

# MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



**A Project of the Penshurst Mens Shed Inc**

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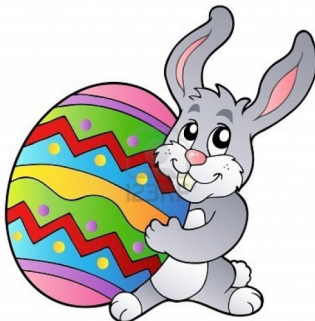
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## Origins of the Easter Bunny

The exact origins of the Easter bunny are clouded in mystery. One theory is that the symbol of the rabbit stems from pagan tradition, specifically the festival of Eostre - a goddess of fertility whose animal symbol was a bunny. Rabbits, known for their energetic breeding, have traditionally symbolized fertility.

Eggs are also representative of new life, and it's believed that decorating eggs for Easter dates back to the 13th century. Hundreds of years ago, churches had their congregations abstain from eggs during Lent, allowing them to be consumed again on Easter. According to History.com, in the 19th century Russian high society started exchanging ornately decorated eggs - even jewel encrusted - on Easter.



Bunnies aren't the animal traditionally associated with Easter in every country. Some identify the holiday with other types of animals like foxes or cuckoo birds.

**(Source: Time Magazine)**

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 4th May 2019**

The newsletter will be published on Wednesday fortnightly and we would appreciate submissions at the earliest possible time within the fortnight but no later than the Saturday immediately prior to the Wednesday of publishing.



**Dan Tehan MP**  
Member for Wannon

*House of Representatives - Parliament of Australia*

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY**

Member for Wannon, Dan Tehan, is encouraging people across South-West Victoria to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation on ANZAC Day 2019.

“ANZAC Day is our most solemn and most important commemoration every year”, Mr Tehan said.

“Since the first convoy of servicemen left the shores of Albany in 1914, almost two million men and women have worn with pride the uniforms of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force. On ANZAC Day, we remember them.”

“On ANZAC Day, I encourage all people to take a moment to pause and reflect to recognise the courage shown by those men and women who have served our nation and defended our interests so that we can enjoy the many freedoms we have today.”

“Across Australia and around the world, Australians will attend services to salute the bravery, mateship and sacrifice of the men and women who have served for more than a century.”

“We also recognise the many service men and women who are currently serving overseas, away from their families and loved ones. We owe our service personnel an immeasurable amount of gratitude and I encourage all Australians to participate in ANZAC Day commemorations to acknowledge those who have served and continue to serve our country.”

Occasions such as ANZAC Day can be difficult for some veterans and their families. Those affected can call the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service which is available 24 hours a day on 1800 011 046. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 4546). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans.

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18 April 2019



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## Penshurst Men's Shed President's Piece

**THE MEN'S SHED ...** Men's Shed were created to offer men a venue for a chat, a catch up, an outlet. We have tea, coffee, biscuits, lots of tools and Tuesday afternoon socials for those who enjoy a game of cards, pool, darts or sitting in an easy chair to read.

**ACTIVITIES - KOLAR LODGE:** so far two park benches from the grounds of the Hospital have been refurbished, with work on another in progress.

Once a month we attend the Shepherd Centre and, with the residents, create items such as bird boxes or wooden tool carry-alls. Small items, completed in a couple of hours give satisfaction and encourage participation. I would appreciate any items you may have for other interesting and/or inspiring projects.

**PRE-SCHOOL:** we created the coloured pencils for the play area, and have refurbished the playground equipment.

**BOOK EXCHANGE:** there is an exchange library at the Shed. Bring your unwanted books, exchange books or sit and read.

#### PROJECTS - COMMUNITY

**GARDEN:** discussions with Fiona Hermon from Penshurst Public School has been fruitful. The why, when, how and where will be clearer when school resumes. I will update you as soon as we know more.

Please let me know if you would like to become involved.

Donations of plants, trees, flowers, seeds, straw bales, gardening tools, hoses, garden –

related items, timber for raised beds and potting benches, will all be received with gratitude.

**POSSUM BOXES:** I have had some discussion with Council (and soon will have with Parks & Wildlife) about building possum boxes for wetland areas such as Yatmerone and our Botanic Gardens. These are also for a future Kolar Lodge activity.

