

# MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Peshurst Mens Shed Inc

## AUSTRALIA DAY



The rain held off for the 30+ group of Peshurst citizens who gathered in our Botanic Gardens yesterday morning to participate in the shorter version of the Australia Day ceremony. We'd like to thank Marcus Rentsch, Mark Dalla Costa, Don Adamson and Tom Cooke for their help setting up and during the activities. We'd also like to thank Paul Sutherland for playing his guitar for "Advance Australia Fair" and "I love a sunburnt country".

You'll find a version of it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=dz9EsjWu8cY>

Rather than letting Paul return to the group, we quickly introduced the Citizen of the Year and he looked and reacted completely stunned. He then gave a short speech that reminded us all that Peshurst is a very loving and supportive place to live. A lovely sentiment for the day.

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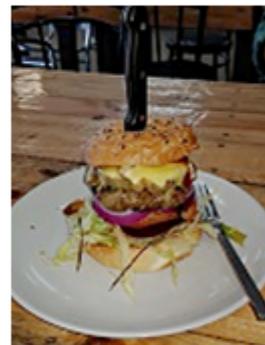
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# AUSTRALIA DAY

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It was good to see familiar faces and new friends, including Councillor Helen Henry and partner (above right), who told us that she intends to be an advocate for Peshurst, a town she loves, and others in the Shire that do not have a Councillor living in the town. Margie Eales and others complimented the SGSC for the well-groomed 'mapping' of the gardens.



Tony Hogan caught it all on video for the new town webpages.

# AUSTRALIA DAY



Helen talking to her 'mentor',  
Marcus Rentsch.



The groups were well spaced out.  
We look forward to getting back to 'normal' next year.



**DAN TEHAN MP**  
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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

Tom Cooke - Vice President

Nigel Pyne

Josh Hewitt - Treasurer

Don Adamson

***Next Meeting: 27th January 2021 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.***

***First the AGM, and then our Community Meeting. Would you be interested in being part of a fun and noisy group working for the benefit of our town and district, now and into the future? For more information talk to Ama. Social distancing rules apply.***

Good evening everyone,

The sun is bright outside, after a moderately warm day but the mist on the mountain reminds me that we are nearing the end of January, and Autumn is just around the corner.

More than a year has passed for the Progress Association, given that the last AGM was in November 2019. Thanks to COVID it's been delayed until tonight, and while it might not seem important to some people, to those of us who look at the milestones, it's another year of considerable thought, some adventures, and many achievements.

Small town living means that some of us have fingers in a lot of pies. Personally, they cross over regularly. Having the Progress Association now firmly in the Hall, I am reminded of the repairs and refurbishments that need to be done there every time I walk through the door. It's a great building and under-utilised. The committee of management of the Hall could certainly use a few more people, to help run the events we would like to hold there, once the COVID seasons are over and life can return to something like normal. Would people attend movies and dances, knowing that the cost of their entrance would be going to support the maintenance of the building? The Council gives us a grant for water and electricity, but it's totally eaten up by the costs of the public toilets attached to the building (and more). We are hoping that problem will be solved by a Solar Grant that DELWP has offered us. Has anyone else noticed the cracks in the walls, the corrosion all

around the window frames and how grubby the building now is? We have another grant sitting in our account to replace the windows in the Supper Room, and another we achieved to put new heaters in there, so there will be changes to the building this year, but so many more are needed.

Well, the AGM can mean a change of leadership to the Progress Association. It's been an interesting two years since the current committee volunteered. To those people, and everyone else who has turned up to our meetings, I want to say thank you. I know I say this a lot, but people need to be acknowledged for the time and effort they put into activities around the town, and the Progress Association is actually very important. There are things the town wants and needs that will be ignored if someone/or group doesn't remind the Council, and other State bodies, that we are here, that we are not invisible, and that small towns like ours continue to be vitally important to the wellbeing of Australia as a whole, not just the states we exist in. They are our homes, places we were born to, or put roots down. Places we look back to, or look forward to returning to. What do you want for your town this year? We hope to see you at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Have a great month and be safe,  
Ama Cooke President PPA 0402 870 738

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## In the Garden with Janet

**Summer Heat** can affect the plants in your garden just as severe heat can make people feel uncomfortable.

Thankfully most plants show early signs of suffering so that you can rectify the situation before it becomes too serious.

