

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Penshurst Mens Shed Inc

F R E E E V E R Y F O R T N I G H T

Another success for the VDC Volunteers

Penshurst's Volcanoes Discovery Centre has received a grant of \$2700 to help fund a bus trip for volunteers and buy a new computer to help staff give presentations to visiting schools and tour groups.

The member for Wannon, Dan Tehan, joined volunteers to celebrate the grant and to praise the work they do keeping the centre operating since it opened in 2003.

"Obviously there is a great centre here but it's only as good as the commitment the volunteers put in," Mr Tehan said. He believed the centre was vitally important



for a small town like Penshurst and the need to tap into tourists travelling between such Victorian tourism icons as The Great Ocean Road and the Grampians.

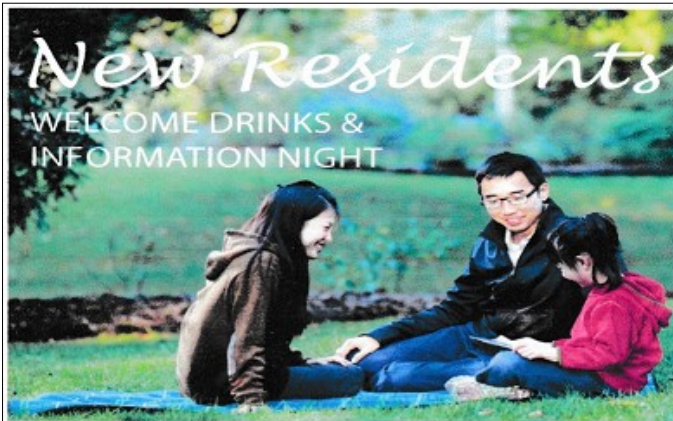
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 1st June 2019

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.

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Welcome...

New residents of the Southern Grampians Shire are invited to join us for an evening of celebration and information at The Hub, Hamilton.

Councillors, Shire Staff and a number of community and sporting groups will be in attendance to provide information and to answer any questions you may have about settling into our Shire.

Date: Wednesday 29 May 2019

Time: 5.30 - 7.00pm

Venue: Shop 10, The Hub
Gray Street, Hamilton

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Autumn in the Gardens
2019

A recent photo of the Gazebo in the
Penshurst Botanic Gardens
Photographer: Tom Cooke

SMART AGRICULTURE

DIGITAL INNOVATION & SMART AGRICULTURE (DISA) 2019 FESTIVAL

The inaugural Greater Hamilton Digital Innovation & Smart Agriculture (DISA) 2019 Festival will be held on Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 May.

Festival Highlights are:

- Smart Farm Tours | Tuesday 21 May On farm demonstrations showcasing new technologies that push boundaries!
- DISA Conference | Wednesday 22 May A range of speakers from across the country will present on topics such as sensor technology, public Wi-Fi, smart lighting, drone technology in agriculture and open data.
- Digital Education & Innovation Hub | Thursday 23 May 3-7pm | Free Entry Come and try a variety of digital technologies in pop up Labs and creative spaces such as 3D experiences, drones, Minecraft and robotics.

Further information and tickets can be found on disa.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

The Botanic Gardens Master Plan

This Wednesday night (22nd) the Progress Association meets to go through the Botanic Gardens Master Plan. It was created by many people, most of whom don't live in Penshurst. They don't share the memories of those who grew up in the town and played in the gardens, in a time before the rules came in that banned people from the water or from climbing trees, and rolling down the grass hills. Those are my memories of summer days in a town in a suburb of Sydney. I grew up in the home of a 'gardener'. They are a treasured people. They see past the back-breaking hard work to what their gardens will look like 'once its had time to settle and grow in'. And our Botanic Gardens has had plenty of time to settle, and now needs to be refurbished, or re-created, as it once again claims its title of 'Botanic Garden', rather than just 'park'. Other changes are expressed in the document, which is available online at <http://www.penshurstvictoria.com.au/Penshurst%20Progress%20Association.html>. Everyone is welcome at the meeting as we review what was chosen as a priority by others, so that we can make it a priority of our own. The gardens and the 'Never Fail Spring' are a gift that never stops giving. We hope to see you there.

