

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Peshurst Mens Shed Inc

FOOTPATH REPAIRS COMMENCE

A start has been made on repairing some of Peshurst's most dangerous footpaths.

Workmen replaced four dangerous footpaths last week near the Volcanoes Discovery Centre, and between the VDC and the former Madigan's store.

Another dangerous footpath was replaced at the corner of Watton St and French St.

The work arose from a survey of uneven footpaths in the town by Peshurst resident and Peshurst Progress Association member, Brian O'Brien.

"I checked out all the concrete footpaths in the town after doing a face implant into the concrete after tripping on an upraised concrete surface near Cottrill's Plumbing in September, 2019," Mr O'Brien said. "

"I went back the next day to see where I had come to grief and began to notice how many footpaths were in a even more dangerous condition. People have been tripping on footpaths in Peshurst for 50 years and no one has done anything.

"However, I started to think that someone older than myself could have broken a leg or hip so I decided to do something about it."

Since Mr O'Brien had his prang, reports of at least two more falls have emerged, one leading to severe injuries.

"I went around every concrete footpath for an hour and a half and came up with four serious upraised footpaths which you would have to be nimble of foot not to fall over, and 14 moderately uneven surfaces.





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Penshurst RSL needs your help

Unfortunately, the Penshurst Sub branch of The Returned and Services League of Australia has not been able to fill all of its committee positions as required for it to operate as an organization.

As a result, this has created the possibility of the branch closing its doors.

This does not mean that Penshurst will not have an Anzac Day and Remembrance Day service, it may very well be delivered in another form by a community-based group, again dependent on people offering their time to be involved in organizing the events.

If you are willing to join the RSL and take on a committee position to keep the organization functioning, please contact Rick Jacobs on 0476 384519.

Please note that there are criteria for some positions that are subject to suitability, but if you are interested please make contact.

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“Of course, this was all very subjective and other people would have come up with more or less than I did.”

He took the issue to the Penshurst Progress Association who agreed he should send a letter and an accompanying map he had compiled of the uneven surfaces, to the shire to get some action.

“That was in September, 2019, and despite several follow ups in 2020, there seemed to be nothing happening. I had just about given up when I noticed last week workmen digging up the area around the VDC and hall to repair the new footpaths. So perseverance sometimes does work.”

PIC: Some of the repaired footpaths near the hall and VDC.

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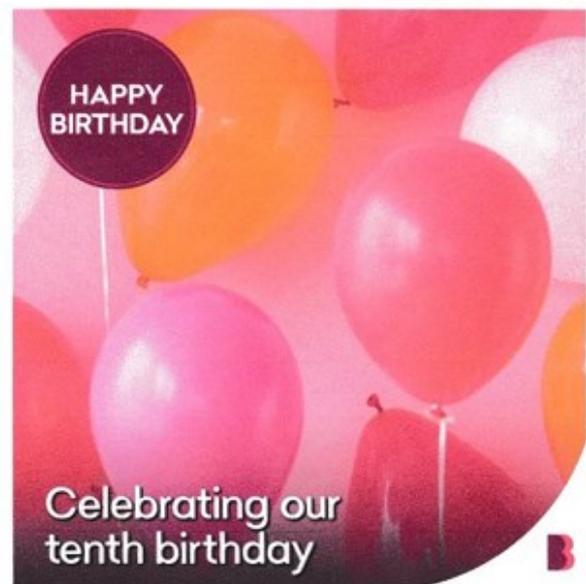
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Penshurst Community Clean Up Day Lucky Winner

A number of community clean up days have been held in communities across the South West in the past few weeks which have been well attended, Penshurst included.

Penshurst residents were encouraged to participate in the community clean-up day, to assist reduce fire risk and build resilience in the spirit of shared responsibility and shared contribution.

The lucky winner of the wheelbarrow and gardening kit (valued at \$300) was Judy Drane. Congratulations Judy!

With individual property maintenance being a key part of reducing fire risk, all residents are still encouraged to play their part to reduce the potential of fire impacting the township during the Fire Danger Period.

Residents are asked to clean up and reduce fine fuels such as bark, leaves, twigs and long grass. Reducing these assists in reducing the intensity of a fire, as fine fuels are responsible for the major increase in fire intensity and spread.

CFA reminds residents that typical warmer weather and windy conditions can still pose a grave grassfire risk, and to remain vigilant despite recent rain and cooler conditions associated with La Niña.

