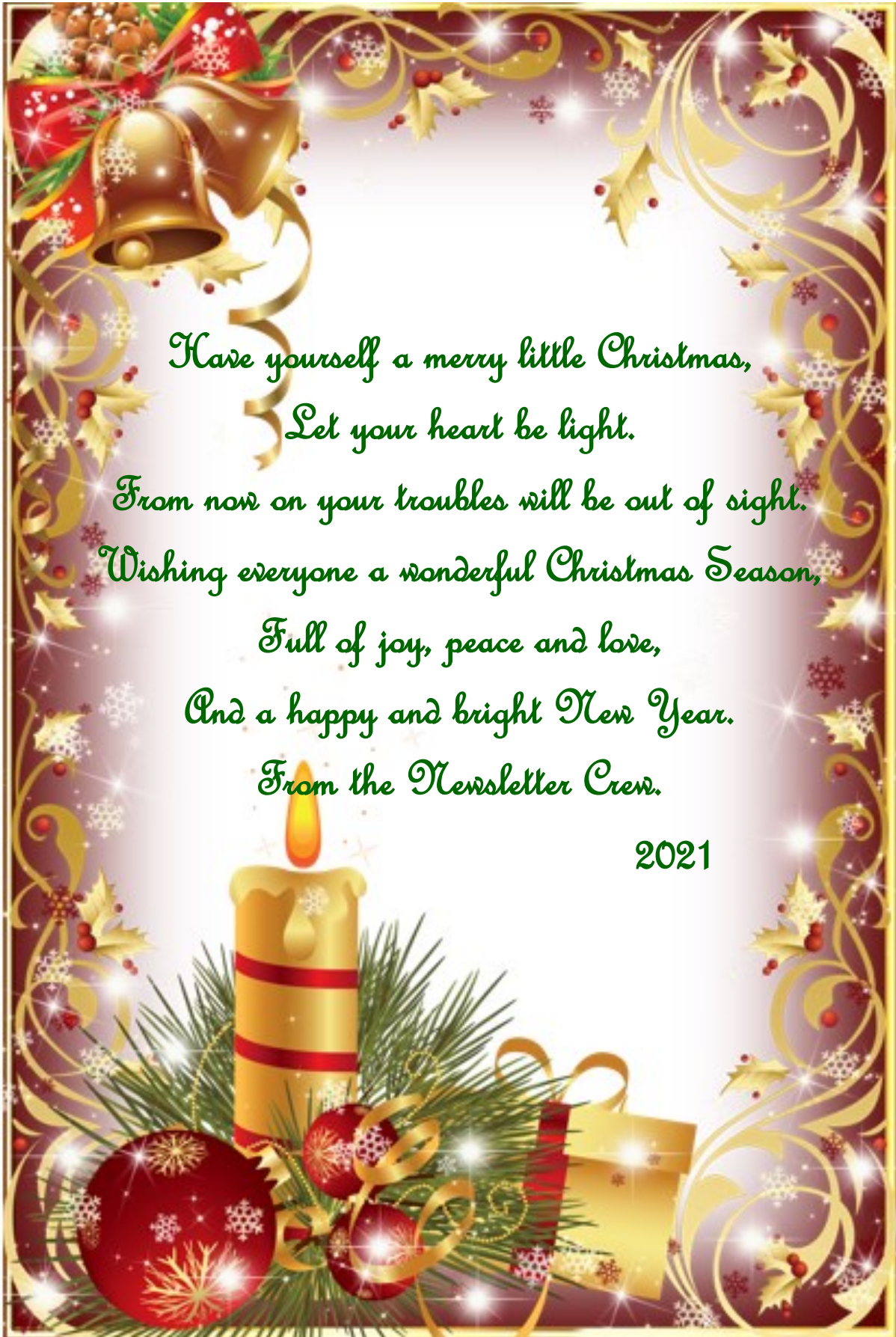


MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



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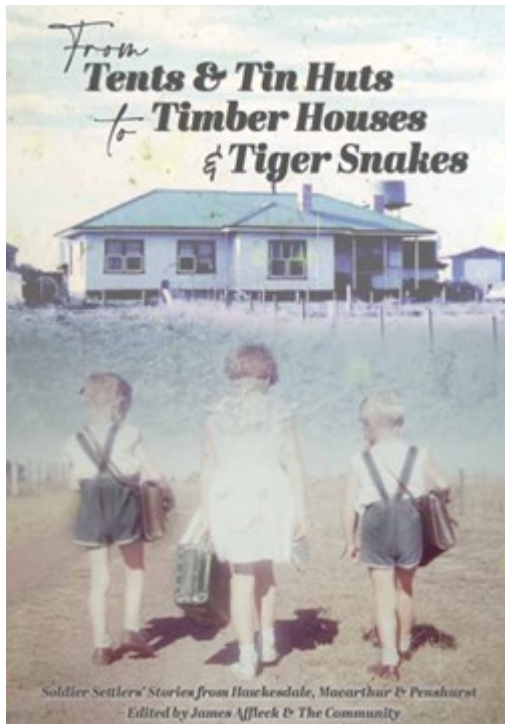
Full of joy, peace and love,

And a happy and bright New Year.

