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*Merry
Christmas*

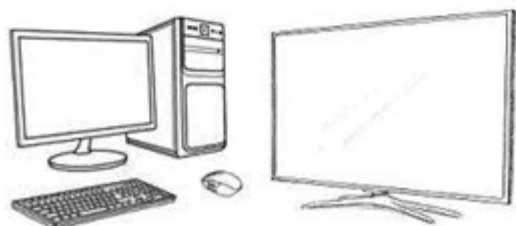
From the editorial team.

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season for 2019.

See you on 15th January 2020.

Volcanoes Discovery Centre

If new computers and TV's are popping up in your Christmas stockings, you might consider donating your older, unwanted TVs and computers to the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. The centre can use these in creating new displays. Contact: VDC (open every day January) or Brian O'Brien (0437 844 586).



Penshurst Mens Shed Hosts Christmas Barbecue for Residents of Kolor Lodge

On Wednesday 11th of December last the Penshurst Mens shed hosted a Christmas barbecue for residents of Kolor Lodge at the shed.

Our President, Nigel Pyne, assisted ably by Mary Stewart and Elisabeth Siecker, produced the food.

Members of the shed helped entertain our guests, including John, Alex and Peter who not only enjoyed the food and fellowship provided but regaled all present with entertaining stories of Penshurst past.

Thanks are due also to Beth Howlett and Deborah who volunteered their time to support the men who attended from the Lodge.

We hope to make this a regular feature for the men from Kolor Lodge to have a good outing and join in the activities at the shed.

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Joy for the Season

There was a moment when the sound and feeling of Christmas flowed out through all the doors in the Hall as the collective Penshurst Community and others lifted up their voices to express the joy for the season. Over 280 adults and children were gathered at the town's Combined Christmas Carols on Friday 8th December.



The community singing was accompanied by the Tarrington Band and Reverend David Schulz. The Male Choir, pupils from the schools of St Joseph's, Penshurst, and St Michaels, Tarrington, entertained us with the Christmas story through the carols.



Representatives from each Church delivered the Christmas themed readings. Guest Artists were Reverend Peter Cook and Sophie Rentsch.



Finally, to the delight of the smaller children Santa paid a visit distributing sweet treats. It was evident that a memorable evening was had by all, as the crowd left humming along their favourite carols.



Our thanks to everyone who participated, particularly to the Carols Committee who set up this event each year.

See you in 2020.

**PENSHURST PRESCHOOL
50TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2020 10:30 AM

**We would love to see as many past children,
families, committees, staff and community
members celebrate this very important day
with us.**

A Birthday cake and a light morning tea will be provided



**"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all
wrapped up in each other. " - Burton Hillis**

Penshurst Christmas Market

The cool conditions couldn't keep over one hundred Penshurstians in their homes as they gathered in Bell Street for the annual Christmas Market. A feature of this year's event was the variety of stallholders who sold some lovely gifts for our Christmas stockings. Our thanks to the Penshurst Lion's Club for their delicious barbeque; to Josh and Tracey Hewitt from the Takeaway for their donation of the bouncing castle; and to the children of St Joseph's & Penshurst Public Schools for the beautiful small reindeer that they decorated at the request of the Penshurst Progress Association and Men's Shed (who cut out over 40 of the 4 piece kits). The kids did a great job and being able to vote for our favourites was a lovely part of the market experience. The winners receiving their prizes, donated by John and Judy Brennan from the Post Office.



Summer Kilner won the 'decorated bike' competition, prizes also donated by the Brennans. Santa appeared and shared a bounty of sweet treats with the children, and some of the adults, before jumping back on his fire truck and disappearing into the distance.



Dwight Muskie helped with the bouncing castle.



Santa and his helpers enjoying the music



There were moments for quiet introspection



The kids enjoyed Santa's gifts



And plenty of time to talk ...



The Lion's Club hard at work

And the winning Reindeers were ... page 7.

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"I heard the bells on Christmas Day. Their old familiar carols play. And wild and sweet the words repeat. Of peace on earth goodwill to men. "

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



PENSHURST MENS SHED

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The shed will be closed from

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ABN 35 622 662 815

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Ama Cooke – President 0402 870 738

Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary

Tom Cooke - Vice President

Josh Hewitt - Treasurer

Mary Stewart

Nigel Pyne

Don Adamson

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

Two more days to let your lights shine bright in town ...

Yes, its that time of year again - when a small select group of people from the PPA will be wandering the streets after dark, admiring the spectacle and conversing on light subjects as they drift, or drive, from street to street.

