LSFA Annual General Meeting was held at the Loch Sport Boat Club on Saturday 7th December 2024. The main business of the meeting was to receive the President's Report covering the activities of the club for the prior 12 months, the Treasurer's report for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2024 and to elect the statutory office holders and Committee for the following year. Also after six years, the family membership was increased from \$50 to \$60pa (to help defray increasing insurance costs) but the single membership stayed at \$40. A BBQ lunch and refreshments were enjoyed following the meeting to welcome the newly elected board and the Committee. Those elected were: President: Craig Holland, Vice President: Peter Wickens Secretary: TBA, Treasurer: Jacqui Wilson, Committee: Alan Murrells, Dave Pope, Steve Price, Neil Walters, Allan (Hack) McIntosh, Lindsay Goold, Peter McMahon & Greg Bottcher.

The Inaugural LSFA "Club Championship" Awards Night was held on Saturday 7th December at the Loch Sport



Boat Club. Starting with pre-dinner drinks, a fully catered seafood-inspired dinner followed with locally sourced produce and created by Chef Guy Bondoux and Carrie. It was a wonderful night with fine food and wine, friends and fishermen and fun and folly. Before a full house, all the winners of the individual rounds of the club championship were acknowledged and presented with their trophies: the "KG Challenge" – Lee Woods & Adam Gee, the Foodworks "Flathead Frenzy" – Steve Bartlett, the Brennan Contracting "Black Bream Bash" – Jimmy Mullan and the Priority Printing Solutions "President's Cup" – Clint & Judd Styles. Then the climax of the evening—the awarding of the inaugural LSFA Club Championship Shield. Adjudged on the basis of participation in events, quantity of fish caught, quality of fish caught and straight out "having a go", the winner was Lee Woods. Also special recognition awards were made to Steve Barlett for "Excellence in promoting recreational fishing in the Gippsland Lakes", Tom (Flattie) Francis the "2024 LSFA Rising Star" the Moschos family for the "Most outstanding Family Effort" and Judy Harley for her "Outstanding effort in promoting club diversity and inclusiveness". Congratulations to all the winners. Many thanks to Chef Guy & Carrie for a fabulous dinner, the Boat Club for the venue and to everyone who made the night one to remember.

The 2024 CShell Real Estate "Loch Sport Surf Fishing Classic" was held on 28th December at Stockyard Hill on the 90 Mile Beach. This was presented as a day out for the whole family so the competition guidelines were pretty relaxed as the intention was for all to have a fun day on the beach. So thanks to the hundreds of people who came along today and made the day such a success – we hope you all had a fun day. Not a lot of fish caught but there were winners:

Largest fish (any species) - Peter Sammut 115cm gummy shark
Largest gummy shark (other than any species winner) - Ethan Cook 101cm
Largest salmon - Marcus Gee 54.5cm
Largest flathead - Wilbert Scholtes 49cm
Best family effort - The Moschos family
Meritorious effort - Abigail Brooker - salmon & tailor



Special catch - Angel Simpson 40cm trevally
Special draw/raffle winner - King 65litre portable fridge/freezer - Peter Lambe.
Many thanks to CShell Real Estate, BCF Sale and Mad Outdoors Sale for their generous support. And of course, it wouldn't be possible without the LSFA crew. Thank you to all.
If you would like to be part of the action, go to the LSFA website and use the "Membership Application" page to send us your details. All applications will be processed promptly and we will soon have a "Welcome" pack on its way to you, including your Membership card that entitles you to the following discounts:
Loch Sport Foodworks – 12.5% off all tackle, bait and ice purchases.
Stratford Marine – 10% off the labour component of all servicing charges.
In the meantime, stay in touch with the latest news and planned activities on our Facebook page.
For further information, call President Craig Holland on 0418 342 927 or Vice President Peter Wickens 0478 682 146

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Club 90 Mile Beach weather cam and current weather information:
lochsportfishingassociation.com/live-webcam



2024 Annual General Meeting

Outgoing President Shaun Casley reported on another very successful year for 2024 at the AGM on December 14th, 2024. He thanked all

volunteers, members, and the committee for their hard work over the past year and acknowledged the course has been magnificent and has attracted lots of positive comments from visitors from other clubs, green fee players and from members. Acknowledging the volunteer team who has looked after mowing the fairways, green surrounds and roughs, raking of the greens prior to competition days, and the almost endless cleaning up of tree fall after storms he said this team has made it possible to enjoy our golf. Full memberships have increased to 77 over the past year and there has been a strong growth in sponsorships. Incoming President Dave Garnham thanked Shaun for his vision and active stewardship of the club throughout his term.

Welcome Back

Members welcomed back Dave Garnham as President for 2024-25. The committee for the coming year includes Gary Paull (VP), Richard Harvey (Captain), Adrian Froggatt (Secretary), Sue Paull (Treasurer), Michelle Robinson and Jeff Young (General Committee members).

2024 Awards Night & Dinner



A massive night of celebration was held on Monday December 16 recognising member achievements during the year. Members, families, friends and sponsors enjoyed a fabulous dinner and night thanks to Marg Harvey and team. With MC's Shaun Casley and Richard Harvey, a great time was had by all. The exciting Bruce Campbell Award (Brownlow type) count was hosted by Adrian Froggatt and Mark Baeffel.



Congratulations newest life member David Garnham.

Major awards and recognitions on the night included David Garnham (Life Membership), Richard Harvey (Bruce Campbell Medal), Rachel Hawkes-Bennett (Captain's Most Improved Player Award), Shaun Casley and team (President v Captain Teams event), Lisa Cassells (Medal of Medallists). Recognitions were also made of sponsors and volunteers plus a host of other annual awards – mostly won by the most consistent player of the year, George Triantifillou.



The 2024 Summer Competition continues to run **Monday nights at 4 p.m.** through the whole summer daylight-saving period. We play 9 holes each week with a prize for the best score. At the end of the season there is an extra prize for the best overall score. **No handicap is required and all players are welcome.**

Correction to December-January Link

We reported that Shaun Casley equalled the course record on the first day of the Championships. In fact, Shaun exceeded the former course record by one. Congratulations, and apologies Shaun.