From the Newsletter Crew.

2021

Mount Rouse & District Historical Society are pleased to announce the return of their webpages, which you can find at <http://www.mtrousehistoricalsociety.org.au/>. The Facebook site will also soon return. If you have any questions, or would like to add anything to the websites, please contact Phil Doherty pdandmj@bigpond.com or 0458 766 250.



Mt Rouse & District Historical Society

***From Tent & Tin Huts
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Macarthur and Penshurst***

Edited by James Affleck

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Some excerpts from the book:

The land around Mt Rouse was once occupied by the Nareeb Nareeb and Kolor Aborigines who garnered plenty of food from the local environment and water from natural springs and creeks. The Kolor people too their name from the mountain which they called 'Collorerr'. They built substantial huts for their shelter in the winter, preferring the open countryside in the warmer months ...

Penshurst is a small village of about 500 people located 170 miles west of Melbourne and 18 miles south-east of Hamilton ...

When Penshurst was laid out it was given wide main streets to enable the turning of bullock trains. Several schools were opened in the late 1850s and a flurry of hotels. A Wesleyan Church was built in 1860. Mt Rouse Shire, with its seat in Penshurst, was created in 1864 and it was felt important to build a proper courthouse and a post office for the new municipality. The shire offices were, of course, erected the same year. A Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1865 and a Catholic Church in 1867 and the first bank appeared that same decade ...

For locals and travellers and people new to the region, this book provides glimpses into the fascinating history and development of the towns of Hawkesdale, Macarthur & Penshurst. As the author writes, "this book is not just a history of these men and women's military life, and their experiences post war ... it is also a social history of their forebears back in the "mother country" or from wherever they may have come from".

These stories remind us of who we are; of what our ancestors experienced; and the joys and hardships of opening up new territory in a very foreign land. The comparisons with today can show us how much, and how little, we have changed Great reading. An excellent present for anyone interested in the history of Australia, life in the military and life on the land.

Editor

Hello Santa!

Santa was in a dancing mood when he came to visit Penshurst on the 4th December.

(You'll find evidence of that on the Penshurst



Victoria Facebook site). Young and old stopped by to say hi to him, and our Busker, Michael Cameron (thanks to both himself and SGSC).

While windy, the weather remained fine long enough for an entertaining visit. We look forward to seeing him again very soon.

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Merry Christmas, always

Some things may be different this Christmas,
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to be grateful for.

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this year, make it merry.

From Anna, Sue, Louise, Robyn & Carly at
Community Bank Dunkeld & District.



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Saturday 25 December – Closed
Sunday 26 December – Closed
Monday 27 December – Closed
Tuesday 28 December – Closed
Wednesday 29 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 30 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 31 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
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Ama Cooke – Chairperson

Tom Cooke - Vice President

Josh Hewitt - Treasurer

Don Adamson

Next Meeting - Our AGM: Wednesday 19th January 2022

7.30pm - Supper Room, Penshurst Hall

Good morning, how are you?

As I make an attempt to tidy up my unruly desk I am considering my list for PPA this coming year? First the AGM on the 19th January, then Australia Day + Citizen of the Year. The list includes following up the proposal for the Green Space project we have sent to the Council, the updated heritage signs creation, the new plans for a gazebo in the Gardens to replace the BBQ building, something like the one pictured here. What do you think of it? Next, chasing street signs .. Its ok, I know they stand still .. so still, in fact, that they gather dirt and in some cases, start growing moss. Someone has to be responsible for cleaning (or replacing) them .. the answer to that question is probably being pointed to the Kolar Lodge Hostel sign, which, when last seen, was pointing vague towards Mt Rouse (and still is, at the time of typing, Monday afternoon although I talked to the Council about it a week ago). We are also planning to check out the cinema equipment and pick some dates for movies in the Hall. And then there's dances. There's no point in spending a fortune on the Hall if we aren't going to be using it.