Distress suffered by plants is usually the result of a lack of attention to some of the garden's basic requirements. This in turn often means the plants also experience more attacks from various pests.

Water is the most essential thing for preventing plant stress. Mulch covers the root systems of shallow rooting plants such as azaleas, daphne, rhododendrons and camellias. Mulching helps keep the roots and soil cooler and conserves moisture. The shade of the plants will also help keep the roots cool. But check to see if the soil under the mulch is moist before watering. Like us, plants wilt in

the heat but as soon as it cools off, spring back again.



It is best to water in the evening as this allows plants time to absorb the moisture before the next day's heat. I have read that watering is best in the morning as this prevents rust on the leaves, but I have found the warm evenings prevent this from happening. A thorough soaking once a week, water left running for an hour or more depending on the size and type of plant is much better than a sprinkle each day. Deep soaking encourages roots to go deeper. Pots that can be lifted easily, are best placed in a container of water to allow to allow a good soak.

Succulents and cacti can cope very well without any watering as do agapanthus and many bulbs. Many full grown trees are okay also. Eucalyptus that will sometimes drop

branches on very still days after a long dry spell. This is to preserve the life of the tree itself. Our native plants have learnt to adapt and survive with only rainfall, so choose what suits your situation best.



***Enjoy your garden even in the heat!!!!***

“In my garden, which is a big garden, I have one part that is my bird garden, and every morning, 365 days a year, they get buckets of food - for the birds, for the squirrels, the chipmunks and the turtles in the summer.”

**Barbara Mandrell**



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## Penshurst Art & Photography Exhibition

March 19 - 21, 2021



2020 Judges John Graham & Shane Crumpton. John will judge again this year, with our new Judge Roger Edwards.

Hello again. First let me correct an error from the last article. Our new Judge is Roger Edwards, not Ken Rogers. Then let me talk about the Photography competition.

Anyone who knows Tom Cooke knows that his first love is photography. We decided to add photography to the Exhibition at the COVID show, so it didn't really take off. This time we are more organised. The Photography competition spans all three age groups - Adults, Youth and our school kids. It's open to anyone who likes to work with a camera. The adult and youth categories are "Best Colour" and "Best Black & White" so there's no limit to the subject matter. The rest of the information is available on the entry forms which you'll find online at [www.penshurstartexhibition.org.au](http://www.penshurstartexhibition.org.au), from the Penshurst Takeaway, by email or post. Contact Ama on 0402 870 738 or Tom on 0488 557 345 for a copy. Entries should reach us by Tuesday 8th March. Any other questions, just ask.

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**Monthly Meetings**

- 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 at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.
- 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 playgroup 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.

**Peshurst Church Services**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor**

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**Peshurst Anglican Church**

5pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

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**St Andrew’s Uniting Church**

Peshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

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**St Joseph’s Catholic Church Peshurst**

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

Have you got information, activities  
or a story you’d like to share?  
We’d love to publish it.  
Contact Mark or Ama

## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Love Poke bowls but not the hefty price? Try this for a fresh summer taste:

# Homemade Poke Bowl

Prep Time 15 mins - Cooking Time 10 mins

## INGREDIENTS - 2 servings

1/2 avocado sliced	SALMON
3/4 cup snow peas	2 salmon fillets
1 carrot thinly sliced	1 tsp chilli paste
1/2 red onion thinly sliced	1 tsp garlic crushed
1 1/2 cups Uncle Ben's brown rice	1/2 tsp ginger crushed
2 tbs Kewpie roasted sesame dressing	1/2 tsp soy sauce
3 tsp fried shallots	1/2 tsp cooking sake
2 pinches Japanese pickled ginger	

## METHOD

**Step 1** Marinate the salmon fillets in a bowl with sake, soy, chilli, ginger and garlic for ten minutes prior to placing in a pan on a medium heat. Cook to your desired temperature, I like my salmon pink in the middle, so I cook it for three minutes each side.

