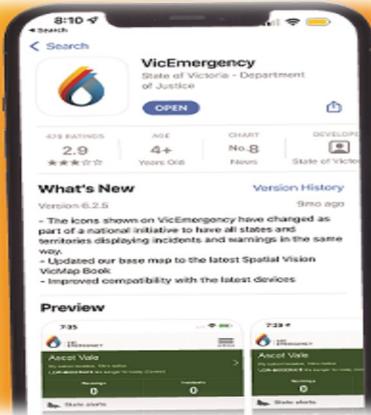




TATTLER 2022

Port Albert's FREE Community Newsletter



What should you do to prepare?

BE FIRE SAFE

Clear long grass, weeds and branches from your property or nearby homes, and if you live on a large property, slash a firebreak along your fence lines and keep grass to 100mm or less.

Download the **Vic Emergency App**



WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

Wellington Shire Council is reminding landowners that they must maintain their properties in a fire-safe condition throughout the entire current Fire Danger Period. The region is experiencing fast re-growth of vegetation due to high rainfall, meaning property owners might need to slash several more times during the Fire Danger Period to ensure blocks are maintained. Council has issued more than 1000 Fire Prevention Notices to property owners during the 2021/22 fire season, an unusually high number. Follow-up inspections on these properties resulted in 49 fines for non compliance. Wellington Shire Council Mayor Ian Bye said these figures were disappointing. "Unfortunately many property owners, rather than being proactive and clearing their properties before the fire season inspections, waited until they received Fire Prevention Notices," Cr Bye said. "Council officers then spent many hours in a short period following up these Fire Prevention Notices to ensure the required clearing was done. "The most common reason given for not clearing blocks before fire inspections was Covid restrictions, however non-residential property owners were able to apply for exemptions to travel for fire preparation from October, and Council offered no-fee green waste disposal for the entire month of November." Council staff will be continuing fire inspections to make sure blocks are being maintained in a safe condition and will issue further notices if needed, particularly if we continue to get high re-growth of grass." Council is also reminding people that they cannot burn off during the Fire Danger Period without a permit from Country Fire Authority (CFA). Burning off should be considered a last resort for people clearing their blocks. Visit www.wellington.vic.gov.au/fire for information about fire preparation and www.cfa.vic.gov.au to find out what can and cannot be done during the Fire Danger Period

Gary Stevens (03) 5142 3180 or 0437 500 393
Wendy Reeves (03) 5142 3257 or 0407 812 970

ALBERTON CEMETARY

More special visits this month - 16 guests, including Mr and Mrs Edwards from the UK, visiting their son in Alberton. Mr Edwards was very interested in the Leeson Codial Factory, originally out on Tannery Rd at Tarraville. Mr Edwards also inquired about the large stones situated at the front gates. This type of stone, from the Strezlecki Ranges, is also used for the memorial stone for Alice Lindsay and at the sign post of the Catholic Section. Our wonderful cemetery, the oldest in Gippsland is the only cemetery situated on a river where the bodies of the dead once arrived for burial via the Albert River. Tours operate from September to the Easter weekend. Our last tour for this season will be held on Saturday April 16th, which is Easter Saturday. There will be an egg hunt for the children. Tours cost \$10 for persons 16+, under 16 free, commence at 5:30pm & take approximately 1.5 hours. To book call Sandi on 0403819183 or go to the Alberton Cemetery Walking Tours Facebook page and use the message tab to book. We would love to have you join us.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

A night of entertainment for your enjoyment at Port Albert Hall
2nd April 2022
Doors open 6.30pm
Tickets \$25 at door, Port Albert Servo or call 07 54961066

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE – April 25th Memorial Park Port Albert, All welcome.
Please arrive 5.45am for a 6am start



Port Albert CFA

Port Albert CFA are currently recruiting.

Anyone interested can come along on a Monday night at 7.30pm to have a chat about joining.
51 Tarraville Road Port Albert
Contact—Deb Bass bassyxr8@yahoo.com

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

November 2022

Alberton Cemetery Walking Tours

Tours cost \$10 for persons 16+
All visitors receive a fabulous 'Middle of Everywhere' gift and information pack.