What are your plans for Christmas, now that we can actually have one. It feels very strange. My brother is coming down from Sydney, that mythical place from another lifetime. He's talking about friends coming to visit from overseas. Hopefully next year the town can have its Christmas party in the Park .. I have all year to plan the logistics and file the documents with Council. It will be grant season again soon. What do we want and need? PPA is not an autonomous entity, we need your input to make



the town a better place for all of us.

Speaking of which, let me change hats .. For those that don't know, that means let me become the interim secretary of the Men's Shed for a few minutes. Thanks to Covid and other problems, the big build, long delayed, is finally nearing completion, and in the new year I'll be calling a town meeting to create a new Committee of Management for it. Are there some men who would like to help run it? The building will be in great condition to start its new adventure, but the majority of those who began the first can no longer continue in their positions. It would be very disappointing to not have the Shed available to the men, and women, of Penshurst in 2022 and beyond. We only need five (5) people for the group. Have you got the time or interest? Questions? Ring me. The number's at the top of the page.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and safe 2022. See you in the New Year.

Ama Cooke Chairperson PPA

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Fire Lessons Learnt Over The Years... with Peter Brown

In this interview we hear from Penshurst resident Peter Brown who has experienced fire at a local level over many years. What has he experienced and how has that shaped his perception of the risk of fire today? Here's what Peter had to say.



Peter was born in Penshurst in 1938 and started with the Rural Fire Service in 1963. "As did all my mates" he says. Peter was Secretary until 1975.

Peter's experience with fire came much earlier than the official membership however. Peter describes that as a young lad, as with many young kids, how they used to walk around with a knapsack and fire rake to assist with burning off around the perimeter of town. That was their induction to fire. Burning off was the means of reducing vegetation around the town instead of slashing. The northern, western, and southern boundaries of the township were burnt annually to keep grass low before the fire season. This would occur 2-3 nights a week from about 5.30-9.00pm for many weeks until the burning off was finished, with someone having the day job of supervising to ensure hotspots didn't get away.

Peter recalls "Back in those days it wasn't uncommon to use a long hose from the spring into town for access to water before town water and the subsequent fire hydrants became available. And the fire truck needed a push to get it started!"

Communication was a challenge especially in a fire event. "Early on there was no communication. Then there were two-way radios however communication was still limited in some areas like around the back of Mount Rouse until the communication tower went up on the Mount."

Peter recalls the major fire threats to Penshurst during his time as well as many other smaller fires. The 1977 fires, Ash Wednesday (1983), a threat from a Grampians fire and St Patrick Day Fires (2018) were the most significant.

Peter recalls the panic on Ash Wednesday as the fire approached from the North West all the CFA trucks were positioned south in the Warrnambool area for another fire. "Initially we had to rely on farmers fire trucks, CFA trucks came later."

In 1977 the fire started west of Penshurst, the north wind fuelled the fire pushing it alongside the western side of town until the wind changed and brought it back towards town. The fire came over the Mount to the back of the Primary (State) School. "We had trucks lined up between the highway and the hospital... My wife took the kids and went out of town to a farm house near where the fire had started... it was safer there as the fire had already gone through."

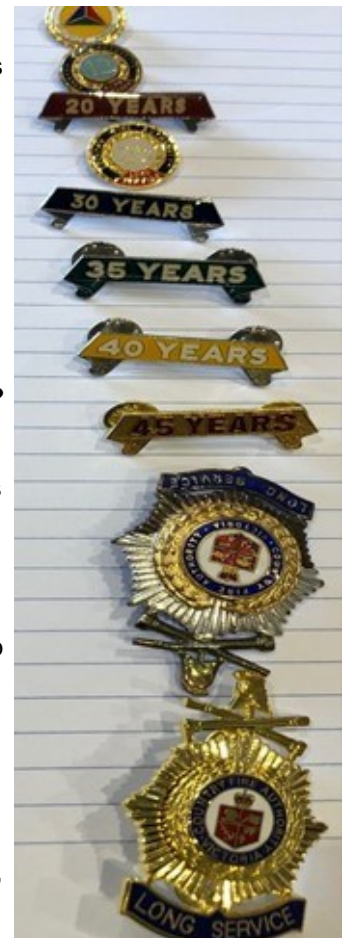
Peter spoke highly of former brigade volunteers Alex Sparks and Arthur Cottrill (both dec.) who held leadership roles and did a significant amount of work on behalf of the community to keep the township safe from fire.

What were the most rewarding experiences?

"If you can save someone's house... that's rewarding or get their stock out of harms way."

Helping people both in a fire and after the clean-up were the significant memories for Peter. "As a member of APEX we would help pull down burnt fences and put up new ones, we spent many weekends fencing."

