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SHEPPARTON News

Wheely good cause

FOUNDATION SUPPORTS GREATER SHEPPARTON MOTHERS IN NEED OF PRAMS

By Tara Whitsed

More than 10 Greater Shepparton mothers have received much-needed prams for their babies thanks to the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation.

Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Support Services lead practitioner Maree Chin said in September the service reached a crisis situation when its supply of prams was depleted.

"At the time, 12 needy mothers were on a waiting list for a pram," she said.

After approaching the foundation, the Caroline Chisholm Society's rural branch received a \$2100 grant to buy new prams as well as offering to buy appropriate second-hand prams through a community drive in the future.

Ms Chin said the service greatly appreciated the donation.

Foundation director Amanda McCulloch said they were proud to support the service to help mothers get out and about with their children.

Ms Chin said it was also an exciting time for the society, which was celebrating its 50th year.

"We support families with the goods they need during and after pregnancy; when we give out those goods — often at appointments that we offer in Shepparton, Essendon and Caroline Springs — the family shares other things going on for



Support: Shaana Woodman, Keith Jackson, The Fairley Foundation's Amanda McCulloch, GV Pregnancy Support's Maree Chin and Hollie Dorward.

Picture: Rodney Braithwaite

them," she said.

"Our team of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly in our material aid section to manage the donations and storage of new and pre-loved children's clothing up to size 10.

"They also clean and safety check good quality bassinets, car seats, high chairs, prams and baths."

The service supported families more than 1400 times last year with 200 being at-home

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—MAREE CHIN

extended appointments.

Ms Chin said the support service was established in Shepparton in 1975.

"Community donations are very welcome," she said.

● The service is also looking for more volunteers and Ms Chin encouraged anyone who thought they would be suited to phone the office on 5821 0826.

Weather

SHEPPARTON TODAY
Partly cloudy. Medium (60%) chance of showers or thunderstorms, most likely in the morning and afternoon with possible heavy falls.
MIN 21° MAX 34°

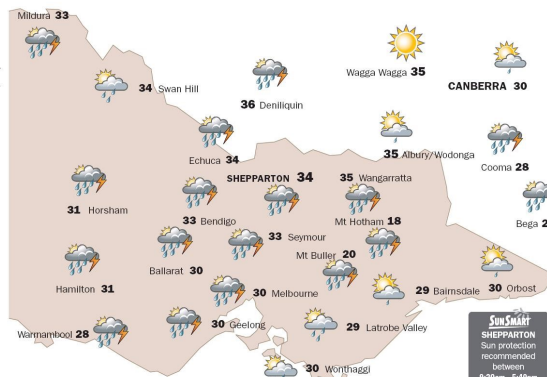
TOMORROW
Showers, storm.
MIN 21° MAX 33°

FRIDAY
Showers. Possible afternoon storm.
MIN 18° MAX 29°

SATURDAY
Mostly sunny.
MIN 11° MAX 28°

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy.
MIN 13° MAX 27°

MONDAY
Partly cloudy.
MIN 14° MAX 30°



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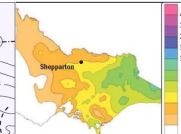
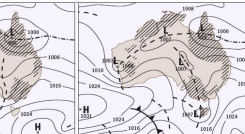
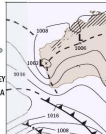
Chart Key: Cold Front, Warm Front, High, Low, Rain, Snow

WARNINGS were current at 5pm yesterday. Information www.bom.gov.au/vic/warnings/ or Ph: 1300 659 217 (Local call cost)

10AM TODAY

10AM TOMORROW

WEEKLY RAINFALL to 9am yesterday



SHEPPARTON YESTERDAY

Rainfall: 24 hours to 9am 0.0 mm

Total for February 1.4 mm

Monthly average 33.2 mm

Temperature:

Minimum to 5pm 17.6°C

Maximum to 5pm 31.2°C

Average monthly maximum 29.5°C

Average monthly minimum 14.5°C

OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY

Min Max Rain

Bendigo 16 32 0

Kyabram 17 31 0

Mangalore 17 na 1

Rutherglen 21 29 0.2

Shepparton 18 30 0

Tatura 17 29 0

Wangaratta 20 28 7

Yarrawonga 21 28 0

No Sun **Rainfall totals 24 hours to 9am

RIVER LEVELS

Broken River Orvalle 1.17 steady

Cassidy Weir 0.33 steady

Goulburn River Seymour 2.11^A steady

Murchison Shepparton 3.30 steady

Murray River Tootum 1.81 steady

Albury 1.76 steady

Yarrawonga 1.51 steady

Tocumwal 2.08 steady

Barnhill 2.48 steady

^A Metres above sea level [†] 9am yesterday

DAM LEVELS

Dartmouth 2635.6 69.6

Goulburn Weir 2.6 80.0

Hume 963.2 31.7

Lake Eildon 1550.2 47.7

Lake Nillumbik 16.9 42.7

Waranga Basin 64.5 21.1

Yarrawonga Weir 94.2 28.9

SUN MOON

Today

Rise 6:40am 7:32am

Set 6:24pm 9:20pm

Tomorrow

Rise 6:41am 8:28am

Set 8:23pm 9:51pm

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