PORT ALBERT FISHING CLUB

There is a vacancy for the role of club Treasurer.

It is not an arduous role, in fact I doubt very much if it would take up more than an hour a week of your time. You do not have to be an accountant.

There is no regulatory reporting to the ATO and no GST to take into account.

If you think you can manage this small task,

call Ian on 0429 998 799

or Chris on 0467 570 252

portalbertfishingclub@gmail.com

What a catch!



PARKS WEEK



PORT ALBERT WEBSITE NEEDS

YOUR HELP

CAN YOU HELP?

You'll definitely "Enjoy the Experience"



Port Albert Progress Association is seeking assistance from a community spirited person or persons with an interest in website admin to maintain our web page. portalbert.vic.au The role would preferably be on a volunteer basis and would require approx. 1-2 hrs per week. Information to be updated would be: -Adding forthcoming events -Updating advertisers information as necessary. -Occasionally refreshing galleries as photographs become available. Please Note : No particular web-site technical skills are required as all program updates are being undertaken by our website builder. Experience with Wordpress may be an advantage but really not essential. As part of a handover, the current administrator will provide training as required. The website is an important tool in promoting our town, businesses and accommodation operators and we can't wait to hear from you if you feel this is your contribution to the great resources in place for our residents, community and visitors to our region. portalbertprogress@gmail.com

Glorious Labour Day Weekend weather saw families out and about and keen to grab a free sausage in Rutter Park at the conclusion of the Run, Walk or Ride from the Yarram Wetlands to Port Albert. Sponsored by WSC and run by Tarra Territory Tourism in collaboration with Port Albert Progress Association the event was initiated by Parks Victoria as part of a weeklong celebration of our pristine parklands.

Fantastic to see our CFA and Coast Guard out and about and welcoming families to view our emergency vehicles.

PAPA put on a traditional "snag in bread" with free water and bags of lollies for the children, raffled a hamper of "great outdoors" goodies and sold PAPA merchandise including the new bucket hats.

Kathy Whelan and Sandi from Friends of Agnes Falls were on site with an impressive display of Agnes Falls merchandise, lots of local promotional material and information about the falls on their stall.

Thank you to everyone involved and all the PAPA helpers especially Marj Brosche, Rob Wheatley and Andrew Stimson-a great team effort.

ANZAC WEEKEND AIRSHOW

THE ANZAC WEEKEND AIRSHOW SALE-23RD & 24TH APRIL 2022

brings amazing aircraft, aerobatic demonstrations and displays to West Sale Airport, Gippsland. Showcasing wings of all shapes and sizes, get up close and personal

with some incredible machines including RAAF, aerobatic, commercial and recreational aircraft. Featuring a wide range of displays, activities, live music and local produce, this is an event not to be missed.

In addition to the air display, live music, fashion show, food vans and regional displays and exhibits will be available throughout the day. It will run from 10am to 4pm both days.

For more information—www.saleairshow.com.au



2 BIG EASTER EVENTS HAPPENING IN YARRAM

YARRAM STREET FAIR: 9 am - 1 pm	HIVE COUNTRY FAIR: 2 pm - 7 pm
* Street Entertainment *	* Fireworks *
* Market Stalls *	* Carnival Rides *
* Live Music *	* Foodtrucks *
* Colouring Contest *	* Kids Entertainment *
* Car Displays *	

PLUS MORE EASTER EVENTS

- * Rotary Art Show *
- * Rock & Roll Dancing *
- * Good Friday Football and Netball *
- * Yarram Aero Club Landing comp *
- * Peter Gilliland Art exhibition *