Peter's work as a stock agent also came to the fore being able to organise buyers to assess



Peter Brown's Brigade Service Medals Since 1963.

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Penshurst Bushfire Place of Last Resort



Many townspeople and local CFA would like you to join us in petitioning the Shire of Southern Grampians to allow us to change the Penshurst Bushfire Place of Last Resort from where it is located now, in an open area behind the Senior Citizens' Building, to indoors in the Penshurst Memorial Hall

Petitions are available to sign at Kelly's Merchandise
For more information contact Ama Cooke 0402 870 738
or Brenden Cottrill 0419 538 124



From the desk of the Editor

As the waves of change have washed through the year, it's left some of us feeling a little 'beached' by the tide. So many ups and downs this year. So many things we have had to accept, because we couldn't fix them, or they were the 'fix', or we couldn't think of any other choice. Year 2021 has been a year of joy, and a year of challenges, for all of us, including those on the Newsletter Crew. Now, looking back, we hope that this year has left you feeling stronger, braver and more ready to pick up and run with whatever 2022 brings. The newsletter will continue to communicate to the town and District, with your help. We provide it for your entertainment and information, for sharing things that matter and those we need to know about. It is actually your vehicle to share what is important to you with our community.. So please use it. We love receiving your ideas and stories and hope that will continue next year. We now get to take a couple of weeks off.

The next newsletter will be available on the 12th January. See you then. Editor.



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Fire Lessons Learnt Over The Years... with Peter Brown

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and sell damaged livestock in the paddock rather than having them moved to town.

What were the most difficult experiences?

"After Ash Wednesday I had to take 10,000 bullets north to Five-Roads, there were thousands of stock that needed to be put down."

"The terrain is so difficult to navigate your way around the stone country ...I would never send a truck out to a dead-end lane... it's just too dangerous. The terrain is hard on the vehicles."

What have you learnt about Fire?

"Too often people burning off rubbish are not careful enough...they don't realise the damage it (fire) can do and don't realise how active fire can be underground. People don't realise how dangerous it can be, within five minutes of starting it's off. If it gets out into the open country with stock and crops, businesses can be wiped out so quickly."

"The wind can change so quick"... like in the 1977 fires suddenly it was heading towards us and people got trapped". But in the 2018 fires we were expecting the wind to change but it didn't that time ...the unpredictability (of fire)."

"Local knowledge is really important ...with the rocky country it would be great if a local could be on every truck that goes out."

What have you learnt about reducing the risk of fire?

"People need to be aware of what you can and can't do on a bad fire day."

"Everyone should make sure they have their house, contents and surrounds are insured, given there are so many that don't have it."

"We need more people to join the fire brigade ... they're getting old down there! ...sometimes we need to wait to get a crew to go out...it's getting harder to 'man' the truck."

How much of a risk do you think fire is to the Penshurst community?

On 12 February 1977, Streatham was partially destroyed by bushfires which spread across western Victoria to the South Australian border. The post office, community hall, and shops were destroyed in the blaze. The fires killed four people and a further seven are believed to have suffered heart attacks.

Other areas that felt the effects of the fire included **Penshurst**, Tatyoon, Creswick, Pura Pura, Cressy, Beeac, Lismore and Little River. In total, the fires burnt 116 houses, 340 buildings, 103,000 hectares, and close to 200,000 livestock.

The Insurance Council of Australia estimated the 1977 damage at \$9 million, with the 2011 estimated normalised cost of \$101 million.

(<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/bushfire-western-districts-and-streatham-victoria-and-south-australian-1977/>)

"A big risk. It's a big risk...and I'm a believer in global warming so we are a sitting target but luckily we have plenty of water in the Spring."

"A lot of people don't understand the damage fire can do."

You've been vocal in your views that the Penshurst Neighbourhood Safer Place - Bushfire Place of Last Resort should be moved, why is that?

"I think that decision to put it outside the Senior Citizens was ridiculous ..out there in the open. We can't have it at the footy ground because its used as a Staging Ground (for the fire effort). The Hall was the original place where we went. We set ourselves up there. It worked well. It's indoors, it's bigger than inside the Seniors Hall so it can fit a lot more people inside."

Thanks Peter for sharing your story and your 60+ years of volunteering to help keep the Penshurst Community safer from fire. Peter continues to be a member of the local brigade in his role as Staging Area Manager. Peter is on the working group to address the location of the Penshurst Neighbourhood Safer Place – Bushfire Place of the Last Resort (NSP-BPLR) representing the Seniors Citizens and Recreation Reserve Trustees.