Come and Enjoy our Golf Course

Green fee players are very welcome to our beautiful golf course. At only \$20 per adult, and free for 16 years olds and under for a day's play, we offer a fun day out communing with nature in the lovely

surroundings. Clubs and buggies are available. New members are of course always welcome. To arrange clubs or buggies please call Dave at 0419 008 730.

New Members Welcome

We are a progressive club that continues to enjoy a growth in membership. Interested? Come down and see us in our new modern clubhouse from 1:30 on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Completely staffed by volunteers, we are arguably the lowest cost golf club in Victoria offering full Golf Australia membership and handicapping.

We would love to make you welcome.

Adrian Froggatt

Secretary Loch Sport Golf Club

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Loch Sport
BOAT CLUB

Exciting Collaboration Between LSBC and LSFA

We are thrilled to announce the collaboration between the Loch Sport Boat Club (LSBC) and the Loch Sport Fishing Association (LSFA), as of 1 January 2025, bringing our two clubs together to share and maintain the club's infrastructure during a two-year trial period. While both clubs will continue to operate independently, this partnership will create a welcoming and open environment for the entire community.

This shared resource aims to bring together a broader group of individuals and families who enjoy the unique offerings of our beautiful lake and beach. By working together, we hope to attract a membership base that the club has not accessed before. The collaboration is a forward-thinking step

toward ensuring the sustainability of the LSBC and fostering a stronger, more inclusive community spirit.

Adapting to Challenging Times

Many clubs, including ours, faced significant challenges recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. With current financial pressures adding to the difficulty for families to participate in sporting clubs and recreational activities, this collaboration represents a vital opportunity. By pooling resources and creating a larger support network, we can ensure that both clubs remain vibrant and accessible to all.

The dedication and foresight of the current active LSBC committee members in driving this initiative is truly commendable. Their efforts will allow the club to continue thriving and remain a hub of community activity for years to come.

For more information on upcoming events and how to get involved, visit the Loch Sport Boat Club's website or contact the club directly.

Contact Information: Loch Sport Boat Club Website: www.loch-sport.net Email: lsbc@loch-sport.net

Do you own a boat, kayak or just love the water and want to be part of the Loch Sport Boat Club community? New season and social memberships are welcome. Become a member today, whatever floats your boat.

We look forward to seeing you at the club and out on the water soon!

Loch Sport Boat Club Committee

Warm regards,
Des Crossley

Loch Sport Boat Club

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Club lake weather cam and information:
loch-sport.net/weather-cam





What a wonderful summer we are having in Loch Sport! As the town filled with people wanting to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, the weather improved and was, mostly, extremely favourable. At the time of writing, even a day of heavy rain early

January was welcome topping up tanks, watering plants and freshening everything up. Our foreshore space filled with people enjoying the water of Lake Victoria with boats, jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks and other types of watercraft users adding to the mix. People lined the foreshore to enjoy the fantastic fireworks, fished, walked and rode along the tracks that meander along the lake. Many people came to enjoy the delicious food/drinks at Neirbos Eats at the Seagull boat ramp. The 90 Mile Beach provided another popular spot for beach goers and fisher people. How fortunate are we to be part of this amazing town!



Committee members were proud to walk with others and enjoy the refurbished tracks. It was an invigorating walk from the main jetty to the National Park along a continuous path including the sand renourishment completed by DEECA as protection for the Bluff. The funds for the work completed on Crown Land came from a 'Tiny Towns'

grant provided by the State Government Department of Jobs, Skills and Regions while the Wellington Council funded their sections - a team effort. There were numerous delays in completing this work as DEECA required a Marine and Coastal Act report and we needed to negotiate with Council when it was discovered that the track goes through both Council and Crown land. We are very grateful to our contractor, Richard from Beenak Earth P/L who stepped in at late notice and did an excellent job when Colin Kent withdrew due to other commitments caused by the delayed start. We are very mindful that there are still parts of the track that have erosion damage. Please be careful in

these areas which are marked by warning signs. We are working on the repair of these parts with DEECA and the Council. This work should be done by mid February. We will keep you updated but hopefully it may even be completed by the time this article is published. Fallen trees and branches are always a problem. If it is easily fixed, feel free to do it, otherwise notify us and we will organise to clear the tracks as soon as possible. Facebook or email is the best way to communicate.

Please be assured that the Committee take expenditure of public money awarded through grants extremely seriously and follow the rules set by DEECA to ensure integrity in quotes and tenders. Our plans and financial records are audited by DEECA annually. While this committee has only been involved in two audits, we can assure you that they are rigorous and we have 'passed' with compliments from the auditor. We are a small, volunteer committee and this work takes quite a deal of time but we are happy to give our time to achieve results for our community.

The erosion problem is a constant worry in our town. Anecdotally we have heard of potential house buyers reluctant to buy due to erosion concerns. We will endeavour to keep this matter in the public eye. The recent Age article was an excellent explanation of our problem and we all know the solution. DEECA have informed us that they have *"spent over \$450,000 between providing co-funding to Gippsland Ports for their sand renourishment, and the renourishment project completed at the High Dune bluff site"*. Groynes are part of the solution being pursued by DEECA for the area east of the Seagull Boat ramp and at the Bluff but funding remains elusive at present. It's a great disappointment that we don't have them to hold the sand being moved. We need to continue to stand together as a community as we are seeing at Inverloch who have a similar problem. The difference being that the geotextile groynes and other groynes we have in place have stood the test of time very well for lake erosion. We know that they are protecting valuable Crown Land. Look for further updates on Facebook!

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Hello 2025!!

It is and has been a fairly busy time in the garden. As the weather is warming up the garden needs continual watering and being such a sandy soil it can feel like that water is

just running through the soil as quickly as it is watered! Thank goodness for our hard-working volunteers who keep working the compost to improve the soil as much as we can.