Ama Cooke



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Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd May, 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

A few minor facts and figures



On the right is a snapshot from the draft Community Action Plan. We'll have it at the meeting on Wednesday but the focus will be the Gardens Master Plan because the Council wants our feedback, and they do have \$100,000 allocated in their Shire Budget, if it gets passed in June. A sum like that, these days, doesn't add up to much, so we want to be able to say 'we think this should be the next step for the gardens', and we need your help to make the right decisions. If you don't make the meeting, the choices will be in this newsletter next fortnight and feedback will be appreciated ... Ama Cooke

Penshurst Population in a Nutshell - total 624 (2016 Census)

Age Structure	No. of people	% of total population
0-19 years	145	23%
18-24 years	18	3%
25-44 years	88	14%
45-64 years	203	33%
65-74 years	92	15%
75+ years	70	12%

Progress Association Projects

Growth

Septic or Sewerage – continue the discussion with the SGSC

Economic -

Shop local, support a friend

Support local events & activities

Revitalise our streetscape

Enhance our community assets -

1 understand our community members

2 Support our 'Friends of' groups

- Yatmerone

- Botanic Gardens

- Mt Rouse Reserve

3 Improve cycling/walking tracks

Action our Botanic Gardens Masterplan

Encourage and support

Tourism ventures

More in the next Newsletter

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Community Bank® Branch**Farm Management Deposits**

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Birches Bus - a wonderful asset

An incredible community achievement was recognised recently, with the official viewing of The Birches Residential Aged Care Bus. We were thrilled to be able to support this wonderful cause, contributing \$15,000 towards the purchase. Our Bank Board Chairman, Craig Oliver, auxiliary member, Peter Tew and Western District Health Service CEO, Rohan Fitzgerald are pictured, admiring the wonderful asset at the official unveiling of the bus at a morning tea in Gray Street Hamilton, also attended by branch Manager, Anna Watson.

**New Staff Arrival**

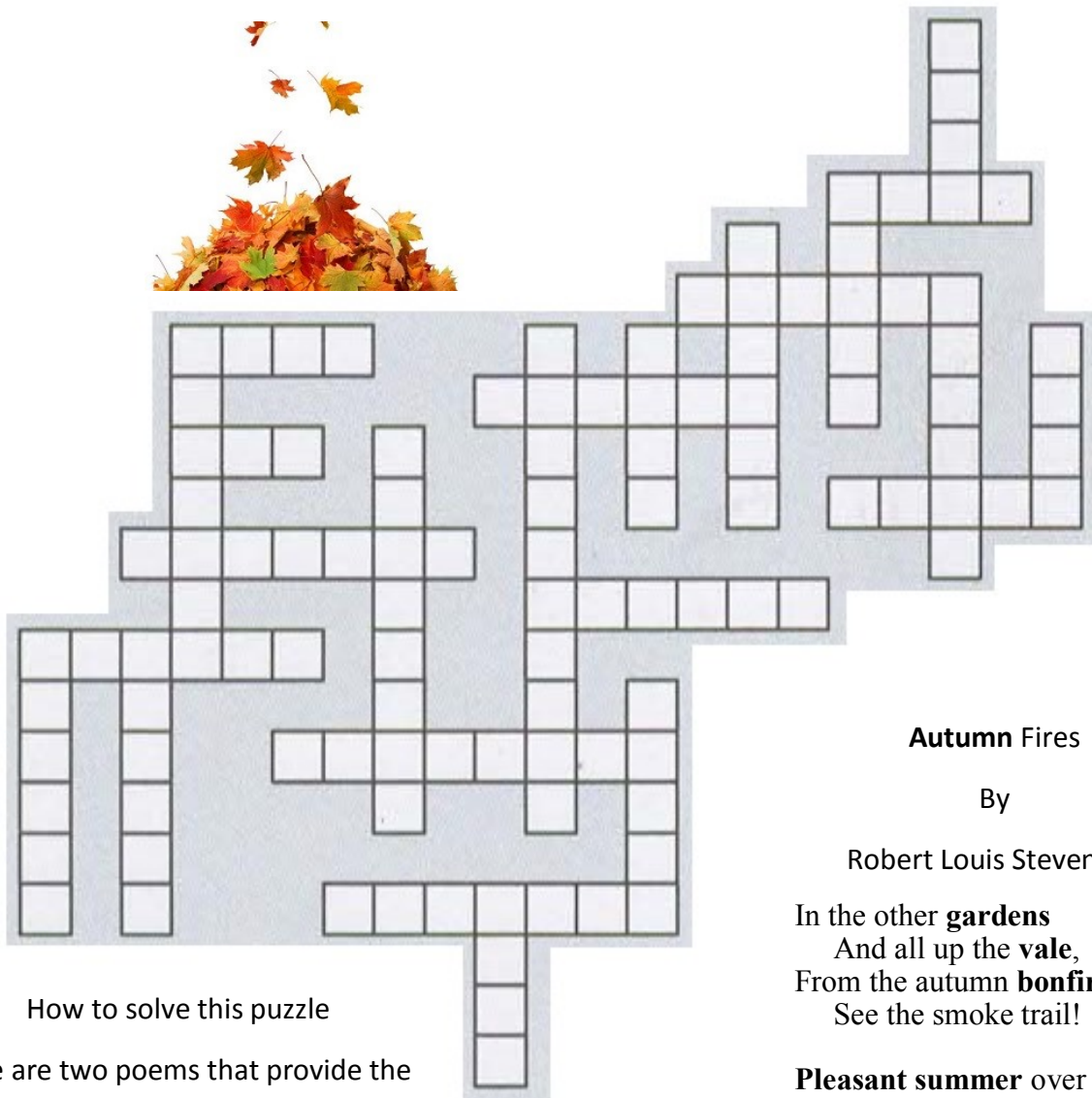
This week we welcomed Angela Linke to our staff who joins us as a Customer Service Officer. Ange is married to Brett and has two sons, Jackson and Oscar. They live on a farm at Mount Napier. Ange has had previous banking experience and is pleased to return to banking, just as we are pleased to have her as part of our team.