For more information go to <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare> for more information.



“Avoid such situations in which you are unnecessarily burdened with rubbish.
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Talk less, listen only to the essential, be telegraphic in talking and listening.
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a feeling of purity, as if you have just taken a bath, will start arising within you.
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John, Judith, and Nicole

Penshurst Progress Association

ABN 35 622 662 815

Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – President 0402 870 738

Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary Don Adamson

Tom Cooke - Vice President Gillian Jacobs

Josh Hewitt - Treasurer Judy Brennan

Mary Stewart Amanda Cameron

Next Meeting: 24th February 2021 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

Social distancing rules apply.

Good evening everyone,

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM in January. As you will see above, the Executive remained the same and our Committee (and Association) increased by three. We'd like to welcome Gillian, Amanda and Judy to PPA.

We had a number of visitors that night, including our new Mayor, Bruach Colliton, who was helpful with his comments and advice. One of the messages that stuck with me is that 'we', the town, are too polite and we should be more vocal with the Council. I am sure at least some of us have taken that message to heart.

There's a long list of to-do's in the Minutes that I am gradually working my way through. With Grant season upon us, the PPA is asking the Public Record Office Victoria, through the 'Local History Grants Program' for funding to replace the Historic plaques that you see around the town. There are twelve and we are planning to add another eighteen to highlight the significant buildings and sites around the town. For the most part, they are based on the 'Exploring Penshurst' booklet that we ran as a feature in the newsletter last year, plus a few others, and on that note, we have more interesting information to share from the Mt Rouse & District Historical Society beginning in this newsletter.

Other items - we are looking forward to the completion of the information signs in the Gardens, to the installation of new street litter bins that have been delayed, and to finding out exactly what the Council thinks the new Barbeque building in the Gardens will look like. There's an article in this issue about the footpaths. People will have

noticed the repairs that have been made so far. We want more. There will also be a discussion with Council about the general lack of maintenance around town, e.g. garden beds, hedges, paths, mowing, resurfacing our roads and cutting grass on the verges of the highway as you come into town before all the entrances. There is a staffing issue at our Depot that needs to be addressed. There is the signage on Mt Rouse, some of which appears to be about to fall down, and the need to renovate/repaint the kiosk at the barbeque area there. That discussion will be with both the Council and Parks Victoria. We will be asking Council to have the Ranger visit the caravan park more often to maintain control over the area within the existing bylaws.

And then there is the issue with water quality. We have been told that people are having problems with both drinking and washing in the water. If it is creating skin conditions, and other problems for you, would you please get in contact with me and we can work as a group to approach Wannon Water to help resolve the situation. This may mean that you will have provide doctor's reports of skin conditions etc, but the problem should not be allowed to continue if we can do something about it.

Lastly, for now, does the town want to continue to have Markets in the Hall? The last few were not well supported. It has been over a year since then, and we could begin again, but that means we have to vote with our feet and actually turn up. What do you think?

Have great fortnight and be safe,
Ama Cooke President PPA



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In the Garden with Janet

Cannas come from South America. Their colours range from common reds, oranges and yellows through to apricot, cream and pink. The leaves can be green, bronze or purple and sometimes with stripes. Plants range in height from 45cms to 2.4ms. Frost will affect them although I've not had much trouble. They are sun loving and the books say they need lots of water which mine never get. If the weather becomes too dry, the leaves might get tatty looking but they survive as the succulent stems and underground tubers can hold onto vital moisture reserves. The books also say they need fertilizing which I have never done so. I must admit, with all the rain so far this summer, the plants look terrific. Once the flowering stem is finished, cut right back to ground level. A neighbour once had their canna bed overrun with weeds. To their horror, I mowed the lot back but the plants came back beautifully the next season.



Cannas can be propagated from seed but the new plants can be different from the parent plants. The easiest way to propagate is to divide the clump in spring or summer. Cut the clump right back before dividing. You will see all the new offshoots. Bury these, either individually or in small clumps, so the tuberous tips growths are just below the surface and within weeks the new shoots start emerging.

The swollen base shoots of *Canna edulis* are edible and go by the name of arrowroot which is ground up to make flour from which 'Milk Arrowroot' biscuits are made from.