**Step 2** Cook the rice in the microwave, or if you have sushi rice on hand use that instead.

**Step 3** Layer all remaining ingredients into bowls starting with the rice then top with the salmon. Drizzle roasted sesame dressing and top with fried shallots and pickled ginger.

**I use packet brown rice to save on cooking time**

**Poke bowls are easy to make and most ingredients can be substituted for whatever flavours you like.**



“According to the food historian Rachel Laudan, the present form of poke became popular around the 1970s. It used skinned, deboned, and filleted raw fish served with Hawaiian salt, seaweed, and roasted, ground candlenut meat. This form of poke is still common in the Hawaiian islands.” **Wikipedia**

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3. greed, 4. a 'chair-y', 5. a fir coat, 6. age,  
7. a castle.

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### *Sammy Scribe with a survival kit for the new year.*



You will need a toothpick, a rubber band, a band-aid, a pencil, an eraser, chewing gum, a mint, a candy kiss and a teabag.

#### **WHY?**

A toothpick will remind you to pick out the good in people.

A rubber band will remind you to be flexible, things, may not always go the way you plan or want.

A band-aid reminds you to heal your hurts and the hurts of others.

A pencil reminds you to make a daily list of all your blessings.

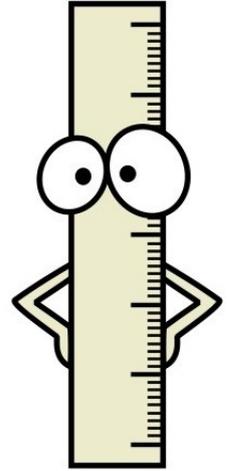
An eraser reminds you that everyone makes mistakes so wipe out others and your own mistakes so as to erase them from your mind.

Chewing gum reminds you to stick at things and you will accomplish all you want.

A mint reminds you that you are worth a mint.

A candy kiss reminds you that everyone needs a hug or kiss everyday.

A teabag reminds you to relax and reflect on the good in your life.



Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. All is riddle, and the key to a riddle is another riddle. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## **Riddles**

1. What has millions of ears but can't hear anything?
2. I am a food that explodes. But long before I explode, I am already dead. I can be small, I can be big, and I can be fragrant. My name is literal. What am I?
3. When I start, I am always hungry. I can't stop until I am pleased with what I have. What am I?
4. What's the best kind of fruit to sit on?
5. What did the Christmas tree wear to keep it warm?
6. I only persist when I cease, Keep many from being at ease. I grow though not sown, Am had but not own'd, Which man neither holds nor he sees. What am I?
7. I possess a halo of water, walls of stone, and a tongue of wood. Long I have stood; what am I?

"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!



### Around the Churches

#### Things are never as they seem

I grew up with Play-school on a black and white TV screen. I can still remember the song. "There's a bear in there and chair as well; there are people with games and stories to tell ... " I heard these words afresh the other day and it occurred to me that they are indicative of every family and every home. Doesn't every home have its characters like Big Ted, little Ted, Humpty and Jemima? Some are fragile, some are noisy, some are cuddly and others are larger than life. Some are helpful, some are less so. Some of the people play games and these games can be amusing, but they can also be manipulative and detrimental. Time and time again, I have learnt the hard way that I have no idea what goes on behind closed doors in other people's 'Play school'. It all may seem sugar and spice, but the reality is often quite different. Things are never exactly as they seem. Sometimes things slush around a bit. People can grow twisted and brittle while others in the most arduous of circumstances seem to become bold, and mature like a fine bottle of wine. And it's so terrifyingly easy to think that we know exactly how 'their gig' works, when the reality is that often we haven't got our own gig worked out. So next time the door is 'open wide' and you are invited to 'come inside', tread gently friends. Tread very gently. Sit on the 'chair in there' and remember that you too come from a home that is complex and full of characters. Remember that like the windows in Play-school, you are only being shown one fleeting insight of something that is continuously evolving. Play-school continues to be educational at every stage of our life.