**Recycle For Sight**

The Dunkeld Lions Club are supporting the International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program, with contributions greatly appreciated. Any donations can be left at the branch in the basket provided.



Mt Rouse Puzzler Autumn



How to solve this puzzle

There are two poems that provide the clues for this smoky Autumn Fill-it-in. One is here on the page and the other you'll have to find. You'll notice in both that some words are highlighted ...



Autumn Fires

By

Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other **gardens**
And all up the **vale**,
From the autumn **bonfires**
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer **flowers**,
The **red fire** blazes,
The **grey smoke towers**.

Sing a **song** of **seasons**!
Something **bright** in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Please note: the longest clue is made up of one word with the word 'man' added to it. It is what I used to call one of the poems.

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8am – 7pm Sunday

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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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The following recipe will spice up your mid week pork

Pork cutlets with spicy Asian slaw—Serves 4

Prep: 10 Mins Cooking 10 Mins

INGREDIENTS

1/4 red cabbage, shredded	1 tbs caster sugar
1/4 white cabbage, shredded	2 tbs soy sauce for slaw and 2 for pork
1 carrot, finely shredded	1 1/2 tbs lime juice
1 red onion, thinly sliced	2 tbs fish sauce
1 cup mint leaves	2 long red chillies, seeds removed, finely chopped
1 cup coriander leaves	4 x 170g pork cutlets
1 kaffir lime leaf, shredded	1 tbs sunflower oil
1/4 cup (60ml) rice vinegar	1 tbs honey

METHOD

Step 1 To make the Asian slaw, place the cabbage, carrot, onion, mint, coriander and kaffir lime leaf in a bowl. Combine rice vinegar, sugar, soy sauce, lime juice, fish sauce and chilli in a small bowl and whisk to combine. Toss the slaw with the dressing and set aside.

Step 2 Drizzle the pork with the oil and season. Place a frypan over medium-high heat, then cook the pork for 2-3 minutes each side until golden. Reduce the heat to medium-low, then whisk the soy sauce and honey together and drizzle over the pork. Cook, turning, for a further 3-4 minutes until the pork chops are caramelised and cooked through.

Step 3 Serve the pork cutlets with the spicy Asian slaw.