JV

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice of Intention to Sell

98 Watton St, Peshurst



Sale of Former Maternal Child Health Building – 98 Watton Street, Peshurst

Southern Grampians Shire Council (Council) gives notice in accordance with section 114(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) of its intention to sell 98 Watton Street, Peshurst.

This proposal is made under section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020.

Council will sell the designated property with the assistance of local Real Estate Agent(s).

Council will undertake a community engagement process in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy pursuant to s114(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020.

Any person wishing to make a submission on the proposal must do so in writing by **Monday 31 January 2022**. Submissions should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Southern Grampians Shire Council
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Further information on the proposal can be obtained from Council's Property Officer, Craig Beaton on 5573 0277.



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Caramut and District Garden Club

Hydrangeas are amongst the easiest shrubs to grow and are generally long lived with flowers lasting for long periods.

They require a rich loamy soil that is kept moist in the dryer months, but like most plants, don't like permanently wet, soaking feet. They grow best in dappled shade providing shelter from the scorching midday and late afternoon sun. If grown under deep shady trees, there will not be enough light and they will have to compete with tree roots for moisture and nutrients. Hydrangeas are tolerant to frost and the cold.



Hydrangeas are known to be able to change colour depending on the soil. White cultivars usually remain white, but acid soil will produce blue hydrangeas. Potash - potassium aluminum sulphate works effectively.. If you want pink flowers, which is easier to achieve, requires the addition of lime to the soil. Me? All too much work. I just prefer to let the flowers be the colour they want. As the flowers age, they will include greenish tones.

It used to be thought that hydrangeas had to be pruned severely. But some experts say that no pruning is better than radical pruning. The plants will continue to flower but be smaller blooms. It is suggested that after flowering, take this stem off, either at a low pair of buds or right to the base to encourage growth from the ground. There is one general pruning rule - mature hydrangeas should have old stems removed at the base to encourage a flush of new growth.

Take a regular walk around to enjoy your garden and the results of your work.

VDC RE-OPENS ON DECEMBER 27

The Volcanoes Discovery Centre will re-open on Monday, December 27.

The centre was forced to close in early August because of Covid restrictions.

Opening hours will be 11am - 3pm

initially, although this could be varied during January, depending on the availability of volunteers.

*** The centre will require proof from patrons of a double vaccinated status as per Government regulations. Visitors will also have to sign in on the Services Victoria QR code as previous, or sign in manually.



There are a lot of groups, clubs and not-for-profits whose life-blood is volunteers. Have you considered giving a little of your time and energy to an interesting and worthwhile cause? From experience, I know how much fun it can be to be part of a bigger picture, to help our residents and visitors, and get to know a few people we haven't really met before. All our groups are looking for old and new volunteers - if you are curious, drop in and say hello or ring and ask questions. You'll be welcome.

Editor

Riddles to groan over.

1. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
2. This is as light as a feather, yet no man can hold it for long. What is it?
3. A man is in a cement house. There are no windows, no doors, and everything is cement (even the floor) he only things in there are a table, a calendar, and a mirror. how does he get out?
4. Imagine you are on top of a car that is going 100 miles per hour, about to drive off of a cliff. Nobody is at the wheel. You are super-glued down to the car with chains on your hands, feet, arms, legs - Everywhere! How do prevent driving off the cliff?
5. So, there's a one story house, and everything is green, the walls, the floors, the furniture, everything. What colour are the stairs?
6. I can sizzle like bacon, I am made with an egg. I have plenty of backbone, but lack a good leg. I peel layers like onions, but still remain whole. I can be long like a flagpole, yet fit in a hole. What am I?
7. I have a head and 2 hands but I don't have a body. Who am I?
8. A person leaves home, goes straight, turns left, goes straight, turns left, goes straight the same distance, turns, and comes home and there are 2 people waiting for here. Who are the 2 people?



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Crispy Potato Salad with Blue Cheese

Prep Time 10 mins - Cooking Time 45 mins

INGREDIENTS - 8 servings

1kg baby Red Royale potatoes	1/2 cup finely chopped chives
2 tbsp olive oil	1/4 cup coarsely chopped dill
2 tsp smoked paprika	200g sugar snap peas
1/2 cup (120g) Coles Sour Cream	200g snow peas
1/4 cup (75g) mayonnaise	500g pkt frozen peas
2 tbsp white wine vinegar	8 short-cut bacon rashers, chopped
150g blue cheese, crumbled	3 spring onions, thinly sliced

METHOD

· Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Place potatoes on lined tray. Drizzle with oil. Season. Sprinkle with paprika. Toss to coat. Roast for 30 mins or until tender.

