

# 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**

**Exploring our volcanic past - VDC Volunteers climb the Tumuli thanks to their Federal Government Grant.**



VDC volunteers inspect the weird and wonderful Tumuli at Wallacedale. Story page 3.

Photographer: Barry Schurmann

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 27th July 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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**Exploring our Volcanic Past (continued)**

Volunteers at the Volcanoes Discovery Centre (VDC) have taken the opportunity of Federal Government funding to boost their knowledge of district volcanic attractions.

About twelve VDC volunteers travelled to Mt Eccles, Byaduk Caves and the Tumuli at Wallacedale.

The bus trip was part of a \$2779 Federal Government grant. A portion of the grant was also used to buy a new laptop computer to help staff give presentations to schools and tour groups visiting the centre.

VDC management committee president, Brian O'Brien, said it was an opportunity for volunteers to increase their knowledge of district attractions which they can impart to visitors to the centre.

"Like a lot of volunteers, I have been to the local volcanic attractions such as Mt Eccles, Byaduk Caves, the Wallacedale Tumuli, Wannon and Nigretta Falls and Mt Napier, but it was many moons ago. The trip was really to re-acquaint ourselves with the many astonishing features we have in our own backyard", Mr O'Brien said.

The VDC management committee also hopes to have a trip to the Budj Bim region in September-October.

"Now that the Budj Bim area has achieved World Heritage listing, the number of visitors is expected to substantially increase, as the unique Aboriginal way of farming eels and building stone houses becomes better known," Mr O'Brien continued.

"On the trip we have just taken, the Tumuli was a personal highlight. There are only believed to be two other lava blisters such as the Tumuli in the world. (The other sites are in Africa and Iceland). When you have something so rare it's imperative that we look after it and try and get across its uniqueness to the nearly 2000 people who visit our centre annually," he added.

The Tumuli (pictured above) are circular mounds or hummocks of rocks up to 10 metres high and 20 meters in diameter. Usually, the dome is completely solid, but occasionally, part of the liquid core drains out and the top of the dome subsides to leave a central hollow or donut-shaped mound.

**Thinking about getting involved in our town's activities ...****Volcanoes Discovery Centre**

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Opening hours Wed-Fri: 11am-3pm;

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Come and talk to our friendly volunteers





### SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM – July 2019

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am---- <i>Followed by morning tea----</i> 11.20am-12:30- <i>Scrapbooking Demo with Aileen</i> PM: BINGO/QUIZZES/WHITEBOARD/GAMES/TABLE GAMES	Sheppard Centre
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by morning tea----</i> 11:20am-12:30. <i>Guest Speaker: Continence nurse</i> PM: 1.30pm- <i>Indoor bowls</i>	Sheppard Centre
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	No exercises or social gathering at Sheppard Centre COMMUNITY BUS TRIP-ALL DAY to <i>Lake Bolac Parupa Art</i> <b>BOOK YOUR SEAT BY <u>TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	Meet at PDHS Carpark Leaving: 10am Arrive home: 3pm
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by Morning tea—</i> Bohemian Rhapsody movie all day	Sheppard Centre

Please note:

- Community members are welcome to attend Exercise Group only from 10am – 11am at Sheppard Centre. Morning tea to follow
- 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

Was in the gym earlier and decided to jump on the treadmill.

People were giving me weird looks, so I started jogging instead.





To the left: the new Lion's Club crew with Macarthur Lion & Installation Officer—Andrew Duyvestyn.  
Ex - President - John Page,  
President - John Watson,  
Secretary - Sue Jellie,  
Treasurer - Anna Watson,  
Tail Twisters - Don Adamson & Jeff Jellie who is also Vice President & Lion Tamer - Judy Drane.

### Lions Club Change Over Dinner 5th July, 2019



Above: Paula Cook received the 'Community Service Award'.



The night was great fun, the Penshurst Hotel gave us a fine meal and a good time was had by all.



## EVENT ASSISTANCE

An initiative of

Southern Grampians Shire

Council recently held an events forum day to provide assistance for any group that wishes to arrange an event within the shire in future. The Council's Visitor Service Team is available to assist you promote the event. Council has many resources available for those planning events and these can be accessed by going to the SGSC web site and searching "Event assistance". You will find the contents of all presentations from the latest forum together with summaries of key learnings from previous events, presentation slides, grant information and relevant contacts.