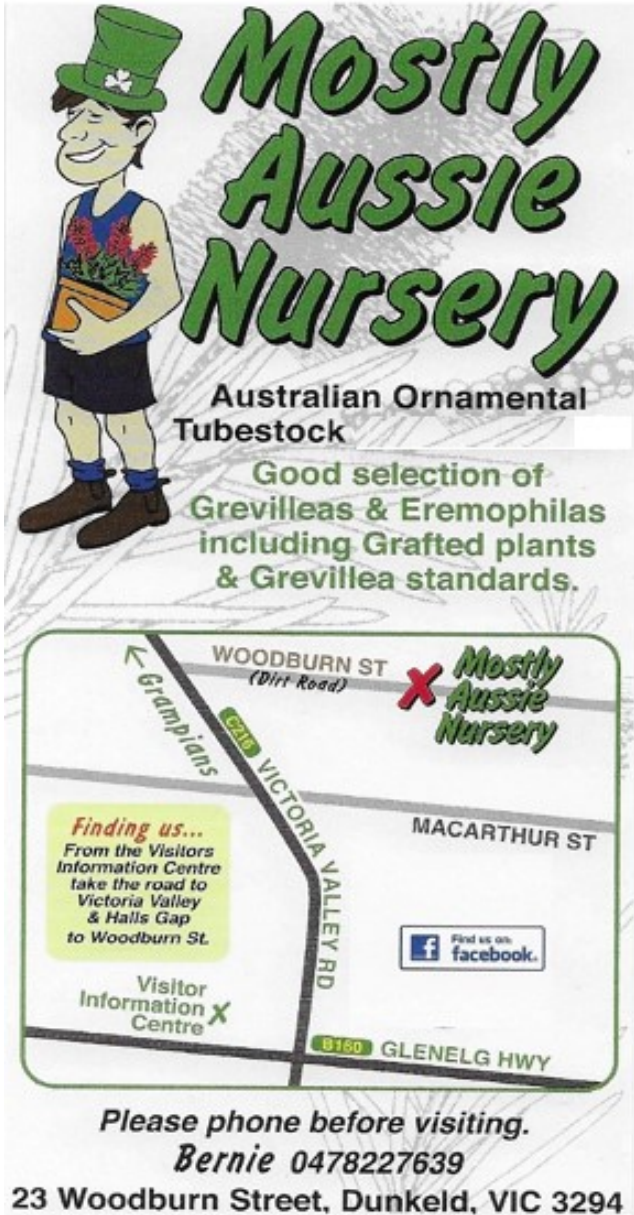


We welcome contributions to all sections of our Newsletter. Any suggestions for things you would like included please send to the Editor at: mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com

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 play-group 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.

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Words to the Wise

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it. "

Ferris Bueller

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart. " **Helen Keller**

"The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which bridge to burn. "

David Russell

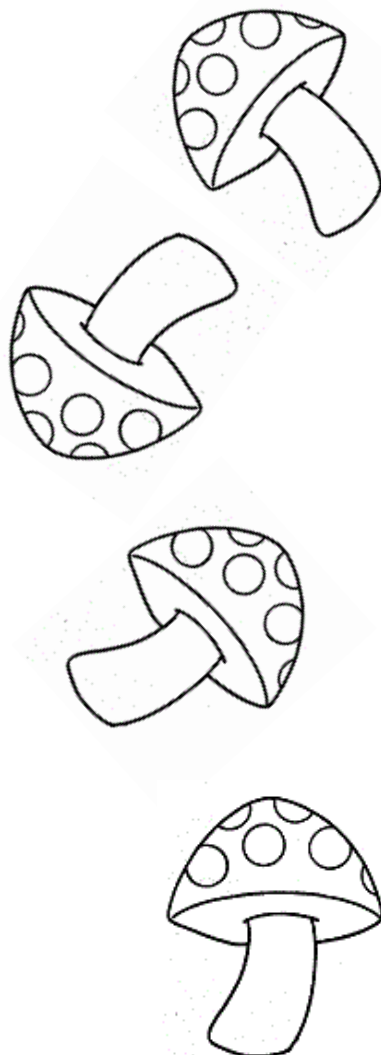
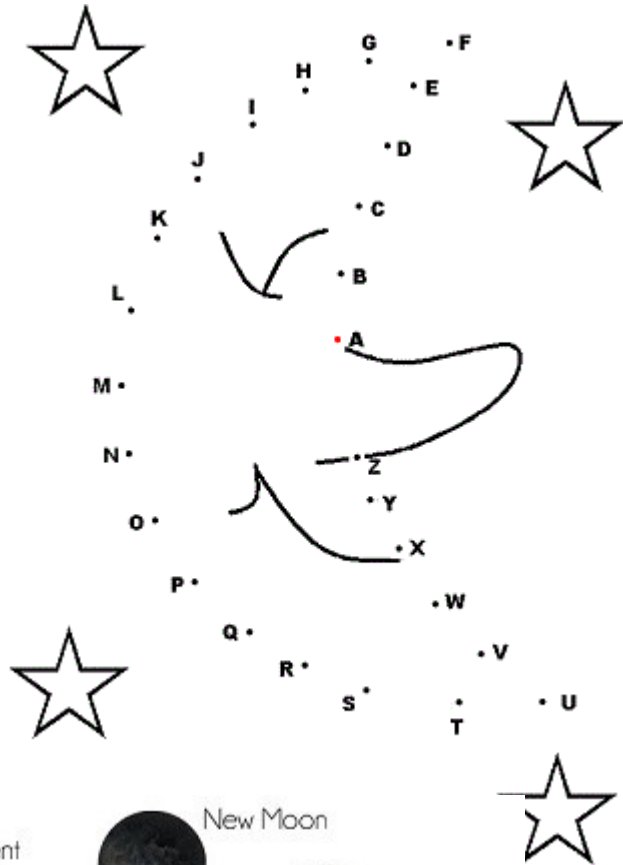
A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