Jobs in the veggie garden: Keep picking cucumbers and zucchinis. Mulch around capsicum, tomatoes, eggplants, chilis and sweet corn. (If you can get to them.) Cover the pumpkins in very hot weather to keep the leaves from burning. Lettuces may bolt in the hot weather, so keep successively sowing or planting a few seedlings for continuous harvesting.

Roses should be deadheaded regularly. Cut back to a bud and the bush will send up new buds for autumn flowering. I have just seen on social media to plant a rose cutting in a potato tuber which sprouts very quickly. Apparently these can be taken at any time. I shall certainly be giving it a go. Once I took a cutting from a rose from a vase at church and it grew very well. Continue mulching plants. Camellias will be budding up but if the plants dry out, the flowering won't be so spectacular. Thankfully this year, they should not need extra watering.

Happy Gardening.

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

- **Alexander Smith**

A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. - **Gertrude Jekyll**

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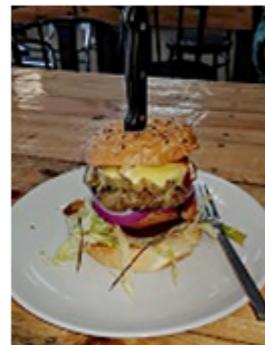
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Monday 6 am - 7 pm Tuesday 6 am - 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 6 am - 7 pm

Friday & Saturday 7 am - 8pm Sunday 8 am - 7 pm

Please phone late orders 15 minutes prior to closing, thank you

Ambulance Victoria



Gastroenteritis

Source: <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/gastroenteritis>

- Gastroenteritis is a short-term illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system.
- Symptoms can include abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting.
- Some of the causes of gastroenteritis include viruses, bacteria, bacterial toxins, parasites, particular chemicals and some drugs.
- The main complication of gastroenteritis is dehydration, but this can be prevented if the fluid lost in vomit and diarrhoea is replaced.

Prevention of gastroenteritis:

As per the Better Health site, general suggestions on how to reduce the risk of gastroenteritis include:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after going to the toilet or changing nappies, after smoking, after using a handkerchief or tissue, or after handling animals.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before preparing food or eating.
- Use disposable paper towels to dry your hands rather than cloth towels, since the bacteria can survive for some time on objects.
- Do not handle raw and cooked foods with the same implements (tongs, knives, cutting boards), unless they have been thoroughly washed between uses.
- Keep all kitchen surfaces and equipment clean.
- Keep cold food cold (below 5 °C) and hot food hot (above 60 °C) to discourage the growth of bacteria.
- Make sure foods are thoroughly cooked.
- Clean the toilet and bathroom regularly, especially the toilet seat, door handles and taps.
- Clean baby change tables regularly.
- When travelling overseas to countries where sanitation is suspect, only drink bottled water. Don't forget to brush your teeth in bottled water too. Avoid food buffets, uncooked foods or peeled fruits and vegetables, and ice in drinks.

Visit the Better Health channel for further information.

Would you like to help your community by becoming an Ambulance Community Officer?

Ambulance Victoria is seeking expressions of interest from Penshurst residents who might be interested in becoming a part-time Ambulance Community Officer (ACO).

If you would like to know a little more about the nuts and bolts of what is involved, please send an email to penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au.

Community Meetings

Caramut & District Garden Club

- 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.

Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room 1.30 pm.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm.

Mt Rouse & District Historical Society

- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- Meeting 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. Phone 557 12145.

Friends Yatmerone Reserve

- Meeting 2nd Tuesday every second month, commencing February 2021 at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Lions Club of Penshurst & District

- 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.
penshurstlions@gmail.com

Penshurst Bowls Club

- Pennant Season (October - February) meets 1st Thursday at 7.30pm Alaister 0427 555 973
- Off Season 1st Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Penshurst Pony Club Rally

- 1st Sunday each month. Phone Jenni 0409 962 969

Penshurst Senior Citizens

- meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street.



The Penshurst Branch is staffed by local Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs).

Ambulance Victoria is regularly looking for local ACOs. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please email penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au for further information.