Once you have confirmed details of your event (Title, Date, Time, Location, Description, Contact, etc.) contact the Visitor Services team at council who will assist you.

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## Penshurst Progress Association

ABN 35 622 662 815

Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – President 0402 870 738

Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary

Mary Stewart

Vice President – Tom Cooke

Nigel Pyne

Treasurer – Marjorie Dalla Costa

Don Adamson

***Next Meeting: Wednesday 24th July, 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.***

### Change of Plans

The Council rang last week and advised that they have changed the style of the 7th August Community Engagement meeting to a more casual format. They compared the change to the Listening Post visit, which seems to have worked very well, so when I suggested, because the Hall is so cold and the days still gets dark early, we move it to later in the year - they were delighted. So .. **the Community Engagement meeting will now be on Wednesday 2nd October, commencing at 5.00pm** with a visit to the various scenic spots (the top of Mt Rouse and a town tour) and continue with a free barbeque in the Botanic Gardens. We'll all have a chat, and remember to take notes.

### Running out of time

Time to give us your 'time capsule' contributions so that we can seal them away safely in their canister for insertion into the last wall. You will have noticed that the main Gardens entrance is now completed and work has started on the Caravan Park gate. The design will be the same, after some discussion with the new Council engineer. Part of next week's Progress Association meeting will be looking at the signs at the main entrance, caravan park, and those in the Park themselves. Would you like to be part of the discussion? Come to the meeting, or sign onto the 'Friends of the Botanic Gardens' group. It's our chance to create something wonderful.

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight.

Ama Cooke

### Penshurst Memorial Hall

A tale of three windows.

Not so long ago the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP, owners of the building) contacted the Hall Committee and suggested we might like to apply for some 'end of financial year' grants, under the provision of 'Health & Safety' to provide some of the upgrades needed in the building. They suggested the windows as a possibility as they were part of the Pick my Project grant we had originally applied for. We jumped at the chance, but as the grant was limited, we chose the Supper Room. The only challenge was that the work had to be done and paid for by the 30th June.

Our builder and supplier came to the party and we had our quotes in within a day or two. They were accepted, the money would be supplied, and then - we had a conversation with Heritage and it all went on the backburner. We cancelled the grant with great regret because we would not be able to complete the project in time.

A week or so later DELWP contacted us again and gave us the grant money and offered more assistance with the project, which now has to go through 'Planning' at the SGSC. You'll be hearing from us.



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### The Penshurst Men's Shed Outreach Program

The other Saturday, while working at a sausage sizzle to raise funds towards the Penshurst Community Garden, we invited the members of the WDHS Hamilton Social Support Group to visit us at the Shed. A couple of weeks later the men joined with some of our members for a chat and snags, ably cooked by Nigel (below), who has designated himself as chief cook, a position we are happy to bestow on him. The men discussed subjects, both serious and light-hearted, and we have been told that they had a wonderful visit.

Our program of visits to Kolar Lodge continues, as do plans for the Community Garden at the Penshurst Public School.

Having just passed through the 'planning process' with Council for the Shed extension, we now await our 'building permit' and then it will be 'all hands to the pumps' (no, no, the plumber has just been to visit), or some such phrase, as South West Sheds and Homes arrives to transform our workspace by more than doubling the size. So far 2019 has been a very busy year - between pianos, rocking-horses and plans



**Penshurst Men's Shed Inc**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 20th July 2019**

**3.00pm at the Shed**

103 Cobb Street.

**Everyone welcome.**

Getting ready for an exciting  
new year.

for small deer, the future looks rosy for the men (and women) of the Shed.

As advised in the last newsletter, the Shed is open to men only Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, and to the Community on Tuesday afternoons for the Social gathering. Please note we have moved the hours of the Social to 1.00pm - 4.00pm for the winter.

Yearly membership is \$25.00, which covers your insurance. Fund raising is done through sale of our products, and the sizzles. We are delighted to accept commissions, such as those that have created the various sizes of tables and planter pots. For more information, drop into the Shed or call Tom Cooke (VP) on 0488 557 345 or Mark Dalla Costa (Secretary) on 0409 192 612.

