

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Peshurst Mens Shed Inc

Mens Shed Additions Nearing Completion

It's amazing what a verandah will do for a building. Here's the front of the Peshurst Men's Shed, perfect for barbecues in the warmer weather.

Once we come out of the COVID shutdowns, the Shed will reopen for business. For now there's still lots of work on the inside.



The rear extension comes with a roller door and more than doubles the size of our work area.



The inside view of the new workshop extension. Lots of room to set up work benches and the metal working area.



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Next Meeting: 28th October ? 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

Good afternoon everyone,

I've just watched the COVID-19 update from Dan Andrews and the following changes apply to Regional Victoria:

CURRENT FROM 11:59pm 13 SEPTEMBER FOR: Regional Victoria

Key points

- Only leave home for 4 reasons: school or work (if these can not be done from home), care or caregiving, to purchase essentials, exercise
- Public gatherings: up to 5 people from a maximum of 2 households can meet outdoors for social interaction (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap)
- Visitors to the home: "Single person bubble" 1 nominated visitor if living alone/single parent (all children under 18)
- Childcare is open to all children
- Schools return to onsite learning from Term 4 with safety measures
- Outdoor exercise and recreation allowed
- Restaurants and cafes open for takeaway and delivery only

Retail: open, with density and other restrictions, hairdressing open

When will Regional Victoria move to the Third Step?

Subject to public health advice, the Third Step can start when:

- daily average number of cases in the last

14 days in Regional Victoria is less than 5 and there are less than 0 cases in Regional Victoria with an unknown source in the last 14 days.

That will trigger a Public Health Review.

All being well we'll move into the next stage, but that only allows for 10 people at a meeting, outdoors, so there might not be any meetings until the AGM in November, if we can have it.

In the meantime, life trickles on behind the scenes for all us. The Committee is awaiting the results of two grant applications we sent to the Council. There is still no information about what the signs in the Gardens will look like, but I am chasing that.

The Council has arranged for a combined Community Meeting, via Zoom, for one representative from each Progress Association in the towns in the Shire. I'll be 'attending'. Their request is for each person to speak for 2 minutes on -

- * a Success
- * An Opportunity
- * Challenges/Issues.

Hopefully by then we'll know about our grants. What opportunity should we discuss with them? What are some of our challenges and issues? Do you have anything you want to share with the Council via the meeting? Contact me and we'll sort it out.

Have a great fortnight and be safe, Ama Cooke

President PPA 0402 870 738

Monthly Meetings

COVID 19 | Coronavirus
Are you feeling lonely or disconnected and require social or practical support as a result of Coronavirus?



Please call SGSC Community Connector to be linked to local support networks.

SGSC Community Connector 5551 8614
COVID hotline 1800 675 398

 Southern Grampians SHIRE COUNCIL **IT's OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP**

- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senior 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.
- Peshurst Bowls Club, 1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm.
- Peshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room, Peshurst Hospital at 1.30 pm.
- Peshurst 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)
 - Peshurst Pony Club rally, 1st Sunday each month.
 - Peshurst 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
 - Peshurst 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.

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MEDIA RELEASE

27th August 2020

**SENIORS FESTIVAL REIMAGINED FOR 2020**

The 38th Victorian Seniors Festival is being celebrated a little differently, with the program moving to an entirely online format – ‘Festival Reimagined 2020’.

The Seniors Festival is a special time of celebration for Southern Grampians seniors and is an important opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing valued contribution those over 60 make to our community.

This year’s theme - In the groove - gives seniors the chance to relax and enjoy a range of performances from the comfort of their own home and provides an opportunity for older Victorians to enjoy specially curated content - tailored for their entertainment.

The Festival reimagined is delivered as part of the Victorian Government’s mental health enhancement initiative to help seniors experiencing loneliness and isolation and in particular to help senior Victorians reach out for help with stress and isolation caused by coronavirus.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Chris Sharples said while the pandemic has been challenging socially for everyone, this year’s format for the Seniors Festival offers older residents a great opportunity to access the arts and enjoy entertainment via an alternate format.