· Step 2

Use a clean tea towel to gently crush each potato. Roast for 15 mins or until golden. Set aside to cool slightly.

· Step 3

Meanwhile, place the sour cream, mayonnaise, vinegar and half the blue cheese in a food processor and process until smooth. Transfer to a bowl. Stir in half the chives and half the dill. Season.



· Step 4

Cook combined peas in a saucepan of boiling water for 2 mins or until just tender. Refresh under cold water. Drain.

· Step 5

Cook the bacon in a large frying pan over medium heat for 5 mins or until crisp. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Set aside to cool.

· Step 6

Arrange potato, peas, bacon, spring onion and remaining blue cheese on a platter. Drizzle with dressing. Sprinkle with remaining chives and dill to serve.

Great as a light lunch, or as a 'side' with ham or turkey. Enjoy.



Around Penshurst

There's not much to show for it, unless you are on the roof, but there has been another change at the Hall with the installation of solar panels - a gift from DELWP and the government - that will help with the cost of electricity in the building, that mostly comes from the public toilets that are very well attended each year. If you look closely you can just see two heads popping up over the parapet. Under Heritage restrictions the panels had to be invisible, and we think they are.

The next project brings a little more light to the situation as new windows (presently being created) appear in the storage room on the south side of the building, and then in the Supper Room. Yes! Its really about to happen. Watch this spot. Merry Christmas Penshurst Hall.



CFA Street Corner Meeting

It was great to see so many people attending the CFA's meeting last Saturday morning. Jo and Gavin answered many questions and helped explain the contents of the emergency box and where the new 'Place of Last Resort' will be once we change it from behind the Senior Citizens building.

Thank you to the members of the CFA who protect our towns during the year. Your dedication is appreciated.



Something for the children to enjoy

An Australian Christmas

Australians have a special way,
Of spreading Christmas cheer.
Ploughing snow is a big no-no,
We have sun over here.

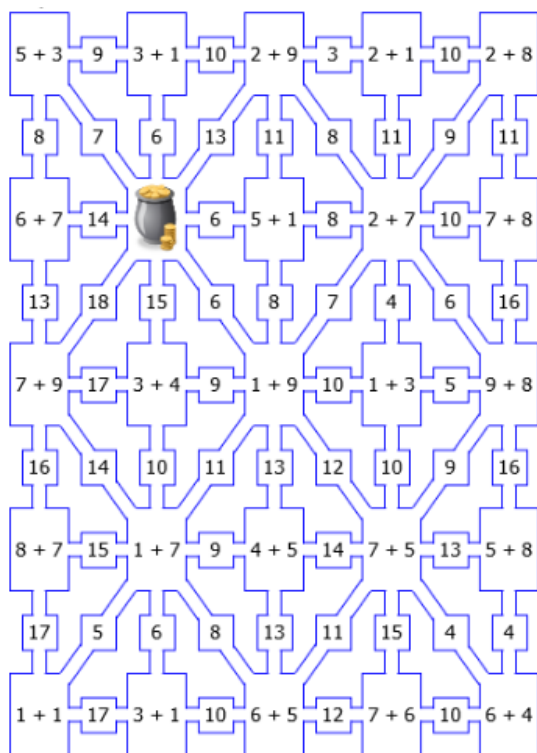
Christmas pud is a pav instead,
While lunch is on the beach.
Cold ham replaces turkey,
And we have three servings here.

Kangaroos help Santa out,
'Cause reindeer just won't do,
For they don't know the bush so well,
Roos just bound on through.

Forget the fur lined boots this year,
Thongs are what you need,
Rudolf will have to sit it out,
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A compound word is made out of two words.
Draw a line from a word in the left column to a word in the right column to create a compound word.

Candle	mother	.....
any	wise	.....
ant	corn	.....
pop	body	.....
clock	light	.....
blow	farm	.....
angel	pipe	.....
back	spice	.....
all	pack	.....
grand	fish	.....

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



9 DECEMBER 2021

NEW DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN ENDORSED

Council has endorsed the new Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 (DAMP) at last night's ordinary Council meeting.

The Plan which aims to promote responsible pet ownership and the welfare of cats and dogs in the community, has been shaped by resident feedback. The Plan will help balance the needs of pet owners as well as the community across the Southern Grampians.