Penshurst Senior Citizens (continued)

- Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb - Nov at 2.15 pm.
- Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm
- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senior Citizen club rooms. 2.00pm

RSL Penshurst

- meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

Penshurst Church Services

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor

Service every Sunday 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church

5pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

For further details contact Janet Kelly on 5576 5247

St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

1st Sunday No Service

2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 8.30am

5th Sunday Mass 8.30am

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

This fresh and zingy dish is the perfect meal on a summer evening

Caribbean pork with pineapple rice salad

Prep Time 20 mins - Cooking Time 20 mins

INGREDIENTS - 4 servings

250g (1 1/4 cups) white long grain rice	500g pork mince
1 small pineapple, peeled, quartered and cored	2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 red onion, finely chopped	2 teaspoons dried thyme
1/3 cup shredded mint, plus extra to serve	1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 Lebanese cucumber, sliced	2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 red capsicum, chopped	250g cherry tomatoes, halved
80ml (1/3 cup) lime juice	2 tablespoons chopped salted roasted peanuts
2 tablespoons peanut oil	

METHOD

Step 1 Cook rice following packet directions for 8 minutes or until just tender (don't overcook). Drain in a large colander and cool slightly, separating the grains with a fork to release the heat. Meanwhile, chop 3/4 of the pineapple and finely dice remaining 1/4. Combine the finely diced pineapple, 1/4 of the onion and 1 tbs of the mint in a small bowl and set aside.

Step 2 Combine the remaining pineapple, onion, mint, cucumber and capsicum in a large bowl. Drizzle with lime juice and 1/2 the oil, and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Use a large metal spoon to gently fold mixture together.

Step 3 Heat remaining oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add pork. Cook, using a wooden spoon to break up into bite-sized lumps, for about 5 minutes or until pork changes colour and most of the liquid evaporates. Reduce heat to medium. Add the spices and sugar and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add tomato and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until tomato has softened slightly. Season with salt.

Step 4 Mix the rice with the pineapple and capsicum mixture. Spread rice salad onto a large platter or shallow bowl. Pile the mince mixture on top, then scatter with the pineapple salsa and peanuts. Serve immediately.



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MEDIA RELEASE

1 February 2021



2021 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY COMMENCES

The annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for 2021 will commence this month in the Southern Grampians Shire.

Independent market research agency National Field Services will contact households and residents over 18 years of age at random over a three week period, in order to collect community feedback on Council performance.

The survey has been designed to assess the performance of Victorian Councils across a range of fields including identifying areas that require improvement and looking at ways services may be delivered more effectively to residents.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Michael Tudball said the survey provides significant insight into how Council measures against other municipalities.

"The survey is a useful tool to assess Council performance, not only to reflect on how we can improve for our local community, but also providing us an avenue to benchmark ourselves against other Councils.

"The 2020 survey results showed that Council is heading in the right direction after reversing the declining trend that became apparent from 2013-2017," Mr Tudball said.

Council's 2020 survey results showed high performance in Consultation and Engagement, scoring 59, two points up from 57 in 2019 and exceeding the current state average of 55. Council's overall performance also continued to improve from 53 in 2019 to 56 in 2020, overtaking the Large Rural average of 55.

"Over the last two years, Council has focused on improving its approach to community consultation and have implemented a number of new measures to communicate more effectively.

"However, a number of these measures were impacted by the COVID-lockdowns. We had to significantly change the way we delivered our services throughout the pandemic so the results this year will be interesting to see," said Mr Tudball.

Researchers will begin conducting the 2021 survey this week and is expected to continue through March. Survey details and individual responses are confidential with only the overall results made available to Council.

For further information on the survey, please contact Council Customer Service on 5573 0433.

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"A complacent satisfaction with present knowledge is the chief bar to the pursuit of knowledge." - **B.H. Liddell Hart**

Early Notice—would you be interested in being on the Hall's
Committee of Management?

Penshurst Memorial Hall, 21 Martin Street.

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at the Hall in early May (date to be advised) commencing at 2.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the

Committee of Management for the Penshurst Memorial

Hall for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 25th May 2021. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged. Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Ama Cooke on 0402 870 738.



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Once again we begin an historical journey through Peshurst

Thanks to the author, Philip Doherty, of the Mt Rouse and District Historical Society for providing this article. We hope the many new residents to Peshurst enjoy learning about their adopted town's history.

Naming Peshurst's Original Streets, 1851. (Part 1)



1. BELL STREET:

Edward Bell arrived in Sydney 1839. He quickly gained partners and they purchased a run on Lake George, NSW - solely to acquire assigned servants (which were provided to landholders by the government). Edward set out to Port Phillip, with approximately twenty staff, no experience in livestock, droving 1200 head of cattle and 30 horses.