We are looking forward to our tomatoes ripening. Nothing tastes like summer than fresh garden ripened tomatoes in a salad. Yum.

We would like to thank the Lion's Club for organizing the January market. It was a resounding success for us selling our ever-



popular jams and pickles. Unfortunately, there wasn't any of our very much-loved plum sauce available. We are still waiting for the plums to ripen. If anyone in the community has any spare plums let us know as they will be very much appreciated. Hopefully we will have plum sauce available at the Easter Market. If our tomatoes are successful there might even be some tomato chutney (fingers crossed).



Don't forget that the garden is always on the lookout for more members/volunteers. If you are interested why not pop down to the garden on a Wednesday morning and see what we are all about. Are you aware that we are registered with Centrelink for approved people?

You can find the garden via no 17 Central Ave, just follow the track to the end and there we are. There is also pedestrian access via the track on Toorak Ave opposite Mary St.

Ph Trish 0456 123 005



Reporting Crime Information

Emergencies Call 000 immediately if the incident is life threatening or needs immediate Police attendance, a crime is happening now, or an offence is (or may be) happening.

Non Emergencies Call 131 444 for non urgent crimes and events.

Crime Stoppers Call 1800 333 000 Victorian Police confidential information about crime, criminals and suspicious activities or visit crimestoppersvic.com.au

How to protect your home when you are away

If you're going on holidays, making your home look occupied when you are not these is a good way to put off unwanted intruders. Reduce the chance of a theft or break in by following these simple tips:

- Lock up-make sure all doors and windows are shut and locked, including sheds and garages. Remove any spare keys in the house
- Don't broadcast your holiday, especially on social media
- Make it seem like you are home, install a timer switch for your lights (living areas), radio and TV
- Install motion sensor lights around the entry of your home
- Consider installing a smart camera
- Ask a neighbour to help by parking their car in your driveway, putting your bins out and bringing them in
- Register your absence with your local police department

You can request a free home security check list from admin@NHW.com.au

Our friendly group meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting in February each year. We meet at the Health Centre on National Park Road, commencing at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For all enquiries please contact

Secretary Helen on 0427649238.



Loch Sport Bowls Club



The Saturday Pennant Competition is under way and our teams are doing well. We are playing at home a lot this year so it would be wonderful if we had an audience to barrack for our teams. We play at home on these dates: 08/02 and 15/02. We hope to see you all there. With the holiday season fast approaching the Club will be open extra days and fun events will be happening. Watch our Facebook page for announcements.

Our Sponsors

Each month we would like to give thanks to our Sponsors. Without them we would find it



so much harder to keep our Club running.

Thank you to **CShell Real Estate** who sponsor us every year and we are grateful for their support. We highly recommend their professional services.

Function Venue

Loch Sport Bowls Club is a great venue for your next function, meeting, or social gathering. We offer a fully functional modern kitchen, excellent indoor and outdoor undercover areas and a licensed bar. You can self-cater or we will organise this for you. Music can also be provided or bring your own. We cater for small or large functions. Enquire through our Loch Sport Bowls Club Facebook page.

Recently Guy Bondoux hosted another amazing dinner function at our club. Our Spanish Festival was a huge success. These dinners are always very popular and he has others planned! Keep an eye out on Facebook.

Trivia

Our fabulous trivia afternoons are always popular with lots of fun and laughs thanks Beck, Trivia is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3.00pm. \$10.00 entry, BYO snacks.

2025 Dates

March 23rd

April 27th

May 25th

June 22nd

July 27th

August 24th

Sept 28th (school hols)

October 26th

November 23rd



There'll be raffles, tea and coffee provided, and the bar will be open. Come along and catch up with friends. Book your table on the Loch Sport Bowls Club Facebook page or Messenger Beck Webb.

Hope to see you there.

Bowls Lessons

On Wednesdays from 12.30pm we hold **Learn to Bowl** days. Come along and our friendly members will help you learn about the fun game of bowls. The greens fee is \$5, the bar will be open and we also offer some tasty snacks.

Social Bowls

As always, we are open for bowling on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 12.30pm. The greens fee is \$5 or just have a drink from our bar, catch up with friends or maybe order something to eat.

Darts

Darts nights are at 7pm to 9pm on Mondays. \$5.00 to play. The number of players is growing. A light supper and tea and coffee is provided, and the bar is open. So, if you would like to play a social game just turn up and join in. Good for a laugh. Darts supplied if you need them.



Stay tuned to our Facebook page. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Loch Sport Bowls Club

For bowls enquiries please call

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Once again, the New Years Eve fireworks were a wonderful success as recognised by the number of positive comments on social media.

The fireworks have long been an annual event in Loch Sport but like everything else the costs involved have risen over the years. It is only with the generous sponsorship of the Wellington Shire and the local businesses that we are able to put the display on each year.



Please support these local businesses as they generously support this event:

Russell Thomas Plumbing and Airconditioning
C-Shell Real Estate
The Marina Hotel
Loch Sport General Store/PO
Sale Greyhound Racing
LS Caravan Park
LS Marina/John Reddig
Loch Sport Lions
Ventura Electrics
Paul & Joanne Kenna Law
LS Pharmacy
Loch Sport Bowls
La Maison/Olivia Speers

Some people query why we only have the family session at 10pm. The answer is simply a matter of cost, we would need to raise a further \$10,000.

Recently the LSBTA attempted to install a shed in the Charlie Street Reserve to store the astronomical equipment granted to us from Destination Gippsland, but we received an email from the Secretary of

the reserve committee, stating the Committee had rejected our proposal stating "after a lengthy discussion, we unanimously agreed on our decision, and notifying you of that decision". This is disappointing as it was to be merely for storage as all necessary facilities would be at the venue we would be using on the particular night, namely the RSL, Golf Club or the Bowls Club. The two events we held previously bought a lot of people to town, people who spent money throughout the town on accommodation, food, drink etc. not just at the RSL and the Golf Club. The LSBTA will be holding further events this year so keep an eye on Social Media for dates and if anyone is interested in joining the Loch Sport Astronomical Society please contact the LSBTA secretary via email:

For Further details please contact:

Tony Patchell

Secretary

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**EMERGENCY
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Useful contacts

If you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others, seek immediate assistance by calling Triple Zero (000).