When I was a small child lying in the dark under
the full moon, I would remember this poem and
shiver ..

Windy Nights By Robert Louis Stevenson

Whenever the **moon** and **stars** are set,
Whenever the **wind** is high,
All night long in the dark and wet,
A man goes **riding** by.
Late in the night when the fires are out,
Why does he **gallop** and gallop about?

Whenever the trees are **crying** aloud,
And **ships** are **tossed** at sea,
By, on the **highway**, low and loud,
By at the gallop goes he.
By at the gallop he goes, and then
By he comes back at the gallop again.



I'm the moon and I play a game.
I don't always look the same.

Sometimes I'm round,
A silver sphere.

Sometimes just half of me
Seems to be here.

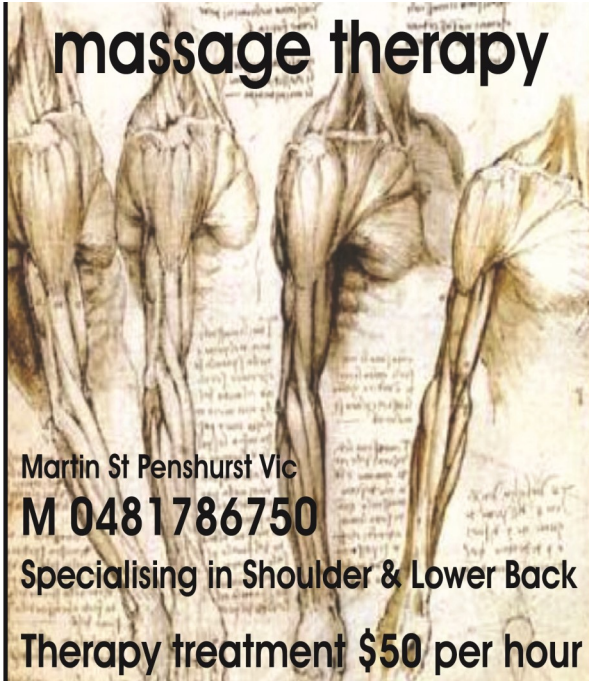
Sometimes I'm a crescent,
Shaped like a smile.

Sometimes I surprise you
And hide for awhile.

Look up in the sky
For my friendly light.

What shape will I have
When you see me tonight?

- Author unknown



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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.

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

Another success for the VDC committee (continued from page 1)

The VDC management committee president, Brian O'Brien, also thanked the many volunteers over the 16 years the centre had been operating.

"If we didn't have volunteers, many groups in country towns would collapse," Mr O'Brien said. "We are up around our long-term average of 25 volunteers at the VDC .., we keep chugging along. I have always told the volunteers that we will keep going as long as enough volunteers want us to keep going.

"We are still going well and have extended our opening to Wednesdays, so we are now open for five days a week which is a pretty good effort."

VDC treasurer, Paul Callander, said the grant would enable a bus trip for volunteers to places like Mt Eccles, Byaduk caves and the Tumuli to boost their knowledge about district volcanic attractions.