The Christmas Lights in Penshurst are well worth a visit or three. So much time and energy goes into their creation, and so much joy is given to everyone who appreciates the displays. Will you join the crowd of wanders this Christmas?

As a show of appreciation for all the hard work, the Progress Association gives a light reward. For this year's competition the prizes are First - \$100, Second - \$75, Third - \$50. Judging will be done on the 20th December. It's a pleasure to see the outcome of people's efforts to decorate their homes for the season. We will advise the winners before Christmas, and everyone else through the newsletter on the 15th January.

2 - 4 - 6 - 8 Who do you appreciate?

How many unsung heroes continue to work behind the scheme to benefit Penshurst and its citizens. Who do you think would benefit from a collective pat on the back? We have this wonderful opportunity to say thank you at the Australia Day Ceremony. So will you

Attached to this newsletter is a form to nominate your 'Citizen' who deserves the recognition of the town. Please be part of this important process. The forms get dropped into the red box at the Takeaway by Tues. 31st December you can

email it to me

president@penshurstprogress.org.au . Have a few to choose from? You can nominate more than one person.

Ama Cooke, President



And the winners are:

Penshurst Public School

Grades

1. Nevaeh Carr (1st - 3rd)
 9. Maison Hiatt (4th - 6th)
- St Joseph's Primary School
19. Raine Hoyt (1st - 3rd)
 33. Adam Page (4th - 6th)



For a bit of fun this year, the Progress Association invited the children from our schools to decorate a reindeer to be displayed at the Market. As you can see, these are a wonderful example of the inventiveness of the kids, who provided much joy to a great number of visitors to the event. Thank you kids. You did us proud. See you next year.

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Laternenfest Fun

It was our pleasure to support the Laternenfest held at the Tarrington School grounds last Friday evening. The evening was a great success, with excellent crowd numbers passing through. The night culminated in a spectacular fireworks display which we contributed to with our sponsorship assistance of \$2,500.



Happy Christmas

Anna, Susan, Louise and Angela would like to wish all our wonderful customers a very happy Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year.

We thank you for your ongoing support throughout 2019. We have all enjoyed a great year, culminating in our award as 'Branch of The Year'.

We look forward to serving you in 2020, where we will again endeavour to offer the best possible service to you and your families.



A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Christmas pudding doesn't have to take so much effort when you can simply pop it into the trusty slow cooker

Slow Cooker Christmas Pudding

INGREDIENTS

375 g packet dried mixed fruit
1 Granny Smith apple, cored, peeled,
coarsely grated
200 g packet natural coloured glace cher-
ries, finely chopped
1 cup dried sweetened cranberries
½ cup brandy
cooking oil spray, for greasing

½ cup dark brown sugar
½ cup golden syrup
175 g unsalted butter, melted
3 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
1 ½ cups fresh breadcrumbs
1 cup self-raising flour
3 tsp ground cinnamon
thick vanilla custard, to serve

METHOD

Step 1 Combine fruits and brandy in a large bowl. Stand, covered, overnight.

Step 2 Lightly spray a metal pudding steamer (8-cup capacity) with cooking oil. Line base and side with five x 6cm wide strips of baking paper.

Step 3 Add sugar, syrup, butter, eggs and bread-crumbs to fruit mixture. Mix well. Stir in combined sifted flour and cinnamon. Pour into prepared steamer. Smooth over top.

Step 4 Place a pleated piece of baking paper and foil over top of steamer. Tie firmly with string to secure. Cover with metal lid.

Step 5 Place a small, heatproof saucer (4cm deep) upside down in the centre of a removable bowl of a 5- to 6-litre capacity slow cooker. Sit steamer on the saucer. Pour in enough cold water (about 7 cups) to come ¾ of the way up the side of steamer. Cover cooker tightly with two sheets of foil. Cover with lid.

Step 6 Cook on high for 6 hours. Pudding is cooked when a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Remove steamer. Stand for 30 minutes. Remove lid and foil. Turn out pudding onto a plate. Remove lining paper.

Step 7 Serve warm pudding with custard.



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Sunday 29th 8.00am - 4.00pm

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Cam & Amanda Wilson

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.