**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.

Would you like your group listed here, contact Mark on 0409192612 or email [mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com)

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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

The following recipe will warm the whole family this winter

***Slow Cooker Beef and Red Wine Casserole - Serves 4***

Prep: 25 Mins Cooking 6 hours

**INGREDIENTS**

1 kg chuck beef steak, cut into pieces	1 capsicum diced
2 tbs plain flour	500 g green beans cut into pieces
2 tbs oil	1 cup red wine
2 garlic cloves minced	2 bay leaves
1 onion diced	1 tsp dried rosemary
2 tbs tomato paste	1 tsp dried thyme
400 g canned crushed tomatoes	1 tbs Worcestershire sauce
2 carrots diced	Salt and pepper to taste

**METHOD**

**Step 1** Cut steak into 2.5 cm cubes. Coat beef cubes in plain flour.

**Step 2** Heat fry pan and add oil. Brown beef.

**Step 3** Add all ingredients into slow cooker and cook on high for 4-6 hours or low for 6-8 hours.

Serve with freshly made tagliatelle or mashed potatoes

**Riddles**

1. What did the hangman get his wife for her birthday?
2. A skin have I, more eyes than one. I can be very nice when I am done. What am I?
3. I can run but not walk. Whereever I go, thought follows me close behind?
4. Why was the dog kicked out of the flea circus?
5. What is bought by the metre and worn by the foot?
6. David's father has three sons : Snap, Crackle and \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?



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**Thank you**

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**PENSURST MENS SHED**

**103 Cobb Street Penshurst**

**The shed is open:**

Monday, Wednesday and  
Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Winter hours:**

**Tuesday Social afternoon  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

*All Welcome*

**Split Dog—for the young and young at heart**

He wasn't always called 'Split-Dog', he used to be called just 'Dog'. And a handsome faithful hound he was too. Never left Ol' Joe's side.

Dog and Ol' Joe were out huntin' a 'roo. A wily old boomer who didn't wanna to be caught. He jumped to the right. BOING! Dog jumped to the right. He jumped to the left. BOING! Dog jumped to the left. Then he went behind a tree. Dog didn't know whether to go right or left. In a moment of indecision he went both ways. Now ... this is a cautionary tale ... because ... Dog split in two!!

Ol' Joe said, 'Crikey Dog! I never seen ya do that before. Better stick ya back'. So he took the wad of tobacco that lived behind his ear and chewed it up with a bit of spit until it was good and sticky and he stuck Dog back together. But Ol' Joe wasn't much good a fixin' and he stuck Dog together topsy turvy!

He stuck him two legs up and two legs down. 'Crikey!! Guess I'll hafta call ya Split-Dog from now on'.

Before ya could say *Burrumuttock*, Split-Dog was back on his feet chasing'. When two legs got tired, he just flipped himself over and kept on going. And that's how dog became Split - Dog.



PAINFUL PUNS!

Hangover: The wrath of grapes.

Income Tax: Capital punishment.

A used car is not always what it's jacked up to be.

Two silkworms were in a race. They ended up in a tie.

To my sweetheart: My cooking's gotten better since I fondue.

A robber broke into the police station and stole all the toilet seats, and the police didn't have anything to go on.

Middle Age: When actions creak louder than words.

Egotist: One who is me-deep in conversation.

Did you hear about the woman who started dating rakes and fell on hard times?

Why won't melons elope to Las Vegas? They cantaloupe.

Archaeologist: A man whose career lies in ruins.

Kleptomaniac: One who can't help himself from helping himself.

Did you hear about the snake who gave birth to a bouncing baby boa?

Once I got angry at the chef of an Italian restaurant, so I gave him a pizza my mind.

California smog test: Can UCLA?

The competition at a local dog show was quite "Ruff".

Q: How did the pig with laryngitis feel? A: Dis-gruntled.



"Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much."

Oscar Wilde

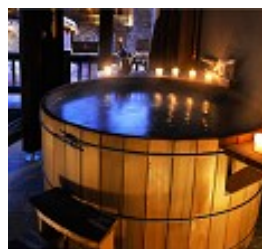


"Rover really put up a battle last night, dear, when I put him out."

Everyday is a gift, that's why they call it the present.

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience ... well, that comes from poor judgment.

If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings".



Watch this spot

**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.

**What's on in Greater Hamilton****Saturday 27th July**

Hamilton Farmers and Craft Market at HIRL, 9 am to 12 noon

**Sunday 28th July**

National Tree Day—email [biodiversity@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:biodiversity@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) for more information

Events include tree planting and other activities and are co-hosted by South West Hive the Council and local volunteers and community groups.