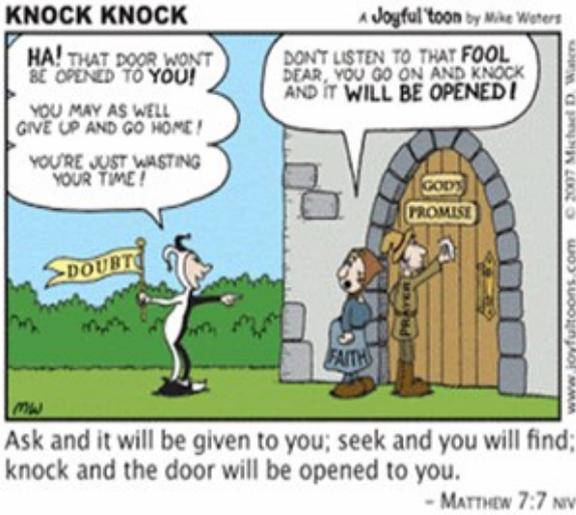
Edward met up with the Bolden Bros on the Murray River. (The Boldens settled most of the land around Warrnambool and Port Fairy). Edward arrived in Melbourne Nov 1841, where most of the cattle were immediately sold to butchers. Then with a dray and stores, he started for the Western District with the remainder of the herd, about 300 head.

At the Grange, a police magistrate, Mr. French was establishing himself, and in June of that year (1842) Bell had the honour of being appointed a Magistrate to assist French on the bench. Bell and partners settled on Englefield, Glenelg River as their heifer station.

In January 1846 Bell exchanged the Englefield run with Mr. Clerk for another run near Mt. Rouse, which he named The Green Hills.

The original station of Mumumberick (south east Mt. Rouse) of which The Green Hills formed a part, was taken up in 1840 by Matthew Gibb, for Capt. Swanston. It was sold in 1843 to Robert Clerk.

Continued in the next newsletter



**Around the Churches
The Gifts we Never Knew**

I saw them at 7:00am on Sunday. Three smartly dressed police officers on Griffin street. They had captured three recalcitrant horses that had been spooked by the storms. Thanks to their calming vibe the horses were now grazing happily on the nature strip.

I thought of our police force as I went inside. Like me they probably had no idea what they signed for. Each day had its surprises, challenges, rewards, excitement and it's tedium. We did not realise that expectations, joys, tears, giggles, reprimands and COVID were all coming.

We never knew what hoary dragons we would slay, or chocolate flavoured liqueur we would savour. We did not know the emails we would write and the ones we wish we hadn't. We did not know the friendships we would make, the lives that would be entrusted to us. How fortunate, how lucky, blessed we were; how blessed we are still. We did not know the gifts that would be given to us and the gifts that we would bring. The gifts we never knew.

All the time we were maturing, growing, being pruned, loving and being loved. We made mistakes and sometimes we got it right. We were rewarded not with large bouquets of flowers or limitless cash bonuses, but with that sweet, elusive sense of a job well done and the realisation that no matter the outcome, we could have done nothing more.

And while this cauldron gurgled, our gifts and talents gradually came bubbling to the surface. Shiny, glossy unexpected. "Oh, I never knew I had it in me". The gifts we never knew.

In a delicious irony that occurs only once a millennium, the reading that Sunday morning was the story of the three wise men bringing their gifts to the squawking Christ child.

I thought of those three police officers, and the three horses. Again, we had all discovered the gifts we never knew.