You can also seek support from your doctor or one of these support services (24/7).

Lifeline

13 11 14

lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue

1300 224 636

beyondblue.org.au

MensLine

1300 78 99 78

mensline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: What can happen if you feed wildlife?

Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems for our wildlife, especially our kangaroos.

Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive as they are more than capable of foraging for their own food without human intervention and have been doing so for thousands of years. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods.

A moment's pleasure for you may result in future problems for animals and people. Over time they can become very comfortable and familiar with human interactions and can then become aggressive towards humans or alternatively humans may have sinister intentions towards the animal.

Bread products especially contain very little nutritional value for wildlife and can cause dental disease, severe gingivitis and abscesses, i.e. lumpy jaw, which can lead to death due to them being unable to eat. Processed seeds, bread and other foods that are not part of an animal's natural diet can make them very sick or kill them. In fact, they can be full of sugars, sodium and carbohydrates. Sadly, these ingredients can be deadly, especially for kangaroos.

Our wildlife are exactly that, wild. Feeding them can severely inhibit their wild skills and result in starvation and population decline.

Wildlife are natural foragers, and they need to maintain these skills to survive and pass the knowledge onto their young. When people feed the wildlife they become reliant on the free feed and stop foraging. As a consequence their young also don't learn the necessary foraging skills required for their development.

This is a significant long-term issue as they stop performing natural behaviours. When travelling into a wild animal's habitat we must be sure to not hinder that habitat or indeed cause changes to their natural behaviours. Additionally, if wildlife stop foraging, there is a broader impact on their environment and the species around them. Kangaroos are designed to eat grass. Their teeth are specifically positioned to grind the grass when they eat. If they continue to eat non-grass material their teeth are likely to wear down and prevent them from eating properly in the long run.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED OUR WILDLIFE – IT IS BEST TO KEEP OUR WILDLIFE WILD



REMEMBER: Call us if you require assistance.

Other contacts:

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F facebook.com/ourhavenwildlifeshelter/

W solo.to/rescueandcare

Loch Sport:-

Karen McKie (and Wayne)

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or via Facebook/Messenger

Golden Beach-

Dale and John Cassidy

0438 288 641

Thank you for your love and support!

Theresa and Tony (Scruff) Matthews

We are authorised by the State of Victoria to care for our wildlife.

Help for Wildlife

Our Haven Wildlife Shelter

0400 079 337

Loch Sport-Karen McKie (and Wayne) 0414 982 611 or via Facebook/Messenger

Golden Beach-Dale and John Cassidy 0438 288 641

Did you know if you find an animal that requires medical care and you take it to your local vet you don't incur any out of pocket expenses?

Don't forget to check pouches for living joeys.

The Vets Mobile Service and Mason House Surgery

36 Cunninghame St, Sale Vic 3850

P: 03 5143 0577

Fur Life Clinic

25 Foster St, Sale Vic 3850

P: 03 5144 3100

Ark Vet

320A York St, Sale Vic 3850

P: 03 5143 3118



Further Information

Please contact the Police regarding wild animals with devastating injuries, broken legs or that have no chance of survival:

Loch Sport Police P: 03 5146 0556

Sale Police P: 03 5142 2200

For the removal and collection of deceased animals on major roads call VicRoads P: 13 11 71

For the removal and collection of deceased animals on Council land or public property including (local) streets, footpaths, nature strips, parks, reserves, car parks and shopping areas please call Council or Council Ranger P: 1300 366 244

Wildlife Marine Rescue Emergency: P: 1300 136 017

The Wildlife Rescue App is for anyone that would like to or is able to assist with the rescue of an animal ifaqw.org.au/resources/wildlife-rescue-app

Injured Native Wildlife Tool wildlife.vic.gov.au/injured-native-wildlife/wildlife-tool

DELWP P: 13 61 86

Wildlife Victoria P: 1300 094 535/03 8400 7300

Wildlife Rescue Australia P: 1300 596 457 P.A.W.S.

Wildlife Services P: 0459 255 173

Snake removal and Relocation Services

Gippsland Snake Catchers

ph: 0475 034 609/0402 804 184

Sale Wildlife Service and Snake Catcher

ph: 0459 255 173

Pest Management Services

Albert Ford Pest Control

ph: 0433 966 095

Sale Pest Control

ph: 03 5144 4548

Gippsland Pest Control

ph: 13 15 46



SNAKE TIPSSS

Always give snakes a wide berth and allow them the opportunity to flee

All snake bites should be considered a medical emergency

Do not attempt to catch or kill a snake

Bite marks may not be obvious - seek help immediately if you suspect you've been bitten

Most (but not all) Victorian snakes are venomous

SNAKE BITESSS

DO's

DRABCD See page 33

Call Triple Zero (000)