“This year’s Seniors Festival offers our senior citizens cultural arts content such as radio plays, poetry and a host of other exciting performances, specifically tailored to those over 60,” said Cr Sharples. “It’s more important than ever now for seniors to connect socially and enjoy entertainment in a safe way, particularly for maintaining positive mental health. “The Seniors Festival online offers our seniors something new and is a way for us to continue to celebrate their value and importance within our community during the pandemic,” said Cr Sharples.

The program includes music and entertainment features from nostalgia to contemporary artists; radio plays including new recordings of long-established works by Alan Hopgood and Agatha Christie; and new plays commissioned by the Victorian Seniors Festival. There is also a fantastic mix of spoken word, poetry and prose from Australian writers and a variety of videos and performances.

The Festival Reimagined is available to seniors now, with new content available weekly until 31 October 2020.

For more information about the Festival, visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival.

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*‘Our days are happier when we give people a piece of our heart
rather than a piece of our mind.’ (Unknown)*



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Riddles

1. What did the painter say to his Valentine?
2. My shape and sizes differ. Every time you dip me in water, I become smaller. What am I?
3. I can be tight but you can cut me. What am I?
4. You can see through me, yet I am not transparent, you can pick holes in me, yet I occupy no space. What am I?
5. What dies but is never killed?
6. I burn bright but am surrounded by shade, what am I?
7. I can sing, but I can't speak. You can hear me, but I can't hear you. What am I?

In the Garden with Janet

Springtime is perhaps the most delightful time in the garden and also the busiest. Not only because of the magnificent displays of flowers in bloom, but because there is still time to grow summer flowering plants.

Bedding plants such as petunias, impatiens, salvias, vinca, sunflowers, zinnia and marigolds can all be planted as seedlings to flower in 6-8 weeks. If you enjoy summer flowering bulbs, now is the time to plant dahlias, gladioli, nerines and lilies.



Spring is also a good time to plant shrubs as they can settle in and be well established before the hot summer months begin. Water the new plants in well at planting time, using about a bucket full of water as this settles the soil around the roots. Check regularly for dryness. At times I have planted too close to a fence or wall which means the plant hasn't the room to spread out evenly. Check the height and width to see that your shrub is suitable for the place you choose to plant. The experts suggest sprinkling a teaspoonful of good slow-release fertiliser around the plant, so that it has nutrients for the next 6-8 months. I have never done this and have found the plant grows ok.

Many potted plants may need to be repotted for the oncoming spring growth. Plants will need to be repotted if they look as though they have used up all the space in their pot.

Now is also a good time to start planting vegetable seeds – silverbeet, peas, beans, carrots, lettuces, radishes, cucumber, capsicums and beetroot can all be planted out now. If there is to be a frost, cucumber, capsicum and beans will need to be covered as a frost will kill them.

Happy Gardening

“How deeply seated in the human heart is the liking for gardens and gardening. “

Alexander Smith

“In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful. “

Abram L. Urban

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Answers to Riddles: 1. I love you with all
my Art, 2. Soap, 3. a corner, 4. a lie, 5. a bad
joke, 6. a lamp, 7. a piano.

Exploring Peshurst

Mount Rouse & District Historical Society



24. Madigan’s Store Built in the 1860s for Crammond & Dickson, the store had other proprietors including H. J. Olle, but the longest ownership was that of the Madigan Family. Timothy Madigan took over the business in 1904 and except for a short period in the mid 1920s the family ran the business continuously until it closed at the end of 1974. It has been a café and is now an AirBnB.

25. War Memorial Built by Chambers & Cluttern of Melbourne in 1919, through the generosity of Mr R. B. Ritchie of ‘Blackwood’, to commemorate those from the shire who lost their lives during World War 1. Seventy three names are listed. The 16 who were lost during the Second World War have been added to the Memorial.

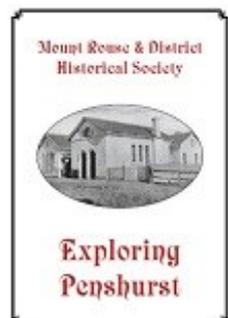
26. Victoria Hotel Built in 1863 this bluestone hotel contained 11 rooms, a billiard room, blacksmiths, butchery and sale yards. In April 1915 the hotel was granted approval to manufacture aerated water. Since ceasing to trade as a hotel the building has housed a number of businesses. It is now a private residence and after major renovations is now the home of the Penny Wine Bar.