**PAYING OUR WAY - Raffle and sausage sizzle:** thank you to those who stopped by and brought a sausage or a raffle ticket on Saturday 13 April (Debbie D from Hamilton won the raffle). Thank you to Mary, Ama and Tom for your valued time and continuing support.

Making recycled pallet wood **planter boxes and coffee tables** (naked, varnished and/or stained, POA), adds to fundraising. Quality items, made to your specifications, reasonable cost.

**FUTURE PLANS** - Progress on the **shed extension** continues; work will commence when Council approval is granted. Plans are afoot for an **internet station**, affording the residents of Penshurst and surrounds an internet café-style space. On the planning agenda .. **Rock and Roll evening** in the Memorial Hall, a "try-it-and-see" project. Please tell us if you are interested.

**MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS** - Thank you to the crew who put together this little gem.

**DONATIONS AND GRANTS:** I thank the following for their support and generosity.

The Victorian Government—a grant for the Shed Extension;

Southern Grampians Shire (for two grants) - the Shed Extension and upgrading the toilet facilities; South West Community Grants - for tools; and Bendigo Bank - for the Newsletter laptop.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMINGS & GOINGS

Member numbers seesaw a bit. I would love to see more Members at the Shed; please bring along some new faces (bodies attached).

**NB:** Constitutionally, nominated Office Bearers are required to be Members of the Men's Shed.

#### CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS:

**President:** Nigel Pyne

**Vice President:** Thomas Cooke

**Secretary:** Mark Dalla Costa

**Treasurer:** Ama Cooke

**Social Coordinator:** Mary Stewart

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to all the people and organisations involved in making this Shed a success.

Thank you to everyone who donated tools, timber, equipment and, most invaluable, their time.

*As you see, we have had a busy eighteen months. With more Members we could achieve even more for our community, so if you feel inspired, please come and join us. We'll find you something to do! Alternatively if you have a good idea for us, would like to make a donation, learn to use a tool, have a chat, have a cuppa, read a book, then come and see us at the Shed. You are assured of a warm welcome.*

Nigel Pyne—President

Penshurst Men's Shed Inc.  
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## DAN TEHAN MP

### FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WANNON



### WORKING HARD



#### Just for a Laugh

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

# PENSHURST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ABN 35 622 662 815

Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – President 0402 870 738

Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary

Vice President – Tom Cooke

Treasurer – Marjorie Dalla Costa

Mary Stewart

Nigel Pyne

Don Adamson

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, at the usual 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.**

## Standing things on their heads


I was contemplating turning this article upside-down, just to imagine how many people would actually turn it around to read it, because I know the opinion of many people about our Progress Association, but truthfully, you don't know if you don't come to the meetings. The Community Plan, which the Council thinks is vital (hence their new 2041 project), is a map for the present and the future. It has its feet in the past, but we can't live there, so its being stood on its head, and instead we'll have a Community Action Plan, which designates those things that the townsfolk need to keep an eye on, but specifically those we can act on to make this a better place for all of us to live.

## We are going to need help

This is a Community Action Plan, not just for those of us who are civic minded, but also for everyone who lives in the Penshurst and District Community. It has to include input from all the groups, clubs and Associations. To create it we also need conversations with the businesses. No, we are not asking anyone to join the Association, unless they really want to, but cooperation is vital, because we have outside interests with their eyes on the town, who might support some of our major projects (we can't call the upgrade of the Hall anything less) if they can see a town community pulling together to actually make things happen.

What sort of things - those that draw tourists to stop and spend money in our shops, like the Information

Centre, the Streetscape upgrade, the Botanic Gardens upgrade and events, meetings and other activities that could be better supported, such as the CFA meetings after the nearby fires. When the siren sounded just a couple of days ago. What did you do?