Fr. David Oulton - [droulton72@gmail.com](mailto:droulton72@gmail.com)

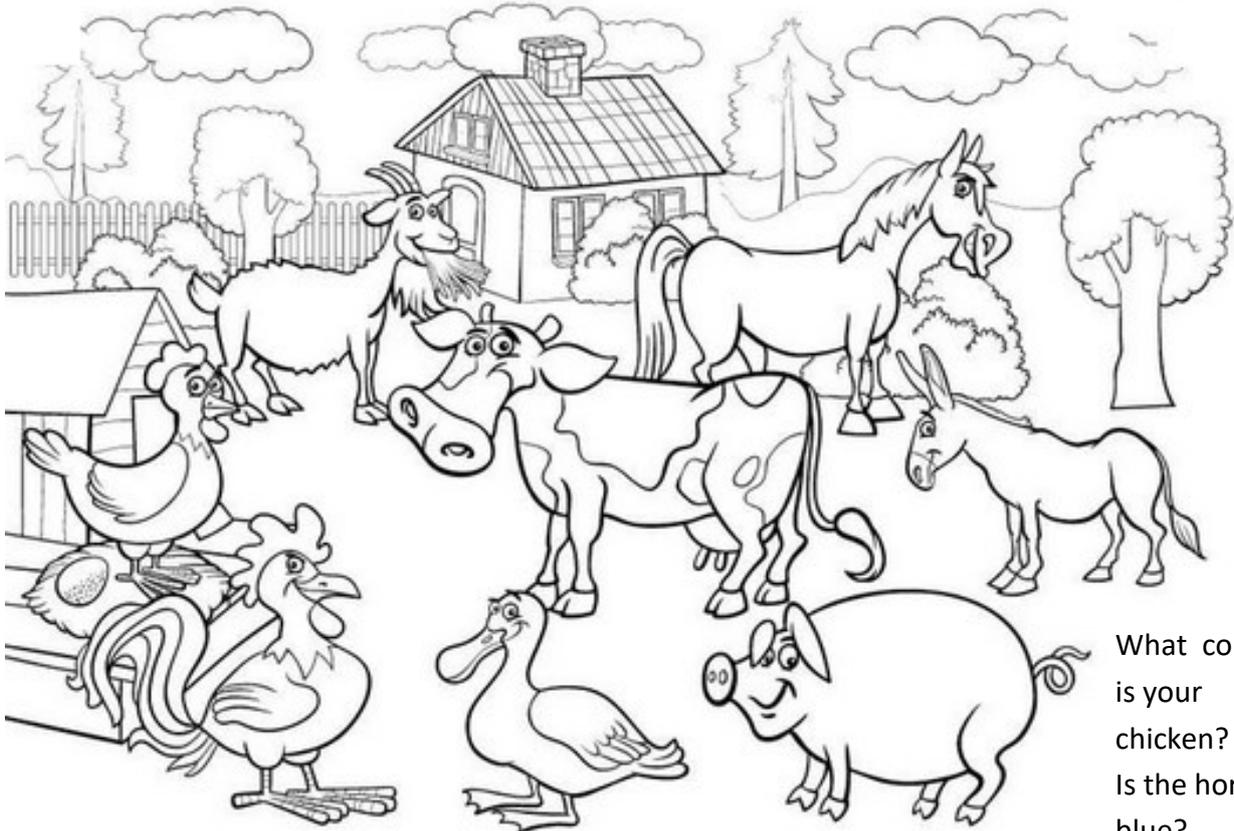
**We welcome contributions from the churches that include Penshurst  
in their parishes.**

A Page for the Children to enjoy

**PRISMS****Dispersion**
<https://wonders.physics.wisc.edu/prisms/>
**The Physics:**

Our eyes can see many colours of visible light. Sunlight is a mixture of many colours together. Light from the sun looks white to our eyes. All of the colours are in white light, they are just all mixed up. To see all the colours separately, you can use a prism. A prism is a piece of glass or plastic in the shape of a triangle. The colours of the rainbow in order are: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Many people remember this by the first letters that spell Roy G. Biv.