Keep patient still and reassure them

Apply pressure immobilisation bandage

Splint limb to prevent movement

Wait with the patient until help arrives

SNAKE BITESSS

DONT's

Wash the bite site

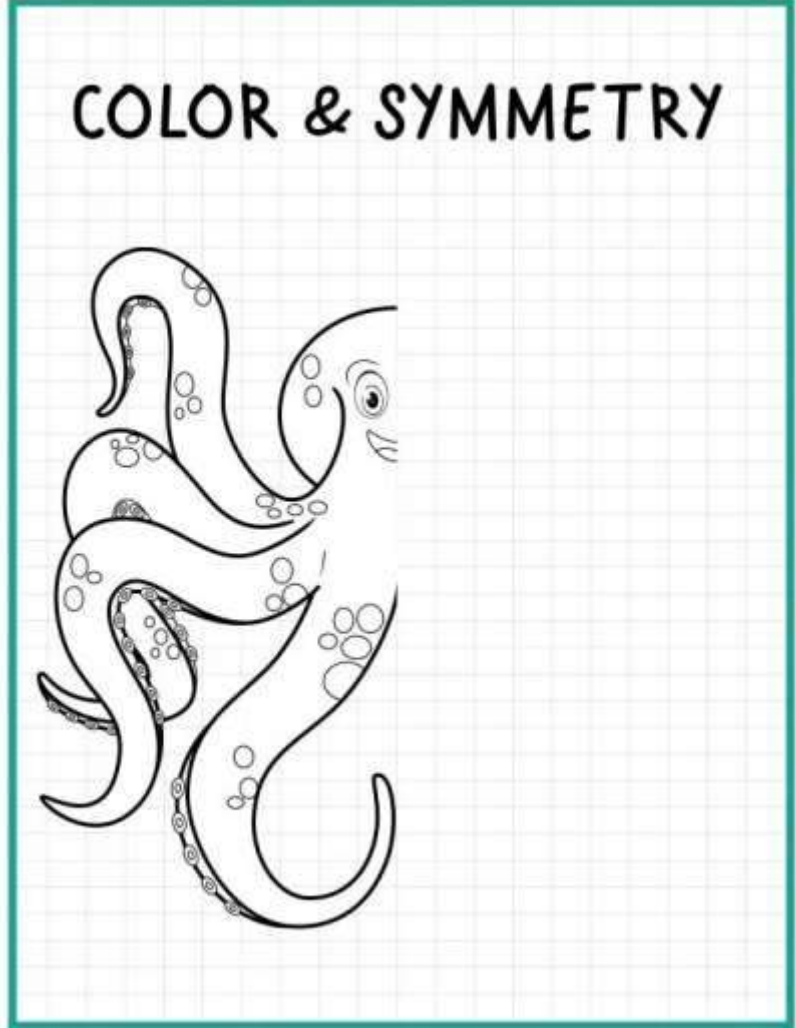
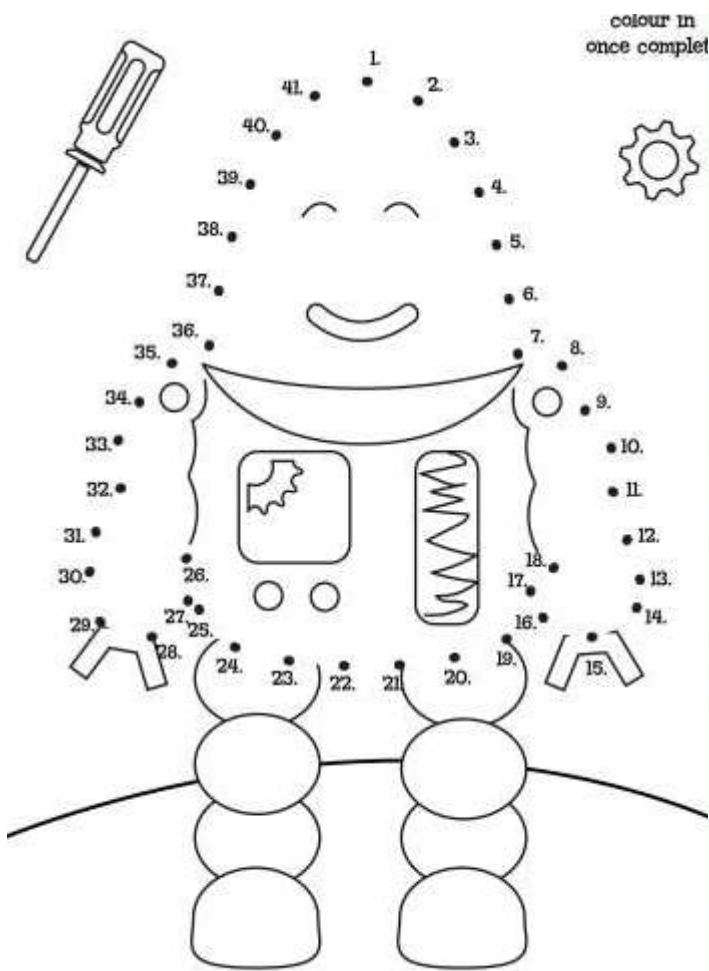
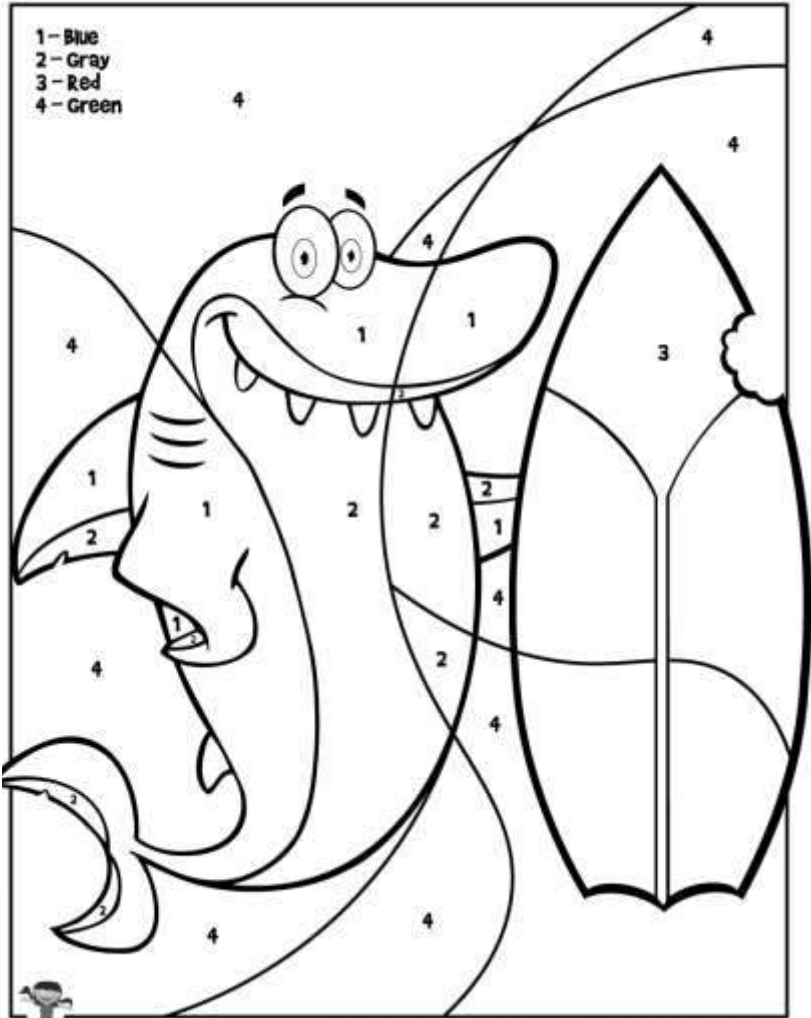
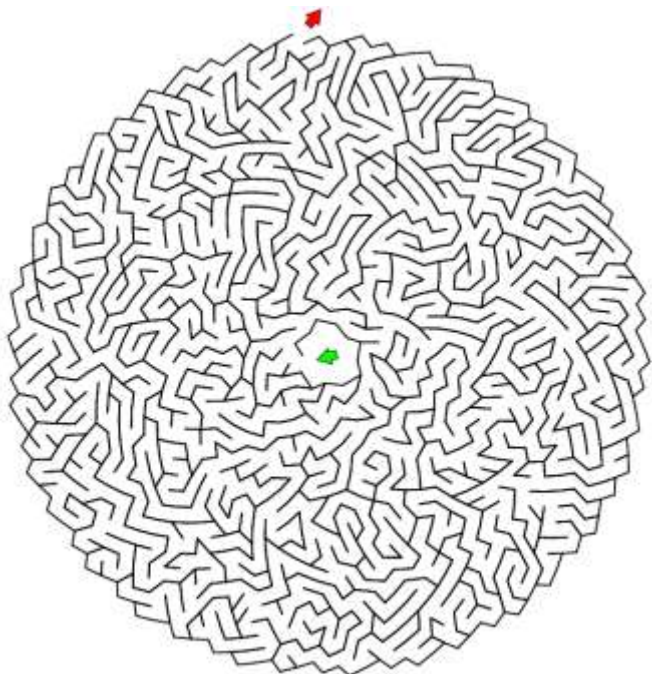
Cut the bite site