**Monday 29th July to August 4th**

Woolly West Fest—wool art and literacy activities based around the book “Pete the Sheep”. See website [www.woollywetsfest.com.au](http://www.woollywetsfest.com.au) for details

**Monday 29th July & Tuesday 30th July**

Creative Write-it workshops for Teens—for budding young writers aged 12 to 16. Two free workshops at the Greater Hamilton Library 4 to 5.30 pm daily. Contact 5573 0470

**Tuesday 30th**

Reading with Children—The Hub (front Lyncraft) from 10.30 am to 2 pm—5573 0470

**Penshurst Art Exhibition 2020 - Penshurst Creative Arts Inc - Penshurst Art Exhibition 2020**

The **AGM** for Penshurst Creative Arts Inc is on **Saturday 3rd August at 3.00pm**  
at the Memorial Hall Supper Room, 21 Martin Street.

Come and hear the plans for our 2020 Art Exhibition

For further information contact Tom Cooke 0488 557 345

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## A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

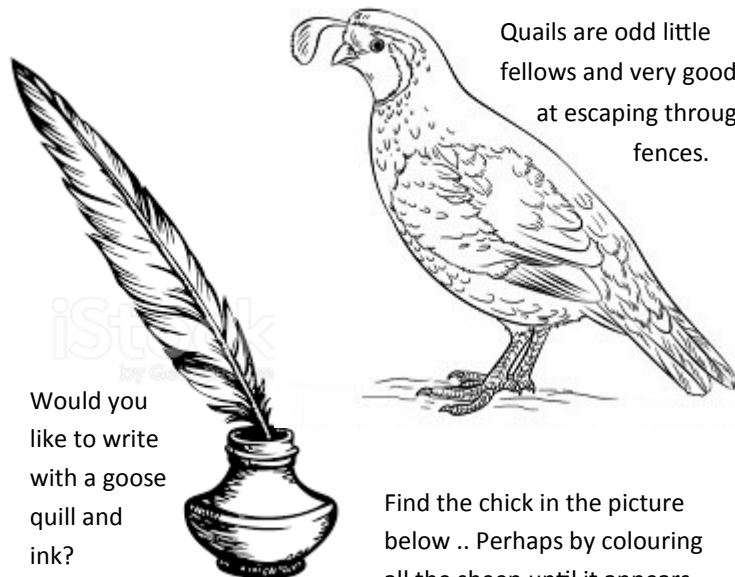
## Diving, climbing, growing, flying with the letter Q

The letter Q leads us to questions about quests and quails, and queens wearing quilts. Did your grandmother make you a quilt for winter, have you tried making one for yourself? It's fun to lay out the coloured shapes and then stitch them all together. Hundreds of years ago people would sit together around a candle carefully 'quilting' (sewing the layers together to make them warmer) their 'quilts', before storing them away in boxes to be used during the cold season. Now you can buy them at the shops, if you know where to look. It's a fun and creative experience.

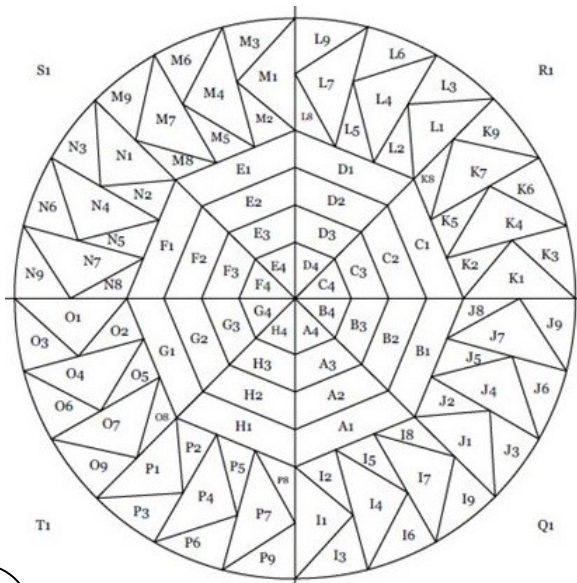
Here is a poem, that is not complicated,  
But daring and dashing,  
And quite Quest related.  
Can you write a poem, Or a story to tell,  
Of something, or someone,  
That you know quite well?  
For our letter Q page, I give you 2 quests  
To conquer the puzzles,  
And attempt our request.  
If you'd like to share  
your prose with your town,  
Ask your parents to send it  
The short way around,  
And it will appear in the newsletter here,  
As part of our celebration,  
We'll soon reach one year!