27. Post Office was built in 1878 in the same style as the adjoining court house. It continues to serve the community not only as a Post Office but also as an agency for Banking services and the Southern Grampians Shire. It also carries a range of souvenirs and gifts. It is also to location to book into the caravan park.



Thanks to the Mt Rouse and District Historical Society for providing this booklet. We hope the many new residents to Peshurst enjoy learning about their adopted town's history. Copies of the booklet are available for \$5 from historical society member, Brian O'Brien (0437844586).



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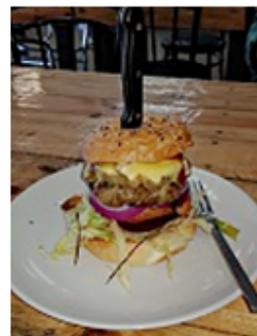
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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Something different now that Spring has sprung

Spring Vegetable Lasagne

Prep Time 20 mins - Cooking Time 55 mins

INGREDIENTS - 4 Servings

30g butter	10 dried instant lasagne sheets
1/4 cup plain flour	1 cup frozen peas
1 1/2 cups milk	250g fresh ricotta
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, thickly sliced	2 roma tomatoes, thinly sliced
2 zucchini, cut into ribbons	2/3 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
2 green onions, trimmed, cut into 8cm lengths	1 cup grated pizza cheese
1 bunch English spinach, trimmed	Extra basil leaves, to serve

METHOD

Step 1 Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced.

Step 2 Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Add flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until bubbling. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in milk until combined. Return to heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes or until sauce boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 3 Bring a medium saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add asparagus, zucchini and onion. Boil for 2 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towel. Add spinach to pan. Cook for 1 minute or until wilted. Remove with slotted spoon. Squeeze out excess moisture when cool enough to handle. Roughly chop

Step 4 Cover the base of a 20cm x 28cm (8 cup- capacity) ovenproof dish with 2/3 cup white sauce. Layer 1/4 lasagne sheets trimming to fit. Layer asparagus mixture, peas and 1/3 ricotta. Top with 1/3 of remaining lasagne sheets, 1/2 spinach, and 1/2 remaining ricotta. Repeat. Top with remaining lasagne sheets and remaining white sauce. Arrange tomato and basil leaves on top. Sprinkle with cheese.

Step 5 Bake for 45 minutes or until golden and pasta is tender. Serve with extra basil leaves.





Changing the subject completely

Here be Dragons

There are some amazing sights around Penshurst. For those who have lived here forever, cattle roaming the streets, with kangaroos, rampant koalas (who scare dogs deliberately), the occasional echidna wearing a Bindi mark on its forehead, and the beautiful Dragon's Blood Tree in someone's front yard, are not unusual .. But to the rest of us its amazing. Now all we need is a fire-breathing lizard.



Around the Churches

Resilience

One of the many things that COVID season has taught me is resilience. Sunday went like this. Pack car with books, clergy dress, clergy hat, phone, tripod, power board, chargers and iPad. Drive to sunny Cavendish. Set up books, tripod, phone, iPad, wine, power board, chargers and bread. Put on clergy dress and hat, light candles. Restart phone, turn up sound, do a test run, receive message from home to say that we are go for launch. Put 'do not disturb mode'. Say mass and morning prayer. Put out candles, remove clergy garb. Pack up phone, chargers, iPad, books, tripod and power board. Remember to put out candles, cover the altar, put out lights, wash chalice and paten. Sign book. Drive back to sunny Hamilton thinking Jack Horner and "What a good boy am I". All went well for the first 15 minutes and then for some reason known only to the Archangel Gabrielle himself (must have a quiet cup of tea or maybe something a bit stronger with him) the sound had evaporated. This is not the first time I have appeared as a gaping cleric on the other side of the screen. I could succumb to the temptation, lie on the floor, weep, pull the doona over my head and wait for the end. But thanks to the ministry of the countless and unseen, I march on. I am a little daunted, but enjoying the privilege of resilience and a new beginning. Each morning I say this little prayer. "The night has passed and the day lies open before us. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire with love for you and for each other." I find it very helpful in COVID season. I hope that you might too.