Apply a tourniquet

Remove the bandage - even if the patient feels well

Make the person walk to the rescue vehicle

Activities



Loch Sport Community Health Centre	5146 0349		
Loch Sport Community House and Public Hall	5146 0145		lochsportcommunityhouse.com
Loch Sport Community Representative Group	0418 992 235		
Loch Sport Fishing Association	0418 342 927		lochsportfishingassociation.com
Loch Sport Golf Club	5146 0145		lochsportgolfclub.com.au
Loch Sport Lions	0402 503 190		facebook.com/LOCHSPORTLIONSCLUB
Loch Sport Medical Centre	5144 6899		lochsportmedical.com.au
Loch Sport Neighbourhood Watch	0400 585 358		
Loch Sport Pharmacy	5146 0873		
Loch Sport Police	5146 0556		
Loch Sport Primary School	5146 0457		lochsportps.vic.edu.au
Loch Sport RSL	5146 0841		lochsportrsl.org.au
Loch Sport Seniors	5146 0796		
Loch Sport SES	132500		chris.wood@members.ses.vic.gov.au
Loch Sport Tennis Club	5146 0513		facebook.com/Loch-Sport-tennis-club
Loch Sport Transfer Station	1300 366 244		wellington.vic.gov.au/environment/waste-facilities-tips
MensLine Australia	1300 78 99 78		mensline.org.au online chat available
National Relay Serv. (for hearing impaired)	1800 555 727		
NBN Co (internet)	1800 687 626		nbnco.com.au/support/networkstatus
Open Arms Veterans and Families Counselling	1800 011 046		openarms.gov.au
Our Haven Wildlife Shelter	0400 079 337		wildlifevictoria.org.au
Poisons Information	131 126		
Public Transport Vic	1800 800 007		ptv.vic.gov.au
Sale Hospital	5143 8600		cghs.com.au/hospitals/sale-hospital
Sale Police	5142 2200		
SES	132 500		ses.vic.gov.au
SES Loch Sport	5146 0263		Facebook.com/LochSportSES
Suicide Call Back Service	1300 659 467		suicidecallbackservice.org.au
The Men's Shed	0428 460 902		
Vicroads	131 170		vicroads.vic.gov.au
Wellington Library	5142 3575		portofsale.com.au/spaces/sale-library
Wellington Shire	1300 366 244		wellington.vic.gov.au
Wildlife Marine Rescue Emergency	1300 136 017		

2025 Calendar

PULL OUT 2025 PLANNER AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY



January		February		March		April		May		June	
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LOCH SPORT COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Organisation	Phone	Web	App
Ambulance, Fire, Police	000	triplezero.gov.au	Emergencyplus
SES	132 500	cfa.vic.gov.au	VicEmergency app
		police.vic.gov.au	
		ambulance.vic.gov.au	GoodSAM Responder
VicEmergency	1800 226 226		
Wellington Shire	1300 366 244		
13YARN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crisis support	139 276	13yarn.org.au	
1800RESPECT domestic, family and sexual violence supp	1800 737 732	1800respect.org.au	online chat available
AusNet Services (power/outages)	131 799	outagetracker.com.au	
Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636	beyondblue.org.au	online chat available
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	1300 754 389	bom.gov.au	The Check-in App BOM Weather App
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000		
Dept Energy, Env and Climate Action	136 186	deeca.vic.gov.au	
Emergency Vic	1800 226 226	emv.vic.gov.au	VicEmergency app
Family Support (Orange Door)	1800 319 354	orangedoor.vic.gov.a	
Family Violence (Safe Steps)	1800 015 188	safesteps.org.au	online chat available
Fisheries Victoria	133 475	vfa.vic.gov.au	Vic Fishing
Gambling Help Online	1800 858 858	gamblinghelponline.org.au	
Gippsland Water	1800 057 057	gippswater.com.au	
Head to Health Counselling and Support	5143 7984		
Justice of the Peace	0423 304 603		
Kids Helpline	1800 55 1800	kidshelpline.com.au	online chat available
Lifeline	131 114	lifeline.org.au	online chat available
Loch Sport Boat Club	5146 0004	loch-sport.net	
Loch Sport Bowls Club	5146 0688	facebook.com/LochSportBowlsClub	
Loch Sport Business and Tourism Association	0414 635 587	discoverlochsport.com.au	
Loch Sport CFA	5146 0997	Facebook.com/CfaLochSport	
Loch Sport Community Care	0437 529 411	facebook.com/groups/656252641392802	
Loch Sport Community Garden	0456 123 005	facebook.com/gardensls	