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

A Page for the Children to enjoy—making Shadow Puppets



Butterfly
Hand-shadow of Butterfly



Camel
Hand-shadow of Camel



Chamois
Hand-shadow of Chamois



Dog
Hand-shadow of Dog



Donkey
Hand-shadow of Donkey



Elephant
Hand-shadow of Elephant



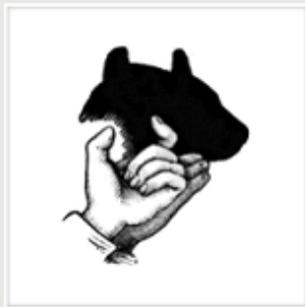
Goat
Hand-shadow of Goat



Goose
Hand-shadow of Goose



Hound
Hand-shadow of Hound



Ox
Hand-shadow of Ox



Pig
Hand-shadow of Pig



Rabbit
Hand-shadow of Rabbit



Reindeer
Hand-shadow of Reindeer



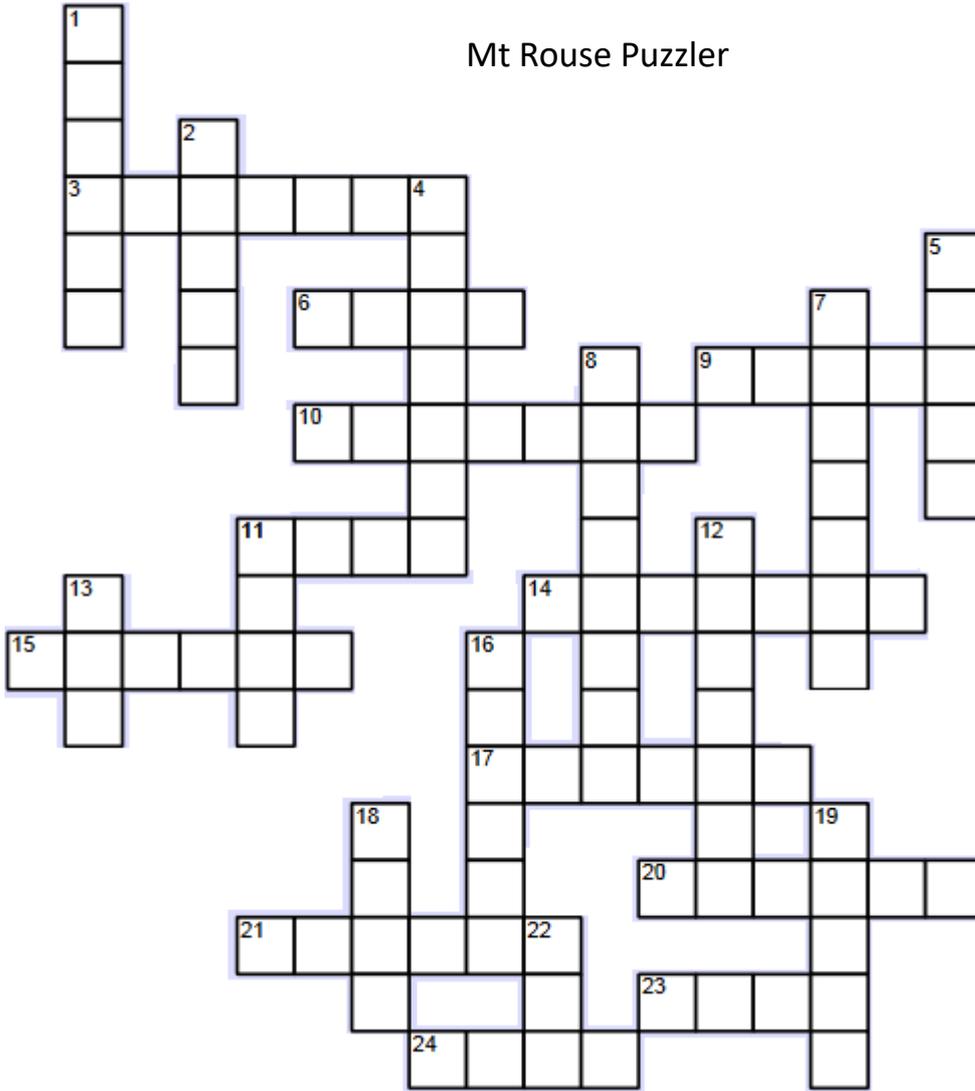
Teddy Bear
Hand-shadow of Teddy Bear



Wolf
Hand-shadow of Wolf

A little sun, a little shadow and look what we have here.
Can you make these shadow animals appear?

Mt Rouse Puzzler



Across:

- 3: To lift up.
- 6: A journey with a stumbling ending.
- 9: Impertinence.
- 10: A small cucumber.
- 11: An old measure, or walking on ..
- 14: To make something last or continue for a longer time.
- 15: Clever or dexterous.
- 17: Blackbirds minus 4.
- 20: Raise the subject.
- 21: Rise from sleeping.
- 23: The loud ringing of bells.
- 24: Circle.

Down:

- 1: Amok.
- 2: Curved glass vital in a camera.
- 4: Clear to the sight or mind.
- 5: A vehicle that has been badly damaged or destroyed.
- 7: A drawing or picture that shows only the shape of an object.
- 8: Set free.