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- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senor Citizen club rooms. 2.00pm
- 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, 1:30 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



Friends of Yatmerone

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11 February 2020
7.30pm

Community Room

Volcano Discovery Centre

Martin Street, Penshurst



Penshurst RSL Sub-Branch

Annual General Meeting

followed by a

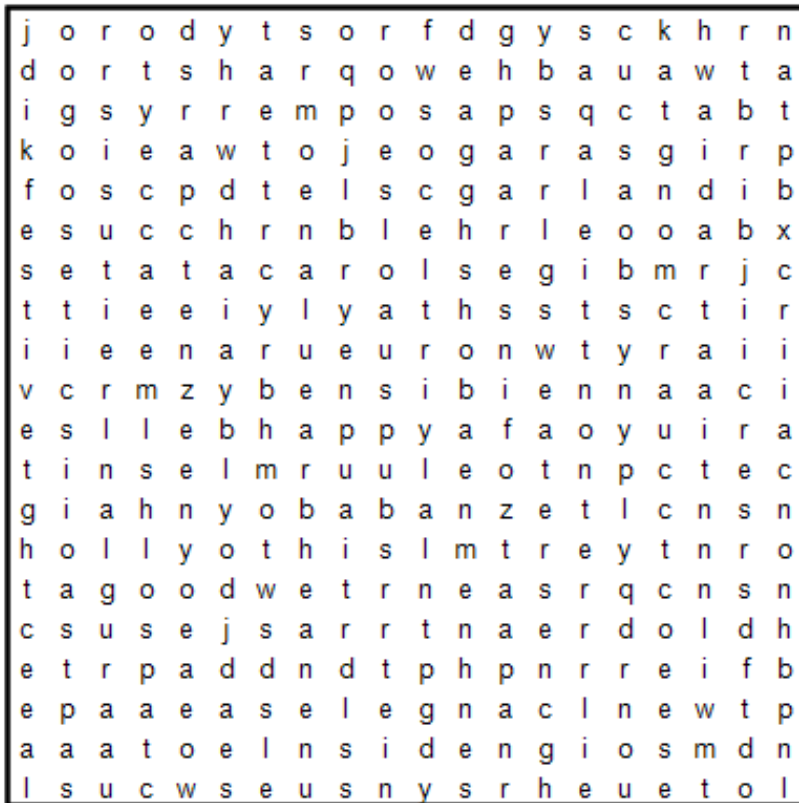
General Meeting

Thursday 6 February
6.30pm at the RSL Rooms

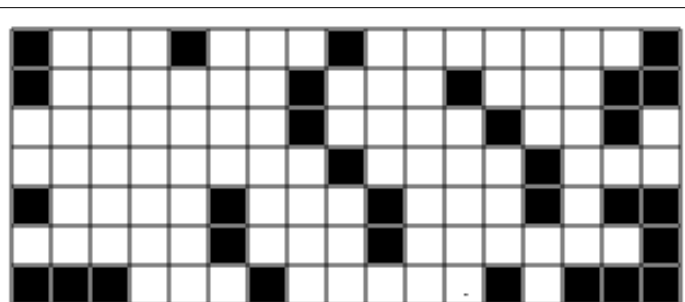
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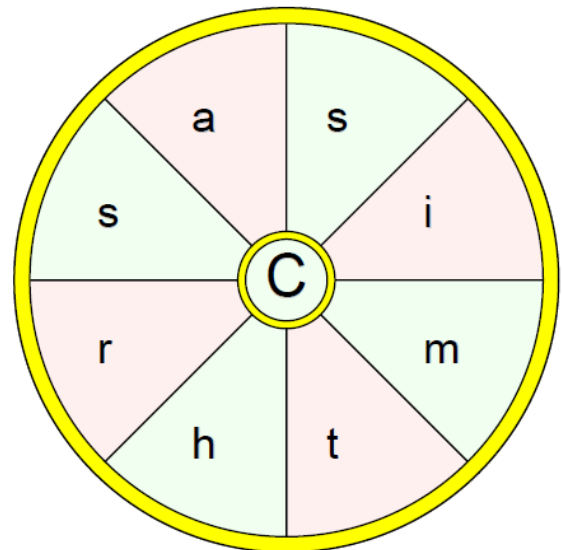
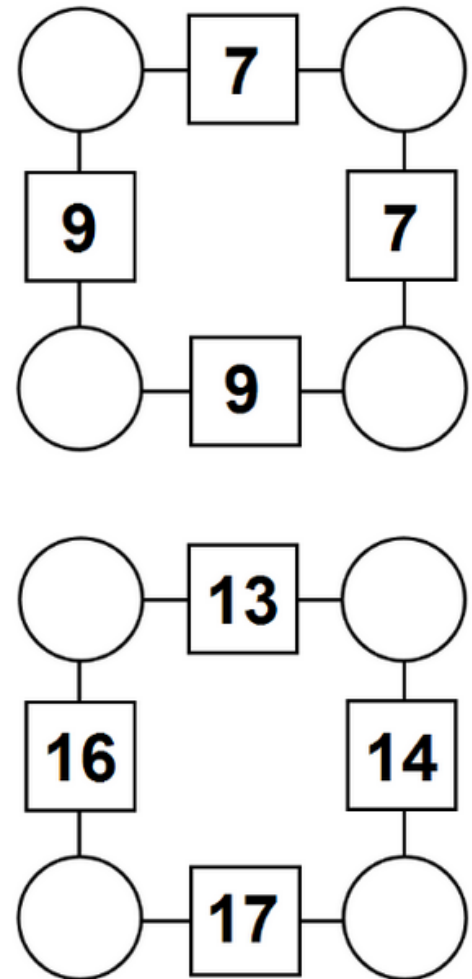
Mt Rouse Puzzler - Just how puzzled can you get