A prism works because the different colours of light travel at different speeds inside the glass. Because the colours of light travel at different speeds, they get bent by different amounts and come out all spread out instead of mixed up. Violet travels the slowest so it is on the bottom and red travels the fastest so is on the top. This is because what is called the index of refraction, (the ratio of the speed of light in a vacuum to the speed of light in a material), is increased for the slower moving waves (i.e. violet). The higher index of refraction means that violet light is the most bent, and red is then the least bent because of its lower index of refraction, and the other colours fall somewhere in between. When the air is full of water, like after a rainstorm, the water droplets act like a prism and can make a rainbow. Rainbows are circular in shape because the prisms (raindrops) that created them are spherical.

**The Rainbow Farmyard**

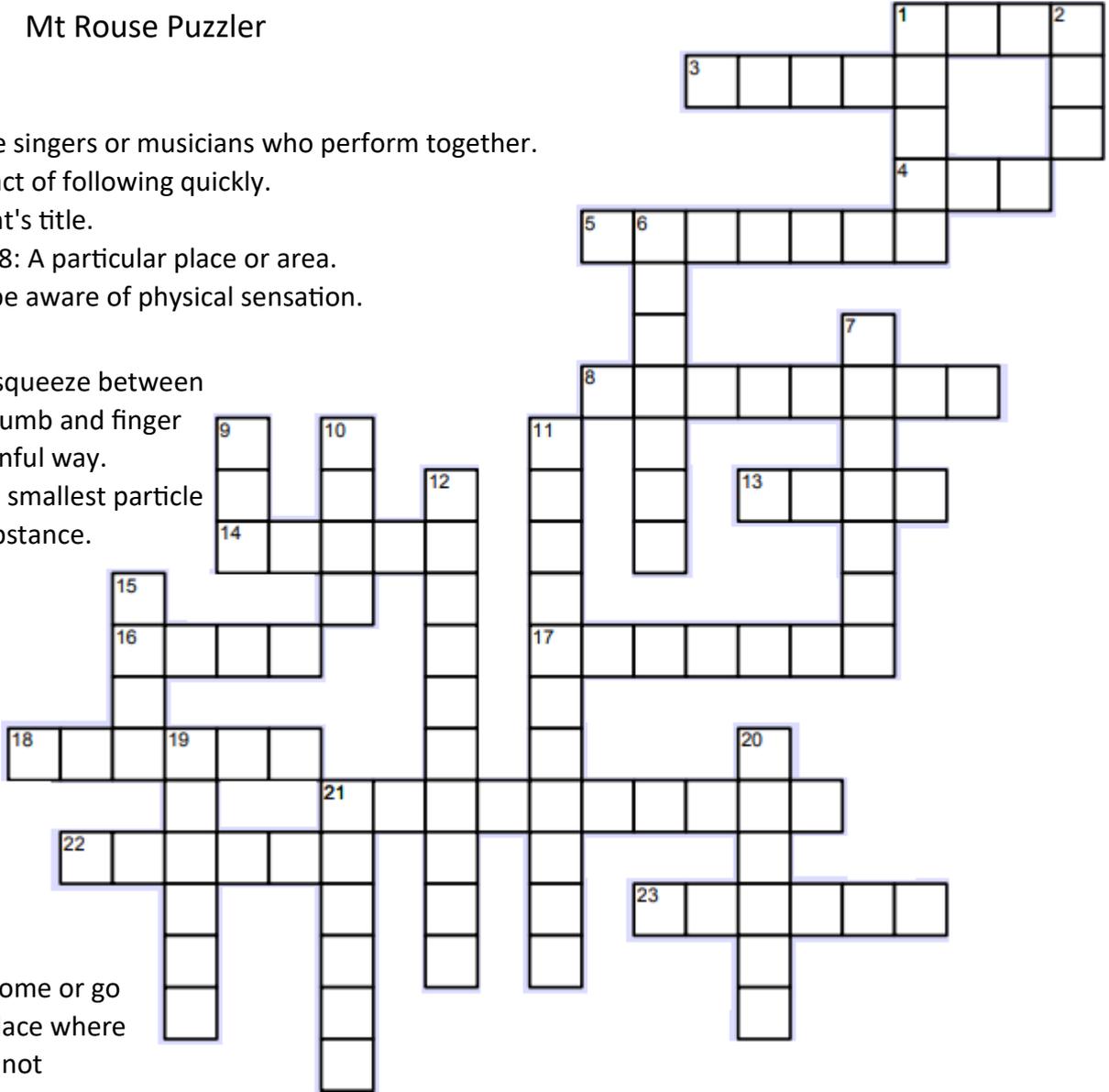
What colour  
is your  
chicken?  
Is the horse  
blue?