For More Info Contact gutsofgippsland@gmail.com

A LOOK at the PAST

Langsborough Sawmill

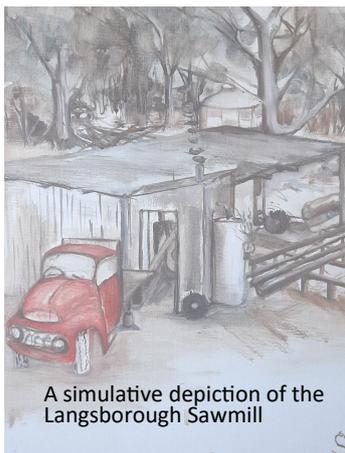
Here is the 2nd instalment for you to enjoy –

The mill was driven by a series of belts and the size of the fly wheel created momentum to help the engine have enough power for the breakdown saw and main saw which cut the wood into sizes which suited the local construction industry who were the main buyers of the timber. There was also a large demand for 'mill ends' for use in slow combustion stoves for cooking and open fires. The Ruston Hornsby engine was started by a V8 Ford jacked up with a belt attached to the main engine, Trevor Macmeikan the second last owner before the fire destroyed the mill adapted a side valve V8 motor to start the main engine, this method was more reliable because moisture and rain made created slippage on the belt between the Ford truck and the main motor, resin was used on the belts to reduce slippage. The mill employed local people, one was Garry Brosche worked part time between fishing trips and one of the McClellan's who lived on the corner of Sea Bank Road (the old house falling down house with the single roof) Most of the logs were supplied by Herb Patterson, mostly Yellow stringy Eucalyptus and some Blue Gum, Yellow Stringy was good for construction but Blue Gum was more pliable ideal for boat construction some was used by local boat builders (Ted Brosche, Lipscombe's, & Jack Beavis). Garry Brosche remembers Hughie Garland purchasing some Blue Gum for boat ribs. After Herb Paterson unloaded the logs in the yard, by articulated loader in Trevor Macmeikan's time or by Pinch bar before Trevor's time he used a mound of earth opposite the mill and across the Yarram-Port Albert Road to push the jinker up over the truck's cab, interesting for a young boy. "Reflections of Growing up in Port Albert

by Stephen Balhorn

We would love to hear from you, if you too have any photos, reflections, recollections or any other comments, about the Sawmill.

Send to:-thetattlerportalbert@gmail.com



A simulative depiction of the Langsborough Sawmill

These recollections might not all be historically correct.

I would like to thank the people who gave me information about the mill.

Ted & Sandra Botterall, Gary Brosche, Rhonda Stephens, Mathew Goulden, Andrew Macmeikan & Rob Robson.

[Correction apology, last issue-Ted & Sandra Botterall & Mc Millan Bay not Hobsons]

PORT ALBERT YACHT CLUB

Sailing at the Port & places near & far- Members were grateful when they could finally sail in pleasant conditions recently, and they have been sailing near and far! Winner of our Twilight Series and our Final 6th Series Race was Alastair Finlay. The club was pleased to see "Novice Sailor" Zac Tomczyk complete his first race. Congratulations went to Libby Nicol who won the Women's Division of the State Impulse Championships last weekend at Somers. Some of our sailors have competed in the "All Gippsland clubs" regatta at Loch Sport with Matt Kelly and Brigid Watson achieving a second in their division whilst Matt Kelly & Ian Nicol sailed in the Victorian Explorer Championships at Lake Wellington last weekend. Those new to the Port have been pleasantly surprised at our reasonable membership rates which include individual tuition on club boats to those who wish to learn. GREAT TRIVIA SOCIAL NIGHT! The club continued its tradition of a great night's entertainment and brain teasing recently, with thanks to organisers, Cath and Jack Milner and Ian and Malissa Nicol. Winning table David & Jenny Finlay, Hannah and Leigh won by a sizeable margin.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:-
Alberton General Store, Alberton Marine, Bunnings BWS, Evans Petroleum, Interiors by Jade, Port Albert General Store, Port Albert Wharf, The General Café & Restaurant, Out of Africa Gallery & Accommodation Suite, Victoria Hotel Alberton, Woolworths, Mitre 10, Yarram Coffee Palace, Yarram Country Club