Translation for the grown ups -  
The Mt Rouse Newsletter will have its  
first birthday issue on 28th August and  
we hope to make it fun. Children's  
contributions would be very much  
appreciated. Email to us or drop them  
at the Penshurst Mens Shed.

## The Editor & Crew



Find the chick in the picture below .. Perhaps by colouring all the sheep until it appears.





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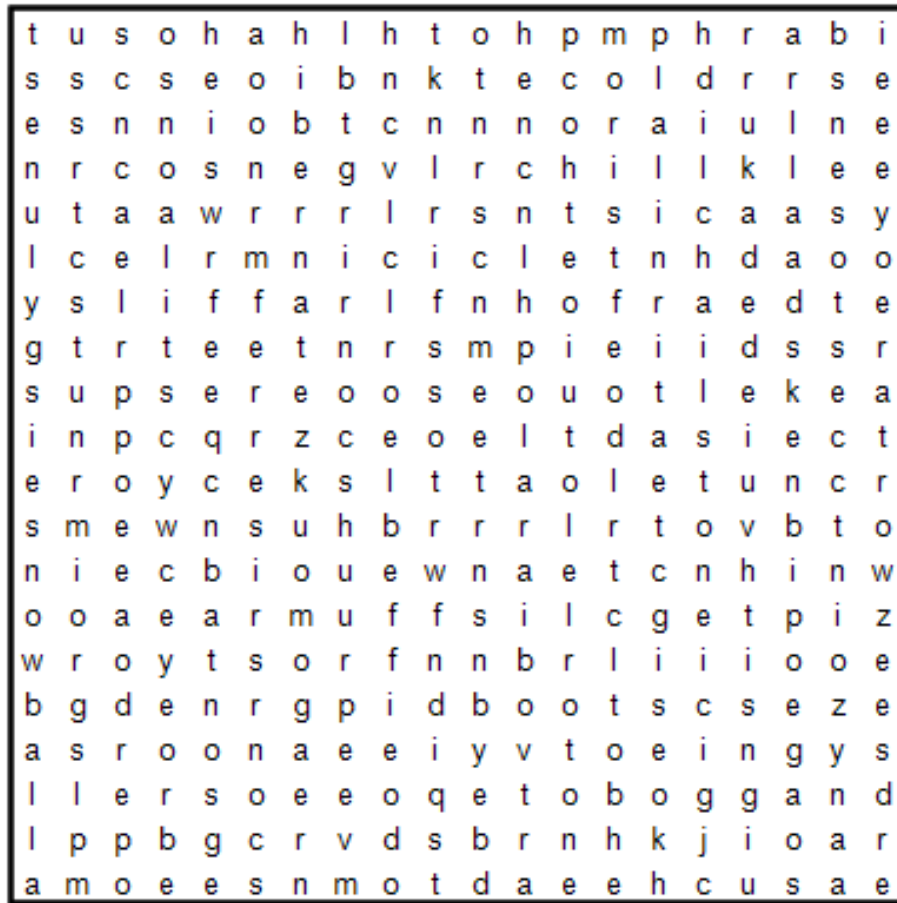
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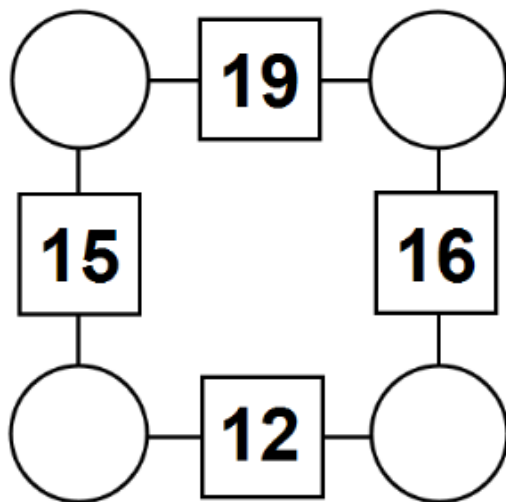
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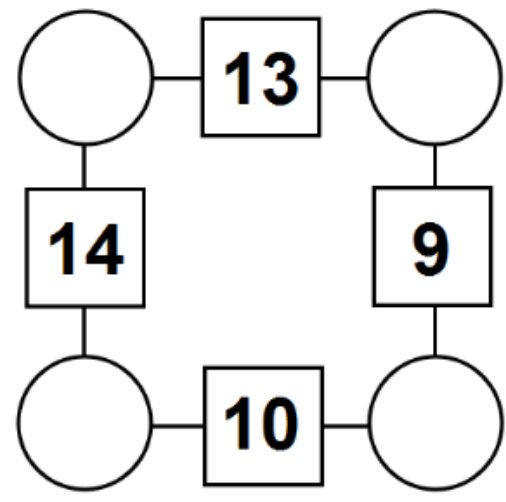
See if you can find the winter related words in our word search.