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#### **Volcanoes Discovery Centre**

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#### **Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve**

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#### **Botanic Gardens**

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#### **Penshurst Caravan Park**

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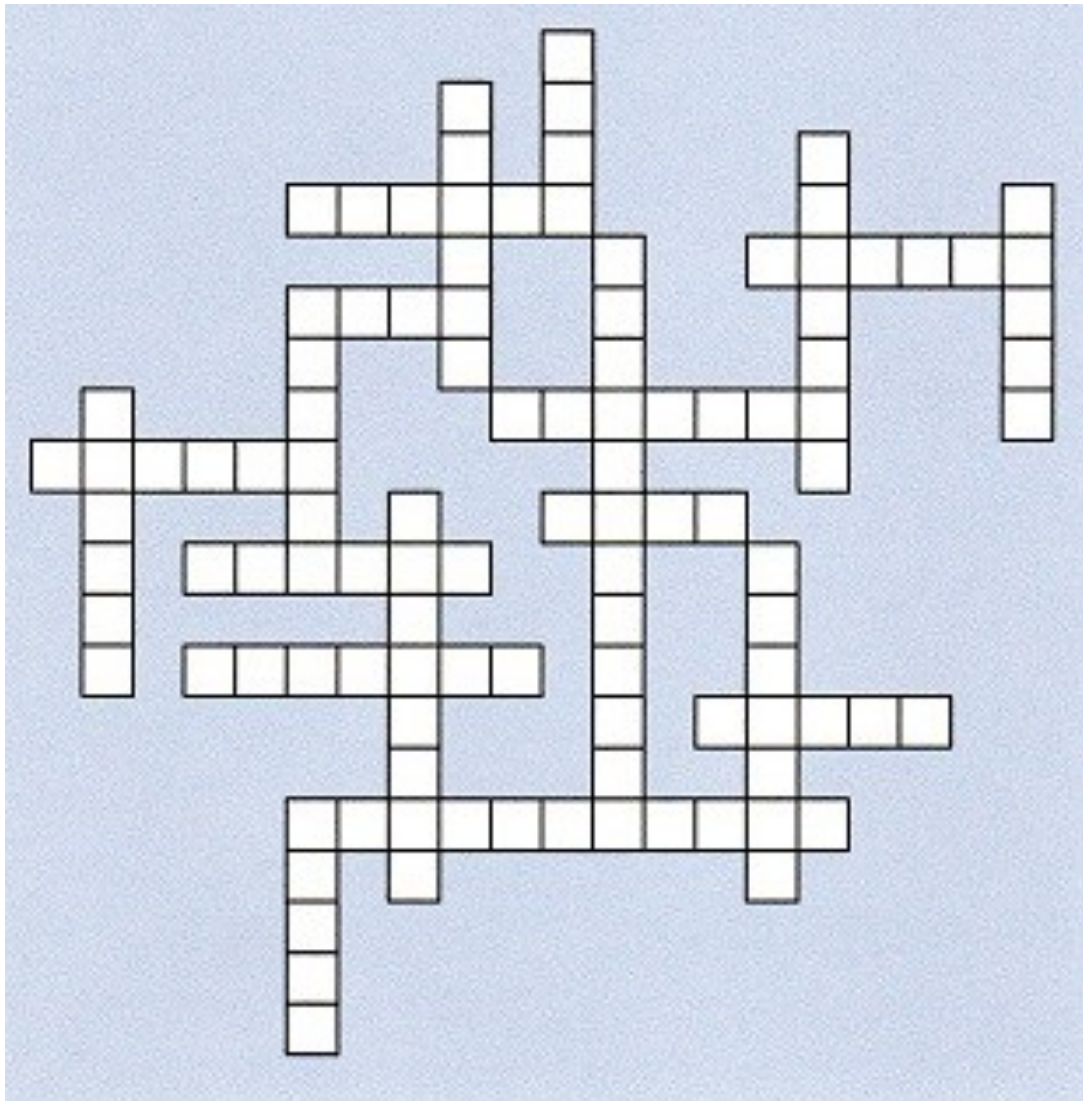
The Mount Rouse steps are closed at the present moment due to renovations.