Local Laws Team Leader Jason Barker said strong community input indicated how committed residents are to supporting responsible pet ownership in the region. "We received over 80 feedback submissions regarding our draft Plan which was really encouraging to see the high engagement level of our community wanting to develop a plan that helps to protect not only the welfare of our animals, but also our region from nuisance dogs and cats," said Mr Barker. "The new DAMP will now include a proposed cat curfew trial from sunset to sunrise which will be introduced by the end of 2022. This will mean cats must be contained to an owner's property during those designated hours which we hope will help to reduce negative impact on native animal populations and also decrease nuisance animals. "Mandatory desexing is also something that we will be investigating to help with unplanned breeding and subsequently to reduce the number of unwanted and stray animals. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback and contributed to our new Domestic Animal Management Plan," concluded Mr Barker.

Some of the key initiatives Council will roll out as part of the DAMP over the next four years include:

- Enhancing the Shire's communication and education strategy seeking compliance of responsible pet ownership
- Conducting activities to increase rates of desexing and microchipping to improve reunion rates and reduce the number of unclaimed pets
- Continuing to enhance the Shire's animal management services and facilities.
- Raising community awareness about feral and semi-owned cat populations and improved compliance with confinement.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, every Victorian local government must prepare a plan outlining how it will manage dogs and cats within its municipal boundaries.

Copies are available online at https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=153 or from the Brown Street Customer Service Centre.

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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.
- Penshurst Social Support Group - WDHS meets every Thursday; for Exercise, Activities, Outings and General chit chat. Join us for lots of fun & laughter at Sheppard Centre - **COVID Permitting**. Western District Health Service – PENSURST Campus. Please contact Fiona Social Support Group Coordinator on 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

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.



AmbulanceVictoria

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

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.
- 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

Penshurst Church Services

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor

Service every Sunday 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church

4pm 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



All Saints Penshurst

Wednesday 22nd of December 7pm
Christmass Mass

COVID things.

At the time of going to print...

Proof of double vaccination is required
if you haven't already offered it.

BYO Mask

Sign in using the QR code or
use the sign in book.



The wise woman from Park-run

I was bemoaning my slower times at Park-run to a wise woman the other day. She listened patiently as I prattled on about the burgeoning time it took me to get around the lake. "Is it my age?" I wailed. "Is it my technique?" I moaned. I pleaded desperately. "Will new shoes make me go faster or a different breakfast?"

The wise woman listened compassionately to my pathetic tale of woe. She smiled graciously and incisively replied,

"What if Park-run is not about the blood pressure or a personal best time? What if it is just about 'doing and being'? What if it is just about putting yourself in the best possible place and just living the moment? Allowing everything else to just dissolve away. Would that be such a terrible thing?"

I thought about these astute and perceptive questions as I went to Evening Prayer later that day. Often it's just mutter, mutter, grumble, grumble. There are no choruses of angels, bursting into glorious song. No beatific visions of St. Michael or Our Lady. The Archangel Gabrielle has so far declined to accept my generous invitations to show up and sit down beside me.