"The other thing is we give presentations to school groups and adult tour groups. We have an old Apple computer ... which is basically getting to the end of its legs and needs to be replaced," Mr Callander added.

Mr O'Brien said the VDC had been disappointed it had missed out on a \$350,000 Federal Government grant which would have transformed the centre, both inside and outside, but would now return to seek a major grant from Regional Development Victoria. He praised the tremendous time and detail that Mr Callander had put into the Federal and State grant applications.

Mr Tehan encouraged the volunteers to keep applying for major grants so they can continue to update the VDC, which will hopefully draw younger volunteers to the centre, to take the reins of the brilliant facility they had selflessly created for the town and its tourists.

PIC: Wannon MP, Dan Tehan, thanks volunteers (from left) Barry Schurmann, Evan Kelly, Diane Dujela, Jo Vigliaturo, Brian O'Brien, Paul Callander and Val Rentsch, for their efforts in keeping the centre running.

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SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM – June 2019

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
June 6 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am--- <i>Followed by morning tea---</i> 11.20am-12:30-table games/scrabble/whiteboard games/cards/jigsaw puzzles PM: Queen's birthday activities	Sheppard Centre
June 13 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by morning tea---</i> 11:20am-12:30. Cooking lunch, fish, chips and salad, dessert and afternoon tea PM: 1.30pm-We visit Primary school	Sheppard Centre
20 th June	No exercises or social gathering at Sheppard Centre COMMUNITY BUS TRIP-ALL DAY <i>Parupa Metal Art</i> Lunch at Lake Bolac Hotel BOOK YOUR SEAT BY TUESDAY 9 th June	Meet at PDHS Carpark Leaving: 10am Arrive home: 3pm
June 27 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by Anti-Cancer Councils Biggest Morning tea---</i> 11.20am-Guest Speaker 1:30PM: MUSIC afternoon	Sheppard Centre

Please note:

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

All bookings to be in by Tuesday of each week

Phone Social Support Group 55518381 / 0417017728

Just for a Laugh

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

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TAIL END TALES

HISTORY NOTES—Taken from “Penshurst Portraits”

Pastoral settlement in the Penshurst area was the Mount Rouse pastoral run (1839), which ended in 1840 when the land was resumed for the Mount Rouse Aboriginal Protectorate. The protectorate ended within about six years and the land reverted to pastoralism. In 1851 a place on the road to Hamilton (now the Hamilton Highway) was chosen near the former Aboriginal reserve for a village. Its name was probably inspired by Penshurst in Kent, England. The Mount Rouse Road District was established in 1860 and Penshurst was made the administrative centre of the Mount Rouse shire in 1864.

By 1865 Penshurst had a school (1858), three hotels and a Presbyterian church. A Catholic church was opened in 1867 and a flour mill was opened in about 1870. The town's population approached 500 people during the 1870s. In 1890 Penshurst became a minor railway junction, where the line from Koroit diverged to Hamilton (westwards) and Dunkeld (northwards). The junction lasted only until 1898, however, when the minor line to Dunkeld was closed. A Catholic convent and school were opened in the 1880s and a butter factory was opened in 1899.

During the first decade of the 1900s there was considerable closer-settlement farm activity around Penshurst. Aspects of Penshurst are described in *Good bye girlie*, Patsy Adam-Smith's autobiography which begins with her life in Penshurst before World War II.

A bush-nursing hospital was opened in 1925, and after World War II it was rebuilt as a larger memorial hospital. The postwar boom years also enabled the construction of a swimming pool (1960) in place of an earlier baths (1920). During 1940-51, as a result of war-time requirements, one of the Western District's flax mills operated at Penshurst. In 1966 the butter factory was taken over by Murray Goulburn and closed soon afterwards.

Riddles

Answers to these riddles are in this newsletter

1. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 1/2 goat?
2. I'm heavy but not backwards. What am I?
3. What jumps when it walks and sits when it stands?
4. Everyone has me but nobody can lose me. What am I?
5. Which Boston Red Sox player wears the biggest hat?
6. What has thousands of ears but can't hear a thing?
7. Who gets paid when they drive away their customers?



Answers to last fortnight's riddles

1. A ruler. 2. Roman Numerals. 3. Time. 4. One, after which the basket is no longer empty.
5. Keeping cows warm. 6. Dam. 7. A telephone