### **Penshurst Church Services**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor  Service every Sunday 10.00am	Penshurst Anglican Church  5pm Mass 3rd Sunday each month  For further details contact Janet Kelly on 5576 5247	St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst  2nd & 4th Sunday  11am Service	St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst  1st Sunday No Service 2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am 3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am 4th Sunday Mass 8.30am 5th Sunday Mass 8.30am
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Mt Rouse Puzzler Fill-it-in 5



**4 Letters**

Rode

Star

Wish

**5 Letters**

Daisy

Glaze

Shred

**6 Letters**

Basket

Camera

Letter

Mother

Pencil

Rhythm

Symbol

**7 Letters**

Dreamer

Limited

Nothing

Sparkle

**8 Letters**

Contrast

**11 Letters**

Discernment

**12 Letters**

Organisation

MONTHLY MEETING DATES

- Book Club, 2nd Wednesday each month at Senor Citizen club rooms.
- Caramut & District Garden Club, 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.
- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 1230 pm.
- Friends Yatmerone Reserve, 2nd Tuesday each month at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.
- Indoor bowls 2 pm every Monday at Senior Citizens. All Welcome.
- Lions, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm.
- Mt Rouse & District Historical Society, 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at Court House. Phone 557 12145.
- Penshurst Bowls Club, 1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room, Penshurst Hospital at 1.30 pm.
- Penshurst Playgroup meets every Monday morning 9.10 am—11.30 am at the pre-school in Watton street. Everyone most welcome. (No playgroup in School holidays)
- Penshurst Pony Club rally, 1st Sunday each month.
- Penshurst Senior Citizens meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street. Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb—Nov at 2.15 pm. Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm
- Penshurst Urban Fire Brigade, 2nd Monday monthly at fire station.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 4 pm at Hospital.
- RSL meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

Would you like your group listed here, contact Mark on 0409192612 or email  
mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com

**Words to the Wise**

“The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest.  
The first to forget is the happiest. “ **Unknown**

“Remember all the men who have died. Remember all the battles fought. Remember all the tears families cried. Remember it was freedom the soldiers brought.” **Unknown**

“Don’t mix bad words with your bad mood. You’ll have many opportunities to change a mood, but you’ll never get the opportunity to replace the words you spoke.” **Nishan Panwar**



Watch this spot

We welcome contributions to all sections of our Newsletter. Any suggestions for things you would like included please send to the Editor at: **mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com**

The following recipe is simple but flavoursome

## Rigatoni Amatriciana—Serves 4

Prep: 5 Mins Cooking 15 Mins

### INGREDIENTS

2 tbs extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle

1/2 onion, thinly sliced

150g pancetta, rind removed, cut into cubes

400g jar tomato pasta sauce

400g rigatoni

Grated pecorino or parmesan, to serve

### METHOD

**Step 1** Heat oil in a frypan over medium heat, add the onion and cook for 2-3 minutes until softened. Add the pancetta and cook for a further 5 minutes or until slightly crispy. Add the sauce and bring to a simmer.

**Step 2** Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil, add the pasta and cook until al dente. Drain.

**Step 3** Toss the pasta with the sauce until combined, then serve with grated pecorino and a drizzle of oil.



### Riddles

1. What has a single eye but cannot see?
2. What has one foot but not a single leg?
3. What has feet and legs, but nothing else?
4. What is little in Arab and big in Barcelona?
5. What is little in Arab and big in Barcelona?
6. What is little in Arab and big in Barcelona?
7. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?

### Answers to last fortnight's riddles:

1. Yesterday
2. Add a letter G and it's GONE
3. A palm
4. A horse
5. They aren't that tall
6. Your breath.
7. A fence



## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PENSURST RESIDENTS

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### **Western District Health Service Social Support Group**

In response to your feedback we are offering the following new programs supporting you to live well, remain independent and enjoying being part of the community.

**Commencing THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2019**

New features include:

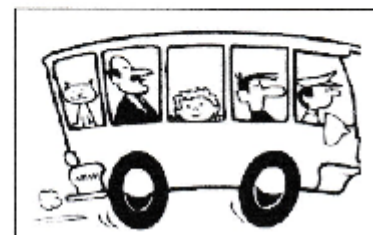
1. START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS AT THE SHEPPARD CENTRE – weekly
2. SOCIAL GATHERING AT THE SHEPPARD CENTRE - weekly
3. COMMUNITY BUS TRIP – (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

Please note:

- Community members are welcome to attend Exercise Group only from 10am – 11am
- Inclusive of cost of Exercise Class should you wish to attend the Social gathering
- Bookings essential , please phone to discuss interest
- Weekly costs vary depending on what you wish to participate in

*We look forward to seeing you*

Brenda Uebergang  
Social Support Group Manager  
Ph 55518472  
Brenda.Uebergang@wdhs.net





## A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

**Tongue Twister Starting With K**

Can you say this very fast?