Emergency Contacts-always dial 000

VicEmergency app

The VicEmergency app aligns with the VicEmergency website to provide a centralised location for Victorians to access timely emergency information and warnings.

The app includes warnings and incident notifications for fire, flood, storm, earthquake, tsunami, weather warnings, shark sightings, beach closures and more.

In order to receive location specific app alerts when warnings are issued or incidents occur, you need to set up your watch zones.

You can download VicEmergency from the App Store or Google Play.

Don't forget to drop by the Community House to pick up your Loch Sport Safety Map

Australian Red Cross Get Prepared App



When emergencies happen there are lots of decisions to make and a lot to do. With the

Get Prepared app you can prepare for the unexpected by completing your RediPlan and being better prepared for emergencies.

Get Prepared is an easy-to-use app that empowers you to make important decisions ahead of time by completing your RediPlan. Co-created by Australian Red Cross and NRMA Insurance, it helps you create a personal emergency plan, so you can take care of yourself, your loved ones, and what's important to you. For more resources including a RediPlan template visit www.redcross.org.au/prepare/

Do you have an emergency plan?

The Emergency Planning Advice Service (EPAS) is designed to support people who have a disability, are older, or have a chronic or acute medical condition. The aim of EPAS is to improve how fire and emergency preparedness plans are developed and

acted on for those who are at higher risk.

Emergency Planning Advice Service (EPAS) is an in home service co-delivered alongside Red Cross and CFA this ensures that participants can get help planning for other emergencies as well as fire.

How do I get involved?

Scan the QR code

Call 1300 366 244

ask for Community Preparedness Officer or

Email emercym@wellington.vic.gov.au

Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/dHYFSxz1kq>



Other Apps to consider do emergency preparedness and planning:



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Preparing your emergency plan and kit should be a family activity ensuring everyone understand what your plan is, their role and responsibilities.

We live in an area that is prone to severe weather, flood, bushfire and power outages so we all need to have our emergency plan and support our friends and neighbours where possible.

For further information on planning, apps, kits preparedness and checklists visit the below pages or download these apps.

Websites

- * redcross.org.au/prepare/
- * wellington.vic.gov.au/community/emergencies
- * esv.vic.gov.au/safety-education/emergencies/power-outage/
- * cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-bushfire-plan
- * ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/at-home
- * bom.gov.au/vic/warnings/
- * ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodsam/
- *

Download a PDF copy of Your Guide to Survival at :
cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/your-guide-to-survival

Emergency Planning Checklist

An All Hazards Preparedness Planning Checklist for those requiring assistance in an emergency.

Issue	Yes	No
Have you identified hazards/emergencies which could impact on you?		
Do you have a support team (Family/Neighbours/Friends) to assist you in an emergency?		
Do you have a written Emergency/Evacuation Plan?		
Does your support team know what your plan is?		
Have you practised your plan?		
If your plan is to evacuate, does your plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact numbers for your support team? • Where you will go if you evacuate (Your Safer Place)? • How you will get there? Eg. Who will transport you? • What you need to take with you? • Notifying neighbour/friends that you have left your home? 		
Do you have an Emergency Bag packed and ready? (See reverse of this sheet)		
Do you need to take equipment/resources if you evacuate? (Wheelchair - manual or electric, Wheelie Walker, Oxygen, Dosette, etc.)		
Do you have a copy of your health information in your bag? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health summary, including current medications/allergies? <i>(Can be obtained from your Doctor)</i> • Prescriptions? <i>(These can also be held at your chemist)</i> • Medicare card/Private Health Care information? 		
Additional equipment you may need? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications/dressings? • Clothing for 3 days, including toiletries • Battery charger for your mobile phone, electric wheelchair etc. • Additional equipment (Batteries for hearing aids, spare glasses, spare house keys) • Important documents (Insurance papers, passport, birth certificate etc.) • Personal items (Family photos, items that cannot be replaced) 		
If your plan is to remain at home during an emergency (Shelter in Place) do you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enough food and water stored for 7 days? • A radio with spare batteries? • Torches with spare batteries? • Medications/dressings (First Aid Kit) etc. for 7 days? 		
Should a prolonged power outage occur would you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to contact your support team or call for emergency assistance (Retain a plug in phone/have a fully charged mobile or portable phone)? • The ability to access your water supply and cooking facilities? • The ability to heat or cool your house? • Alternative lighting devices (Torches/solar lights)? 		
If you have a pet, do you have a plan for them in an emergency? <i>If you plan to stay:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have supplies of dog food for 7 days? • Do you have a cage and/or an area inside where they can be kept if needed? <i>If you plan to leave:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have an emergency kit for your pet (With pet food, water, bowls, lead (muzzle if needed), vaccination documents etc.)? • Is your Safer Place able to cater for your pets? 		



HOME EMERGENCY KIT

Your household should have an emergency kit prepared to help yourself and your family in an emergency.