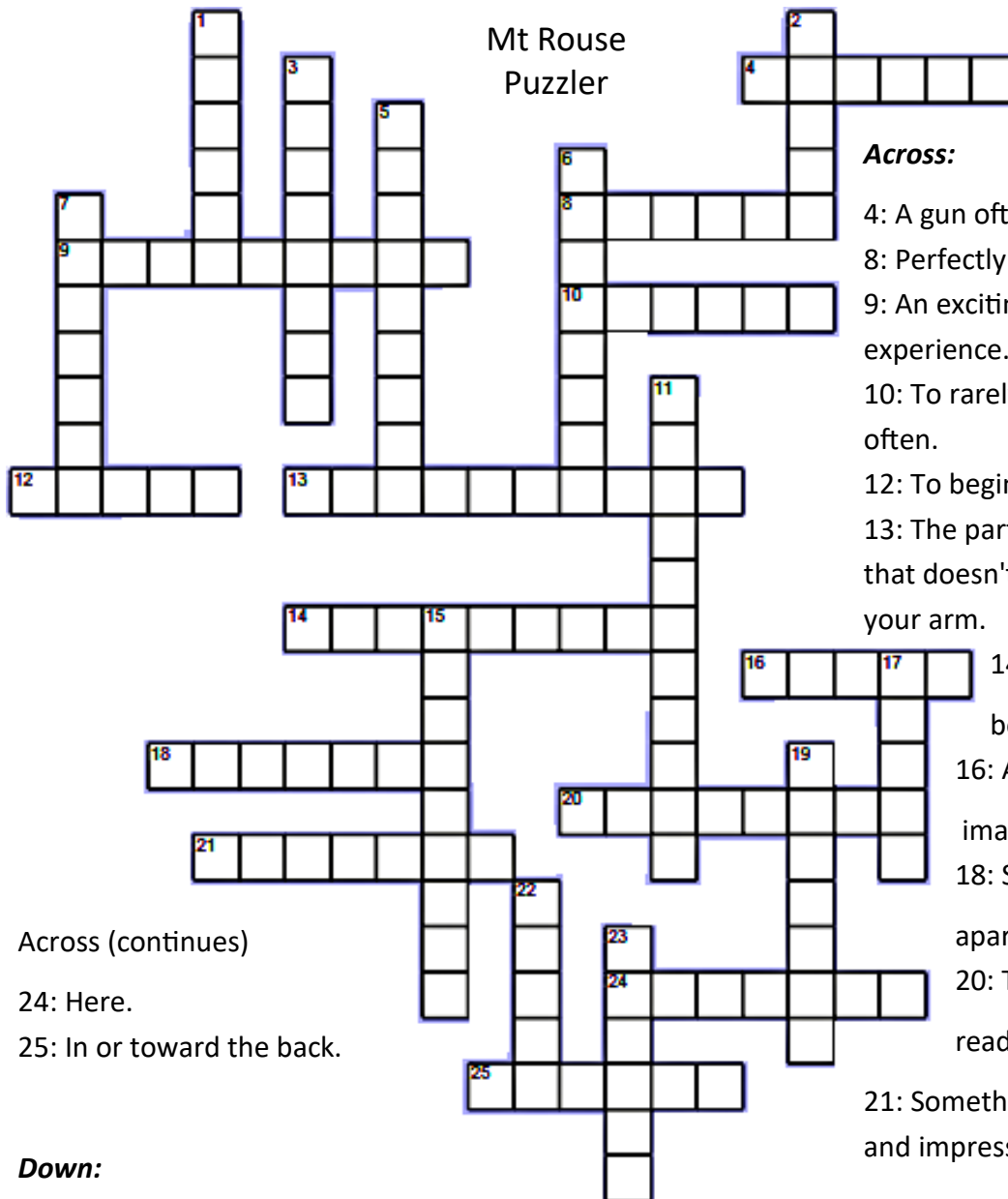
So what if I applied a similar philosophy to my prayers? What if prayer wasn't having weird religious experiences in psychedelic colour with 5d surround sound, transmitted on the 7G network?

What if prayer was just placing myself in the best possible space and place and allowing the possibility of God to do His thing? Perhaps prayer is not about me trying to get a personal best while babbling through the psalms and scratching my head at the incomprehensible readings? I shall always be grateful to the wise woman from Park-run. Maybe my personal best is actually when I am going slowly.

Fr. David Oulton droulton72@gmail.com

**We welcome articles for inclusion here from any of the churches that
service the Penshurst region**

Mt Rouse
Puzzler



Across:

- 4: A gun often with wheels.
8: Perfectly clear.
9: An exciting or dangerous experience.
10: To rarely do something; not often.
12: To begin again.
13: The part of a shirt, jacket, etc., that doesn't cover all or part of your arm.
14: One who ducks or bowls.
16: A book of memories or imagination.
18: Split without coming apart.
20: To mark the end of reading.
21: Something that is very large and impressive.

Across (continues)

- 24: Here.
25: In or toward the back.

Down:

- 1: Of teeth and historic events.
2: To lose strength or freshness.
3: A chemical mix or answer.
5: To make smooth or slippery.
6: Extremely or completely happy.
7: A plant that has flowers with a very pleasant and sweet smell.
11: The action of returning something to a former owner, place, or condition.
15: Melting on a string (2 words 5,3)
17: Involving the possibility of something bad or unpleasant happening.
19: A person who wastes time, money, etc.
22: A favourite for snacks like pizza.
23: A little in your step.

Last fortnight's crossword answers - Across: 1 cuppa, 5 risssole, 7 turnkey, 8 wisdom, 11 tomorrow, 12 lingering, 14 justice, 16 stillness, 17 mistake, 20 below, 21 rumble, 22 risk, 24 life. **Down:** 2 amusement, 3 seldom, 4 brink, 6 steepie, 9 midnight, 10 moonshine, 13 rainshadow, 15 blister, 17 mystery, 18 elders, 19 mastery, 23 spin.

PENSHURST MENS SHED

We are in the process of completing the extensions and will be opening again next year.

New members will be welcome and a new committee will be required.

Covid rules apply.

Newsletter: If you have any stories you would like to share events, stories and ideas, please contact 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
and let us know if you have
any comments.**

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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 letterbox at 46 Watton Street by
19th December 2021. Thank you.

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