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Chill  
Cold  
Ear muffs  
Frosty  
Frozen  
Gloves  
Hailstone  
Hibernate  
Ice  
Icicle  
Polar  
Reindeer  
Scarf  
Ski  
Snow  
Snowball  
Snowman  
Socks  
Toboggan



Winter  
Arithmagons

The aim of an arithmagon is to work out which numbers go in the empty circles. The numbers in the square boxes are made by adding together the numbers in the circles either side. For example, if the number in the square box was 10 you could try



6 and 4, but the numbers must also add up on the other edges, making this more difficult than it first appears.

Answers to last fortnight's puzzle words.

Introduction laminate examination wisdom knowledge nothing imagination creation  
Illumination journey liberation concentration breakfast convention

Answers to Riddles: 1. a choker, 2. a potato, 3. a nose, 4. he stole the show, 5. carpet, 6. David, 7. charcoal.

## TAIL END TALES

Recent conversations about community gardens led to thoughts of market gardens, and we can thank Philip Doherty for this story from the internet .. Link below.

PENSHURST CHINESE MARKET GARDENERS

The following history accounts for Chinese market gardeners in Penshurst and district. Chinese convention notes the Clan or family name first (Ah), followed by the given name (Foo).

The first mention of the Chinese in Penshurst was a tragic one. The Boram Boram Cemetery records of the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1878, under Police burials, listed Ah Foo, Chinese, cause of death, cut throat, address, Penshurst, c /o Wickliffe. This was a case of suicide. There is no Ah Foo listed in the rate books, perhaps he worked on one of the stations surrounding Penshurst.

In September of the same year the Government Gazette recorded that Ah Gow, Ah Chung, and Ah Fong had taken out licences for Garden Allotments of 2 roods, 27 perches each. These allotments were surveyed out of the Town Common, (section 47) just to the west of the Spring drain. The granting of the licences was quickly followed by a letter to the Mount Rouse Shire Council.

Penshurst 4<sup>th</sup> October 1879 The Shire Council of Mount Rouse

Gentleman, I have the honour to inform you that I have obtained (in company with my partners) a garden licence for allotments 102 and 103 containing 5 acres, 7 perches situated near the Tea Tree scrub in the town of Penshurst. It is my intention to use the same as a market garden for the produce of vegetables to supply the residents in the district. Our object in securing the land referred to, was to enable us to procure a supply of water from the spring, without which the garden would be comparatively useless, and for this purpose we beg respectfully to apply for permission to lay an 1½" iron pipe from the spring to land referred to. We would attach a tap to the pipe and would guarantee not to use it for more than 12 hours out of the twenty and we would be willing to pay a reasonable fee for the use of the water. An early reply will oblige as if favourable we propose commencing operations at once.

Your obedient servant, Ah Chung , c/o Jin Kong Wah Storekeeper Hamilton.

The Council granted permission and no time was wasted in digging the new market garden and a irrigation drain surrounding the plots.

More of the Ah clan showed up in the September 1880 Govt Gazette, Ah Chunn, Ah Chin, Ah Win and Sun Kuong. They joined Ah Chung as having taken out one acre garden plots licences in the Parish of Boram Boram. The cost was 5 shillings each per annum.

With the market garden up and running, the local geese that lived around the Spring basin found it too much of a temptation. They started foraging in the crops prompting Ah Sam and the other Chinese gardeners to send a letter to the Council, dated March 1881 complaining of the destruction caused by the geese. They requested that a (shire) officer or the police constable be appointed to destroy them.

At the September 1881 Court of Petty sessions, Ah Chung was summoned for driving a horse which had a sore shoulder. He was found guilty and fined one shilling, with three shillings and sixpence costs.

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