The Hard Workers

PORT ALBERT MERCHANDISE



Promoting Port Albert through its merchandise has long been an effective role of Port Albert Progress Association. With a wide selection of bumper stickers, stubby holders and hats bearing promotional logos, merchandise sales have grown significantly in recent times bringing good funds to our community. PAPA member Collin Kirkpatrick took over as merchandise manager from Bob Ashdown ensuring sales points were well stocked, funds banked, and most importantly, merchandise was kept up to date with today's trends. In the three years Collin has worn the merchandise cap so to speak, he has done a wonderful job juggling work commitments, contributing time to PAPA and enjoying his passion, fishing. Thank you Collin, great work, the community salutes you. See photo above Brushed cotton caps bearing the 'Port Albert Est 1841' logo have been popular over summer paving the way now for the more sun smart Bucket Hats available in Black and Navy M/L or L/XL. A wide range of merchandise is available at The Port Albert Service Station and General Store, Castim by the Jetty Boat Hire and Kiosk, Wharf Fish and Chips and Yarram Courthouse Gallery. Further information/enquires, email:- portalbertprogress@gmail.com attention Collin.

The thinkers



HEROES & HELPERS ACKNOWLEDGED

Danny O'Brien MP Member for Gippsland South - printing of Tattler 2022 until August as a Community Service.

WSC Maintenance Teams – responding to Customer Action Requests and repairing the door in the toilet block and clearing the Tarra Trail.

Andrew Stimson – freezing up the locks and bollards at the entrance to Rutter Park for the Parks Week Event

Brendan and Michelle, Victoria Hotel Alberton – long weekend raffles to aid Port Albert NCE

Kylie Sergentanis – Funds from Pop Up Pilates class in support of Red Cross Ukraine.

Port Albert Hall Committee of Management – \$100 donation from “An Evening by the Bay” to Port Albert NCE

Easter Week—Anglican Parish Times

We live in an upside down world. Often we find it difficult to make sense of all that is going on in it and in our own lives. Holy week is a time that Christians have traditionally used to journey with Jesus and remember his last week on earth. We invite you to join us in a number of activities and services as we journey through this week.

Rev Jenny Wicking – Anglican Parish of Yarram

Mon 11 Apr	11:00am	Prayer and Meditation	St John's PA
Tues 12	3:30pm	Prayer and Meditation	St John's PA
Wed 13	11:00am	Prayer and Meditation	St John's PA
Good Frid 15	11:00am	Ecumenical Service	Christ Church Tarraville
Sat 16	7:30pm	Lighting of the Fire	St. John's PA
Easter Sun 17	9:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's PA

LOCAL BUSINESSES

CONTACTS

Port Albert Waterview Retreat	0431 483 886
Gourmet Gippsland Hamper	0431 483 886
Castim By The Jetty & Boat Hire & Kiosk	Caz 0400 107 385 & Andrew 0428 172

PORT ALBERT AT A GLANCE

CLUBS & GROUPS

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Di—Secretary

Port Albert Fishing Club Inc.

portalbertfishingclub@gmail.com

Ian Blackmore on 0429 998 799

St John's Church –ph.51825117

2 services per month 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 9.00am. Everyone is welcome and a friendly cuppa after the service.

Rev Jenny & Tony Wicking
Coffee Connect –The General Café
Thursdays 10-11am
ALL welcome

Raglan St Port Albert

Friends of St John's Port Albert

Barb Knibbs

barb476@bigpond.com

An Evening by the Bay On Saturday 12 March the Port Albert Mechanics Hall hosted “An Evening By The Bay” to celebrate the newly renovated hall and welcome the community and general public back to the hall. Thanks to the support of Wellington Shire Council and The Middle of Everywhere the night featured a free sausage sizzle, kids giveaways and live band. The Port Albert Hall wishes to thank its supporters, sponsors and all attendees for



helping make this a fun filled night and social gathering.

For information on hall hire please email portalberthall@gmail.com or call Di on 0458 592 182.