Angel	Bauble	Bells	Joseph
Birth	Carols	Chestnuts	Sweater
Feast	Festive	Frosty	Merry
Garland	Goose	Happy	Tinsel
Holly	Icicles	Jesus	Snow



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How many words can you make from these letters

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; The spirit of Christmas which is peace; The heart of Christmas which is love. " – Ada V. Hendricks

Riddles

1. What do you get when you cross Santa Claus and a duck?
2. Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?
3. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
4. What is the best present you can receive for Christmas?
5. On Christmas eve, when Santa leaves his workshop on the north pole, what direction does he travel.
6. What do Christmas and crabs have in common?
7. What did Adam say the day before Christmas?


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"'Twas Christmas broach'd the mightiest ale; 'twas Christmas told the merriest tale; a Christmas gambol oft could cheer the poor man's heart through half the year. "

Sir Walter Scott



For Christian people the spirit of Christmas is about the birth of hope and love in trouble times. In the modern world we have turned that hope into the man in the red coat - and named him Santa. He travels to us in many forms - from the gift of joy, a smile, a kind thought or action, words that come from a feeling of love, from unselfishness and faithfulness. A gift does not have to be something that you can hold in your hand, but can simply be something you hold in your heart. Will you share your love and friendship this Christmas .. and into 2020. See you there.





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TAIL END TALES

Twas the Night Before Christmas

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!

On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A
GOOD-NIGHT!

*Wishing everyone a safe and
joyful festive season and a
happy and prosperous
new year.*

Answers to Riddles: 1. a Christmas quacker, 2. because they always drop their needles, 3. be-
cause of all the wrapping, 4. a broken drum, you can't beat it, 5. South. He is at the North Pole,
6. Sandy Claus, 7. It's Christmas, Eve!



Penshurst on Patrol

December 2019

We are fast approaching the Festive Season or more affectionally known as the silly season. It is a time for warmer days (albeit, hard to imagine with the recent weather), spent outdoors with family, friends and work colleagues. Invariably this takes place in the form of social functions and good old get togethers. When punctuating the year that was, events like these are important to recharge and to build and maintain those relationships which are important to us. However, please remember;

Have fun but drink responsibly.

If you are going to drink, then don't drive.

Don't use your mobile phone whilst driving. It's not that important, the text can wait.

Check the signs and please stick to the speed limit. They are there for a reason.

Other considerations this time of year:

We already had one Total Fire Ban Day. Please ensure that you have reviewed/created your bushfire plan before the Fire Restriction Period commences. If you own a smartphone download the **Vic Emergency App**, it's a great little information resource. Also visit the **CFA Website** for further information and assistance.

Scammers, online fraudsters and traveling conmen. They are known by many names however, the one thing they have in common is that they part you from your hard-earned cash. In nearby Hamilton and Dunkeld there's been recent reports of workmen offering maintenance/repair works at a fraction of the cost with the promise of a shiny warranty or guarantee. The workmen would then charge more than quoted and the quality of works are later found to be questionable. The only guarantee being that the workmen, and your money, will be long gone. Rule of thumb for all scams, online fraud and traveling conmen; **if it sounds too good to be true, then it generally is**. Also, if you are the recipient of an unsolicited call asking to provide your personal or credit card details, alarm bells should be ringing. If in doubt, ask for a number to contact them back on instead. If they start to get angry or pushy about the request, you are probably talking to a scammer.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has a terrific resource called www.Scamwatch.gov.au that provides information on how to identify, report and more importantly, protect yourself against these scammers.

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Australia Day Nomination Form

Penshurst Citizen of the Year

Name of Nominee:

Reason why you nominated him or her (or group):

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Your name:

All Nominee names are kept confidential

Contact no:

Thank you for submitting your nomination

Date:

Please return by email or drop in the Red box at the Takeaway
by 31st December 2019. Thank you.