Fr. David Oulton - droulton72@gmail.com

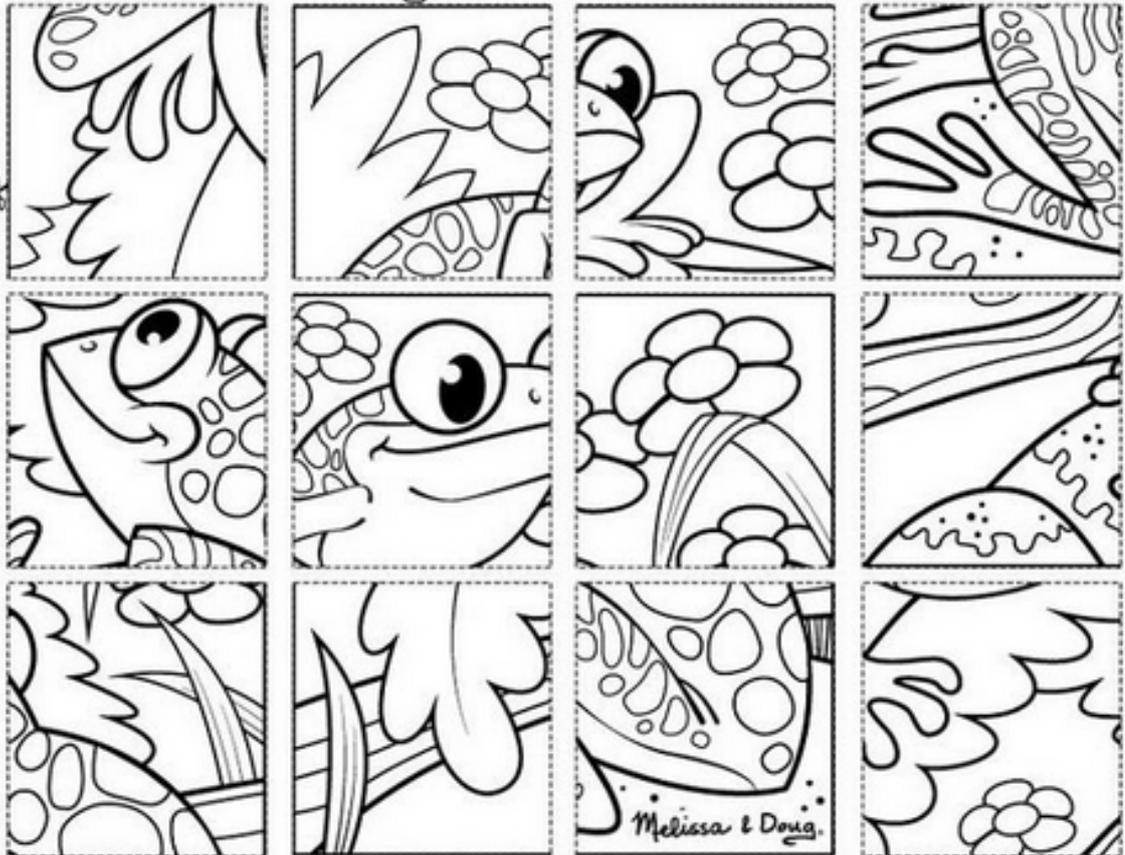
We welcome contributions from the churches that include Penshurst in their parishes.

A Page for the Children to enjoy

Colour me in froggy shades of green and brown and yellow.

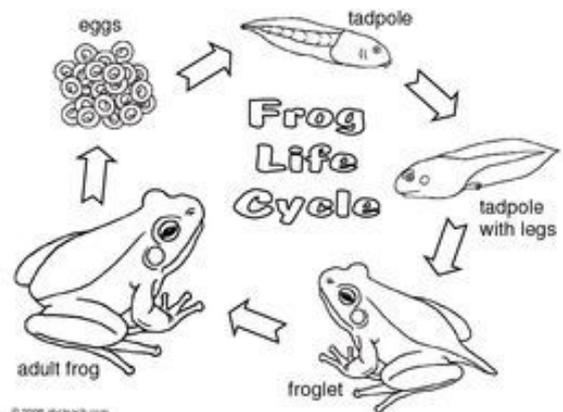
Picture Mix-Up

Cut out the squares below. Then put them in the correct spaces in the grid on the previous page.