Mt Rouse Puzzler

Across

- 1: Three singers or musicians who perform together.
- 3: The act of following quickly.
- 4: Knight's title.
- 5: Trip. 8: A particular place or area.
- 13: To be aware of physical sensation.

- 14: To squeeze between your thumb and finger in a painful way.
- 16: The smallest particle of a substance.



- 17: To come or go into a place where you are not welcome.

- 18: Champagne bottle size.
- 21: Conscientious.
- 22: A large, round object in space.
- 23: Dull and uninteresting.

Down:

- 1: Nervous and not able to relax.
- 2: Number.
- 6: Into one side and out the other.
- 7: Quietness.
- 9: Whelp.
- 10: Volcano in Italy, in Sicily.
- 11: To be involved with others in doing something.
- 12: Film or digital creation.
- 15: A strong, sharp taste or smell.
- 19: Closer.
- 20: Rabbit hole.
- 21: Showing little or no change, action, or progress.

Across: 2 brandy, 3 bliss, 4 weirdo, 5 emerald, 7 cannon, 11 challenge, 14 resonance, 15 solitude, 16 thought, 18 small, 19 petticoat, 20 expressive, 22 key. Down: 1 volatile, 2 burnt, 3 ballast, 6 resolve, 8 intention, 9 recommend, 10 hoarse, 12 unfortunate, 13 accumulate, 17 owl, 21 slippery.

## 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.

The external building has been completed and now the internal work must be done. Have patience, we will be open again very soon.

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

Mark Dalla Costa

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### Penshurst's Website

Have you visited the Penshurst website yet?

Not only is the site full of valuable information, but there are links to many of the important organisations within our town.

Would you like to add a link to your website? Email [president@penshurstprogress.org.au](mailto:president@penshurstprogress.org.au)

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## TAIL END TALES

## Fascinating Facts we Learned in 2020

- An extinct species of monkey crossed the Atlantic on its own.
- Mars constantly makes a humming noise.
- When plants are under attack from insects, they let out aromas that warn other plants and entice the insects' predators.
- It's likely that more than 11 species of fish can walk on land.
- Over 1,000 years ago, Puebloans in modern-day New Mexico survived droughts by melting ancient ice in the depths of caves.
- There was a badger-like animal 66 million years ago, and scientists named it Adalatherium, which means "crazy beast."
- In the past couple of decades, supermassive black holes in distant galaxies have launched jets of material.
- Some hummingbirds use colours we can't see to find food.
- There is a giant lakebed a mile under northwest Greenland.
- A 550-million-year-old fossilized digestive tract was found in Nevada, making it the oldest known digestive tract ever.
- On average, lightning strikes Earth 100 times each second.
- And lightning strikes over 100 million times a year in the tropics.
- A Cuvier's beaked whale can stay underwater for at least 3 hours and 42 minutes.
- Babies' brains are wired to see faces and places.
- Through sensing electrostatic fields, bumblebees can tell if another bee has visited the flower they're at in the past couple of minutes.
- There are four buried lakes on Mars.
- Modern humans reached westernmost Europe 38,000 to 41,000 years ago — 5,000 years earlier than we thought.
- The oldest known species of pythons were in Germany.
- A gas associated with living organisms is in Venus's atmosphere.
- Some bats make different kinds of sounds to talk about different subjects, like food or sleep.
- The New Guinea Singing Dog isn't extinct.
- There's a coral reef in the Great Barrier Reef that's taller than the Empire State Building.
- Duckbilled dinosaurs were present in Africa, and they swam from Europe or Asia.
- Tropical songbirds reproduce less during droughts.
- And lastly, there is water on the moon.



“The more we learn of science, the more we see that its wonderful mysteries are all explained by a few simple laws so connected together and so dependent upon each other, that we see the same mind animating them all. “ - **Olympia Brown**