Kinky kite kits.  
A knapsack strap.  
Keenly cleaning copper kettles.  
Come kick six sticks quick.  
Kiss her quick, kiss her quicker,  
kiss her quickest!

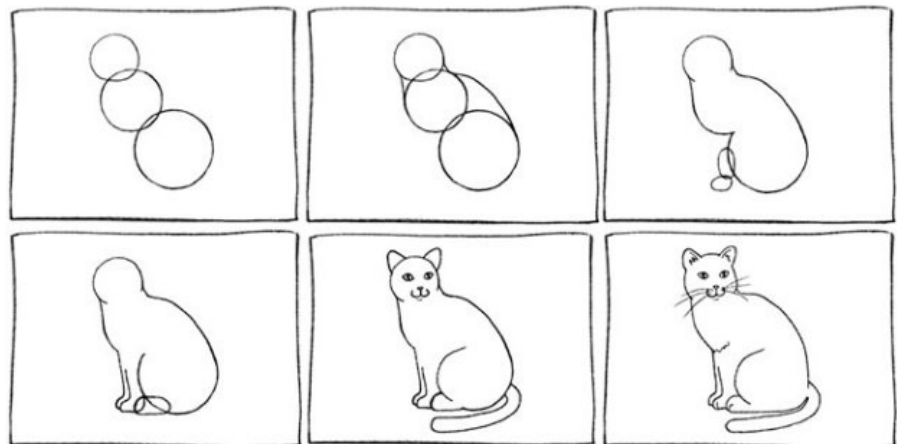
**My Precious Kitty.**

There is my beautiful creature.  
Lying lazily in the window seal.  
Soaking up the sunshine.  
Just another lazy day for her.  
My sweet precious.  
I slowly take a brush and comb  
out her shiny fur.  
She responds with a loving purr.

Samantha Adkins (from the  
internet)



How to draw a cat.



Growing up means having fun, dreaming dreams, climbing trees, and breaking rules. It means taking time to read and write, to play with words, to explore and create new meanings for old sayings, and tying our tongues up in knots—which is why we have a tongue twister and a simple poem about a 'Kitty' on our K page. Can you write another? What is your favourite K word?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In this section we welcome your comments and views. If you have good news or a burning issue please send a letter to the Editor at :


**[mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com).**

The Editor reserves the right to decide on which letters will be published and whether to precis longer submissions.



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Norm Thomas – Heywood,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – John – Hamilton,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Maureen Ackerley – Portland,
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Dr. Bryant – Hamilton,
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Val – Hamilton.

*Thank you to all who  
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March Market*

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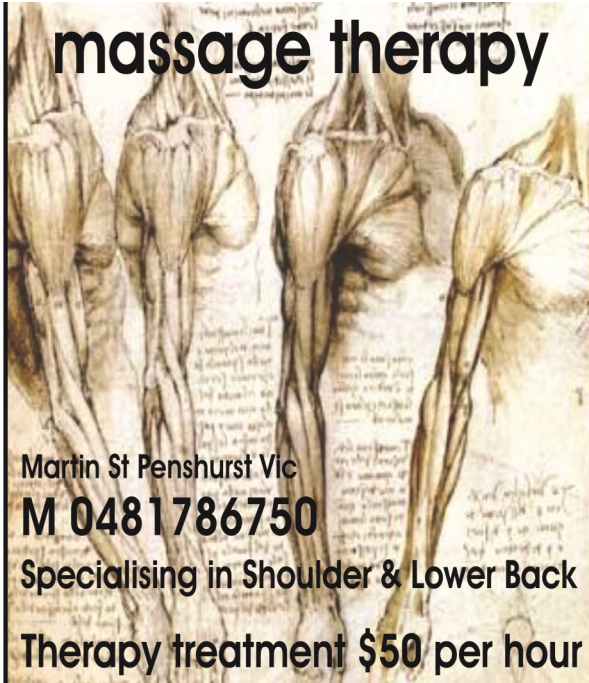
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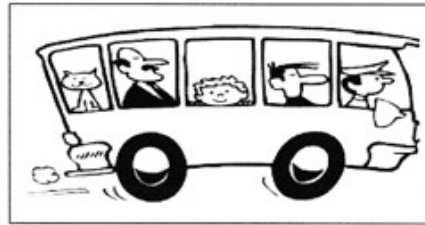