What is the difference between a frog and a toad?

You can tell most toads and frogs apart by the appearance of their skin and legs. Both amphibians make up the order *Anura* in the animal kingdom, but there are some key differences. Most frogs have long legs and smooth skins covered in mucus. Toads generally have shorter legs and rougher, thicker skins. And while toads generally lay their eggs in long strands, frogs lay their eggs in a cluster that resembles a bunch of grapes.



Not all frogs and toads are easy to distinguish, however, leading biologists to squabble over the definition. There are some frogs that have skin covered in warts, and toads that have smooth, slimy skin, according to the Exploratorium, a San Francisco science museum, in their online exhibit about frogs and toads. And many species will fit equally well into either category.

Do you have somewhere you catch frogs or toads?
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PENSHURST MENS SHED

Update

While the Men's Shed is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a little movement on the build project. Building commenced on Monday 24th August. Please stay off the land until it has been completed.

Newsletter: If you have any stories you would like to share events, stories and ideas, please contact Mark or Ama by phone or email.

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Penshurst's Website

Have you visited the Penshurst website yet?

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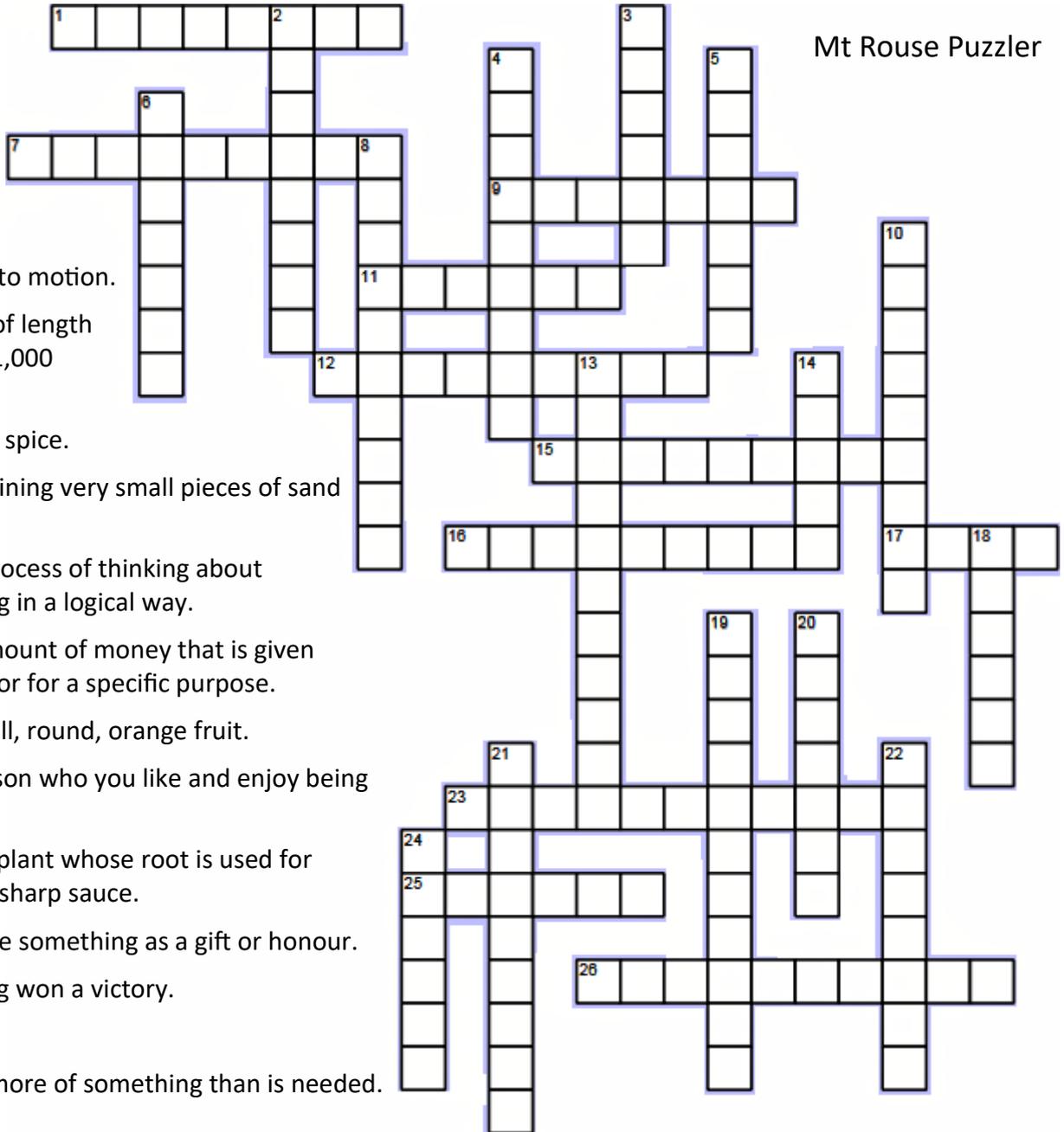
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Across:

- 1. In or into motion.
- 7. A unit of length equal to 1,000 metres
- 9. Yellow spice.
- 11. Containing very small pieces of sand or stone.
- 12. the process of thinking about something in a logical way.
- 15. An amount of money that is given regularly or for a specific purpose.
- 16. A small, round, orange fruit.
- 17. A person who you like and enjoy being with.
- 23. A tall plant whose root is used for making a sharp sauce.
- 25. To give something as a gift or honour.
- 26. Having won a victory.

Down:

- 2. Using more of something than is needed.
- 3. A tropical American nut tree.
- 4. The action of dictating words to be copied.
- 5. An evergreen shrub or tree that has tiny fruit that looks like berries.
- 6. The branch of science that involves the study of animals and animal behaviour.
- 8. To make something seem larger, more important, better or worse than it is.
- 10. A periodical that is published four times a year.
- 13. Admired and respected very much because

- of a lot was achieved..
- 14. A chemical element that is a colourless gas used especially in electric lights.
- 18. Condition of substrates affecting enzyme formation.
- 19. Foundation: basis, underlying.
- 20. A strong, quick pull.
- 21. A small trap for catching mice.
- 22. A small plant with three leaves on each stem that is the national symbol of Ireland.

These lockdowns are getting annoying and quite frankly I've had enough. I've discussed the matter over a cup of tea with the kitchen sink, and we both agree that the experience is draining.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts the wrong spin on everything.

Same with the fridge. He only gives cold shoulder. I asked the lamp, but she couldn't shed any new light on the situation.

The vacuum cleaner was rather rude and told me to suck it up Princess. The threshold was no better, it suggested I get over it.

The carpet advised me to sweep my feelings under the rug. But the fan was more upbeat and thought that the crisis would soon blow over.

The toilet looked a bit flushed and didn't offer an opinion.

The wall didn't say a word either, just gave me a blank stare.

The doorknob was more forthcoming - told me to get a firm grip on the situation and move on.

The front door declared I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to.....you guessed it right - pull myself together.

Then the chair told me to table it, and the table remarked, I didn't have a leg to stand on. When I told the table to break a leg, the mirror said that my comments reflected poorly on my thinking.

However, in the end, the iron set things straight. She said everything will be fine.

Just for Fun from Sammy Scribe.

Bill Brown, a young father-to-be, was waiting anxiously outside the maternity ward where his wife was producing their first baby. As he paced the floor, a nurse popped her head round the door.

"You've a little boy Mr. Brown," she said, "but we think you'd better go and have a cup of coffee because there might be another."

Bill turned a little pale and left. Some time later he rang the hospital and was told he was the father of twins.

"But," the nurse went on, "we are sure there's another on the way. Ring back again in a little while."

At that, Bill decided that coffee was not nearly strong enough. He ordered a few beers and rang the hospital again, only to be told a third bay had arrived and a fourth was imminent.

White-faced, he stumbled to the bar and ordered a double scotch. Twenty minutes later he dialled a wrong number and got the recorded cricket score.

When they picked him up off the floor of the phone box the recording was still going strong.

"The score is 96 all out," came the voice from the other end, "and the last one was a duck."