- 11: To prevent someone from doing something or achieving a goal.
- 12: A gift of summer walking.
- 13: A storytelling poem.
- 16: Born in a particular place.
- 18: A deep, wide ditch with or without crocodiles.
- 19: An arched structure that forms a ceiling or roof.
- 22: A God focused person.

Across: 1 trio, 3 chase, 4 sir, 5 stumble, 8 locality, 13 feel, 14 pinch, 16 atom, 17 intrude, 18 magnum, 21 scrupulous, 22 planet, 23 boring. Down: 1 tense, 2 one, 6 through, 7 silence, 9 pup, 10 etna, 11 participate, 12 photograph, 15 tang, 19 nearer, 20 burrow, 21 static.

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.

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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

Visit our site

**www.penshurstvictoria.com.au
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any comments.**

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English School Boy Howlers

The horse you bet on is called a cert.
If it loses it is called a dead cert.

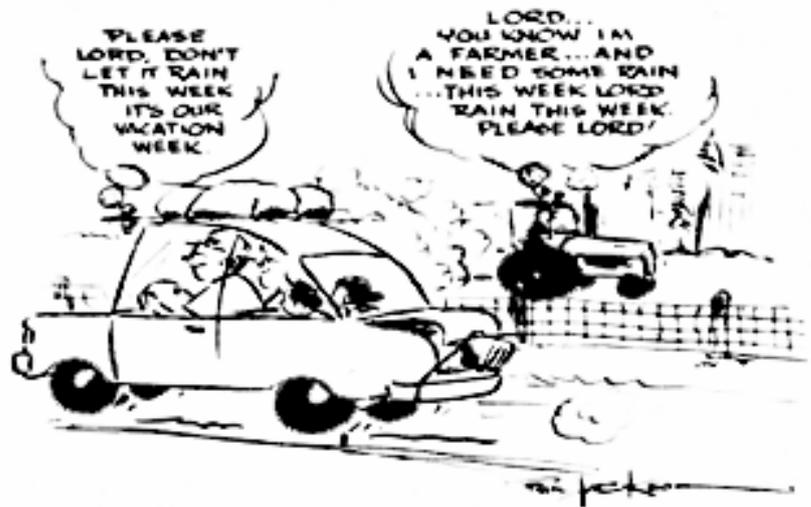
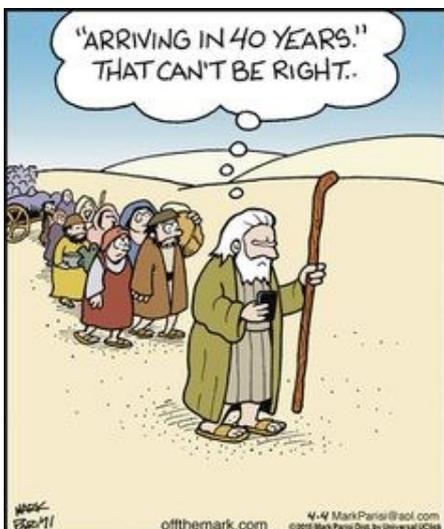
The Matterhorn is a horn blown
when anything is the matter.

The woman had her faced lifted by
a drastic surgeon.

The Australian are very fold of the
boomerang,
which carries its young in a bag
outside its stomach.

- Q. What is the difference between a
wedge tailed eagle and ice-
cream?
A. Well if you don't know,
I certainly won't send you
for an ice-cream.

Never trust Go.gle maps ...



Knowledge is knowing that a tomato
Is a fruit, not a vegetable.
**Wisdom is knowing
not to include it in a fruit salad.**

Riddles

1. You don't have me when you're born, but you have me after. But a few years later, I leave again, and you don't have me anymore. But I don't stay away permanently, and I come back in different form. What am I?
2. I am hollow, I die if you touch me. What am I?
3. A man flipped a coin 9 times and every single time it landed on heads. If the man flipped the coin again, what is the chance that it lands on heads?
- 4 I can damage objects by force, but I have no arms. I make sound only when I am amplified. I cannot be seen, only felt and heard. What am I?
5. The first thing always exists, and the second thing only exists when there's a lot of the first thing in one place. What are they?
6. Many people search for me but very few find me in my truest form, the ones that do live a full life. What am I?
7. I look like you, but I am not you. You can blow me up or find me in a wallet. Share me or frame me, both are nice. What am I?