Basic Emergency Kit

A basic emergency kit may include:

- Battery operated radio and torch (with spare batteries), candles and matches
- First aid kit
- Protective clothing such as sturdy gloves, face and dust masks
- Copy of home emergency plan
- Copies of important documents, or ensure copies are on a portable hard drive or web-based cloud drive
- Non-perishable food, eating utensils and drinking water for up to three days
- Camping stove or gas burner
- Whistle to signal for help
- Utility knife, duct tape, scissors, plastic sheeting

- Toilet paper, moist towelettes and rubbish bags
- List of contact numbers for your doctor, dentist, local hospital, chemist, insurance company, vet, Council and utility providers

Additional Items

If you are leaving early, evacuate or if a warning is issued, you may want to place the following additional items in your kit and have it ready to take with you:

- Mobile phone, power bank and charger
- Prescriptions, medications, sunscreen and toiletries
- Important documents such as passports, birth certificates and insurance papers
- Photographs, heirlooms and other irreplaceable items
- Pet supplies - food, water, bowls, leash etc.
- Protective clothing and strong shoes for each family member
- Pillows, blankets and sleeping bags

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Headaches
Nausea and vomiting
Fatigue, weakness and restlessness
Thirsty
Anxiety
Poor coordination
Weak, rapid pulse
Sweating heavily
Raised body temperature



WHAT TO DO

Rest in cool place
Drink water
Use a cool compress
Take a cool shower or bath

HEAT STROKE

Headaches
Nausea and vomiting
Rapid pulse
Extremely thirsty
Dry, swollen tongue
Disoriented, dizzy or delirious, slurred speech
Body temperature more than 40°C
Convulsion, seizures or coma
May be sweating, skin may be deceptively cool

WHAT TO DO
Call 000 immediately
Cool them down until help arrives

sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthyintheheat

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Remember to



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



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Cancer Council



ASTHMA FIRST AID

Blue/Grey Reliever

Airomir, Asmol, Ventolin or Zempreon and Bricanyl

Blue/grey reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma



DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) FOR AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY IF THE PERSON:

- is not breathing
- suddenly becomes worse or is not improving
- is having an asthma attack and a reliever is not available
- is unsure if it is asthma
- has a known allergy to food, insects or medication and has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY**, GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR FIRST (if available)

1



SIT THE PERSON UPRIGHT

- Be **calm** and reassuring
- Do not leave** them alone

2



GIVE 4 SEPARATE PUFFS OF RELIEVER PUFFER

- Shake** puffer
- Put **1 puff** into spacer
- Take **4 breaths** from spacer
 - Repeat until **4 separate puffs** have been taken

If using **Bricanyl** (5 years or older)

- Do not shake.** Open, twist around and back, and take a deep breath in
- Repeat until **2 separate inhalations** have been taken

If you don't have a spacer handy in an emergency, take **1 puff** as you take **1 slow, deep breath** and hold breath for as long as comfortable. Repeat until all puffs are given

3



WAIT 4 MINUTES

- If breathing does not return to normal, give **4 more separate puffs** of reliever as above

Bricanyl: Give 1 more inhalation

IF BREATHING DOES NOT RETURN TO NORMAL

4



DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000)

- Say **'ambulance'** and that someone is having an asthma attack
- Keep giving **4 separate puffs every 4 minutes** until emergency assistance arrives

Bricanyl: Give 1 more inhalation **every 4 minutes** until emergency assistance arrives



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1800 ASTHMA
(1800 278 462)
asthma.org.au

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Non emergency Medical Transport Options

If you require medical transport and do not have family or friends who can assist, the information below may be useful, depending on your requirements and eligibility.

Royal Flying Doctors Mobile Patient Care

03 7046 4664

flyingdoctor.org.au

RFDS Victoria provides non-emergency patient transport from 21 bases located throughout Victoria such as admission, discharge, medical appointments and inter-facility transfers across hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, specialist medical services, nursing and retirement homes.

Ambulance Victoria

ambulance.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-services/patient-transport/
1300 366 313

Bookings submitted by medical professionals for patient transport then AmbVic dispatch available resources based on the patient's acuity and clinical requirements. Ambulance Vic determine the most appropriate service for the patient on a case-by-case basis.

Vic Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS)

VPTAS office on 1300 737 073 or

vptas@health.vic.gov.au

health.vic.gov.au/rural-health/victorian-patient-transport-assistance-scheme-vptas

VPTAS provides financial assistance to eligible Victorians who must travel a long way for specialist medical treatment. VPTAS is a subsidy scheme and not intended to reimburse all costs associated with accessing specialist treatment.

Red Cross Patient Transport

redcrossportal.tripssoftware.com.au/

Provides transport with volunteer drivers for eligible people to access essential medical services within Victoria, for up to six weeks. The service operates Monday to Friday in regional Victoria, appointments must be between 10am to 2pm—subject to location coverage

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- DVA
- Safety Net
- General & private
- Free Webster packs
- Free local delivery

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General Practitioner
Iain Nicolson

Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Hawkes-Bennett

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56 Lake St Loch Sport
info@lochsportmedical.com.au

NEW GPS ARRIVING IN FEBRUARY

The team at Loch Sport Medical are excited to announce new General Practitioners will be available for bookings from February.
Call, book online or via Hotdoc

How do you know if someone's having a stroke? Think...

F.A.S.T.

Check their **FACE**
Has their mouth drooped?

Can they lift both **ARMS**?

What? I don't know what you mean. Could you talk to me?
Is their **SPEECH** slurred? Do they understand you?

TIME is critical. If you see any of these signs, call 000 now!

Think F.A.S.T. Act FAST! CALL 000

strokefoundation

CENTRAL GIPPSLAND HEALTH

Loch Sport Community Health Centre
200 National Park Rd
Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm
Loch Sport P 5146 0349
lochsport@cghs.com.au

Nursing, home nursing, wound care and welfare checks. All by appointment only.
Podiatry /foot care services via Sal Hospital

LOUISE
ACCREDITED MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER TO BOOK CALL OR TEXT 0493 549 921
SEAGULLSHEALING@GMAIL.COM

loch sport medical centre

ROBERT
LOCH SPORT PHYSIO TO BOOK CALL 5144 6899

Get Police Assistance

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D

Dangers?

R

Responsive?

S

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A

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B

Normal Breathing?

C

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D

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