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### SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM – MAY 2019

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am---- <i>Followed by morning tea</i> ---- Brenda joining us for morning tea Welcome/ introduction and what activities provide you with SPARK. Quizzes/ Bingo after lunch	Sheppard Centre
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by morning tea</i> ---- GUEST SPEAKER for Mother's day Mother's day activities. Primary school visit after lunch	Sheppard Centre
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	No exercises or social gathering at Sheppard Centre COMMUNITY BUS TRIP to PORT FAIRY via tower Hill for Fish & chips lunch & Op Shopping – <b><u>BOOK YOUR SEAT BY TUESDAY 7TH MAY</u></b>	Meet at PDHS Carpark Leaving: 10am Arrive home: 3pm
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by Anti-Cancer Councils Biggest Morning tea</i> -- MUSIC with Max Rees after lunch	Sheppard Centre
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by morning tea</i> ---- News Discussions, Picnic Lunch and coffee outing	Sheppard Centre

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**TAIL END TALES****IVAN, HORSES AND BEER**

When I was a kid, all the local sports meetings had horse events, as well as running races, tug of war, spitting cherry pips and so on.

There was a bloke called Ivan Chamberlain (long gone now) who you would not see for months on end, but a crowd, a horse and a booth selling beer, Ivan was there. Ivan worked on farms, boats and drove machinery. He would work for weeks then blow the money.

He must have come from a long line of expert horseman, because he had supreme confidence in his ability and he certainly knew how to get on a horse. He fell off every horse I saw him get on and in a way that made the crowd wince with shared pain.

This was another feature of Ivan; he could grow skin and mend faster than a lizard could grow back its tail. He would turn up in the Interstate Hotel with a clean-shaven face, white shirt and tie, wearing a dark blue blazer with brass buttons. As a kid, waiting outside, it was scary to hear a commotion in the hotel and then Ivan step outside to fight an opponent. His first move was to remove the blazer and when he got it down to his elbows, they all punched him as hard as they could. He never lost a fight as such but my word he lost some blood. He did not win one either. A day out with Ivan mostly ended up with him bashed and bloody, but that was life. He was a character and harmless to everyone but himself.

Ivan could grow a beard in a matter of days, and it was remarkable to see a bloodied and battered Ivan one day and Banjo Patterson the next (well, maybe 3 or 4 days).

Anyway, I was at the Emta Sports and they had one race called the Fairhaven Cup which was sponsored by the people who used to own Richmond Brewery (bought by CUB) It was the only horse race for the day but there was lots of horse events like spearing hoops and slalom barrels or whatever.

To give the rest of the field a fair go, Ivan settled into the boozier and began putting the other jockeys off their game. It was an interesting ploy. None of the other jockeys were within cooee. By the time the race was ready to start, Ivan was as full as a tick.

The race was a ramshackle affair at best and when the starter said go, Ivan and his borrowed horse bolted to the front and stayed there until the home turn. The rest of the field was made up of overweight and under trained farm hacks with the exception of one thoroughbred ridden by an old bloke who dreamt of being a jockey and had shortened the stirrup straps so leg cramps made him ride standing up. This proved a handicap because he covered the course in withering bursts of about 20 metres before having to stop and get his balance. Then go again.

An outsider would have said Ivan and the horse were in an unbeatable position, but the horse had other ideas.

On the home turn the horse ran off the track straight towards a bunch of tea tree scrub. At the last stride the horse stepped sideways and Ivan shot off into the bush. The horse still won by about 20 lengths but with no jockey.

Ivan emerged bloodied and with his beard full of twigs and in a more sombre mood. He went and had a sleep on the back seat of his car before the dancing started that night.... to be continued ..

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