

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



Learn about the Council’s plans for our extended caravan park. Have your say ...

**Penshurst Caravan Park
Draft Concept Plan**

**Information Session
Penshurst Hall
Saturday 6 May
10am - 1pm**

The logo for Southern Grampians Shire Council, featuring a stylized landscape with a sun, mountains, and water, with the text 'Southern Grampians SHIRE COUNCIL' below it.

While it will be good for Penshurst to have a large caravan park, it should not include sacrificing trees in the gardens that do not need to be removed. The Council is developing the concept for the Caravan Park. Help them know what we want by visiting this gathering and sharing your ideas.



Anzac Day Ceremony in Penshurst

Design Principles

- Maintain and maximise the existing values of the Reserve, particularly its significance as a significant regional Botanic Garden.
- Improve the capacity and function of the caravan park.
- Address environmental and health concerns arising from waterway contamination.
- Support the visitor economy of the town.
- Manage conflict between vehicle and pedestrian movements

1 New One-way Sealed Road Access

Construct sealed access road wide enough for small - medium size caravans (up to 8-9m length). Implement one-way traffic movement along the existing path/track as shown and provide direction signage.

2 Informal Camping Area

Provision for informal tent camping on lawn area. Sites not marked/numbered, and generally unpowered.

3 Unstructured Activities Area

Resurface the existing tennis court, construct a rebound wall and provide inemarking for a variety of ball sports (eg basketball 3x3, volleyball, cricket), and potentially low-level street skate elements. Demolish existing old tennis clubroom and fencing.

4 Existing Trees

To create sufficient space at the upper level around seven trees may need to be removed:
 - Four English Oaks (#17, 22, 23, 33)
 - One Smooth Arizona Cypress (poor condition) (#26)
 - One Pepperbloom (an environmental weed) (#27)
 - One Blackwood (#32).
 Existing trees to be retained are to be protected during construction.

5 Caravan Sites

Construct approx. 12 sites (nom 7x12m) for caravan, annex and vehicle parking, all located along the upper new access road, which is generally in the location of the existing informal track. This creates a physical separation of the caravan parking area from the existing Botanic Garden and other amenities within the reserve will not need to walk through the caravan park area. It also avoids having camping under the canopies of two of the largest Oaks #28 and #34, which is safer and maintains tree health.

6 New Ablutions Facilities

The ablutions block is aged and requires replacement with a new fully accessible ablutions block, suitable for use by long vehicles, and bicycle storage for caravan park users. This will be located at on the Cox St boundary where it can be used by caravan park tenants and general public.

7 Visitor accessibility

Establish parallel car parking on Cox St adjacent to the new shared ablutions block, suitable for use by long vehicles. Construct a new concrete footpath connecting the public toilet to the town centre.

8 Improve the Visitor Experience

Reinvestment of revenue into implementation of the Botanic Garden for the purpose of tree maintenance will enhance the appeal of the reserve for all visitors.



LEGEND

- Existing Tree (approx) (Dwg 2223.02 LMP01)
- Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)
- Existing Trees to be Removed
- Proposed Screen Planting
- Proposed Caravan Site
- Proposed Camping Site
- Building to be Demolished
- Access Road
- Concrete Footpath
- Retaining Wall
- Wastewater Disposal Area (notional)

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Notes

- Tree safety is critical within competing sites. All trees within the reserve are to be assessed for safety, including root and trunk decay, and any signs of root and decayed wood and broken branches (hangars) that may cause injury.
- Detailed site plans based on a feature survey are to be prepared for approval prior to the removal of any works on site.
- An Arborescultural Impact Report is to be prepared by a qualified arborist to assess the impact of proposed works on existing trees.
- Detailed design is required to minimise impact on existing trees to be retained.

MASTER PLAN

PENSHURST BOTANIC GARDENS CARAVAN PARK
 Penshurst Park & Recreation Reserve, Penshurst
 Eastern Maar Country



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CONCEPT MASTER PLAN

Anzac Day Ceremony - Penshurst

Around 30 local residents gathered at the Cenotaph at dawn on Tuesday to pay their respects to the ANZACs who landed at Gallipoli 108 years ago and to remember the 8,709 Australians and 2,779 New Zealanders who never returned home.



The group was honoured to hear from Penshurst resident and WO2 from the Australian Army (ret.), Rod Orchard (right), who gave the address and paid homage the 102,760 Australian men and women who have died as a result of war service, other conflicts and peacekeeping missions.



The group laid wreaths and candles on behalf of the residents of Penshurst. The moving service also included The Ode, minute's silence and the

Last Post before Paul Sutherland (left) sang the Australian Anthem and the poignant 'And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda'. A breakfast was enjoyed afterwards.



Sue and Kate laid wreaths.



The Council also laid a wreath in remembrance of the fallen of Penshurst and its District.

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Don Adamson - Treasurer

Tom Cooke, Sue Jellie & Jeff Jellie

Next Meeting - Wednesday 26th April 2023 7.30pm *Penshurst Memorial Hall*

Good morning everyone,

The PPA had its monthly meeting, where we discussed the upcoming visit by members of the Council to present the Caravan Park Draft Concept Plan. This is an important opportunity for the community to share their ideas and concerns (from the feedback we've been receiving, losing some of the trees is a major concern from people here in town and around us). We thank Eda Williamson for, once again, attending and providing feedback on the various issues that we are concerned with.

As you will have noticed in the last newsletter, the Sewerage project has been put on hold due to lack of funding, although Wannon Water is still going ahead with the Pilot Project. I hope they will inform us of the outcome as it affects the sorts of sewerage options we will have in the future. We'll be keeping our eyes on this one.

One of the puzzles is why the Council thinks they have to pay for the repairs to the Hall. When the BPLR steering committee approached them about the Bushfire Place of Last Resort, we never asked them to do so. The Hall Committee has its own plans for those problems. It was disappointing that they jumped straight to rejecting the project without discussing it with the Hall Committee first. We will be approaching them again in the future, but first, expect some changes at the Hall .. Yes, I know I keep saying this, but this time ... I won't tempt fate. I'll just take photos of the project as it happens.

The Heritage Signs Replacement project has expanded as current residents and those with a connection to the town have asked us to installed two more plaques, which we will do in the immediate future. The first group of new plaques are here in my study, produced by Ivory Print in Hamilton, and the replacement posts, for some locations, are at Thorntons. We thank both businesses for their assistance in this continuing project. And we have happily added two more plaques to the collection.

There have been some requests about bringing the markets back to the Hall. We are considering it. If you would like to be part of this venture, please contact me.

If anyone would like to join the email list for the Minutes of our Meetings please email me at president@penshurstprogress.org.au and I will add you to our list. Otherwise drop into our meetings. They happen on the 4th Wednesday of each month, not including December or January.



My family and I would like to thank the wonderful Penshurst community for the support they have provided after the devastating loss of a beloved wife, mother, sister and friend to many.
What a great community.
From Kegs (Kerry), Jason, Nick and Gabe and Maureen's sisters and brothers.

Wishing everyone a great fortnight, Ama Cooke, President, PPA.



Marshall James Macklin Obituary

Life won't be the same without you.

Marshall James Macklin was born on July 14, 1941, at Alexandra, Victoria, to James and Lillian Macklin.

Marshall spent his earlier years at school in Yark and Alexander, and in his early teens his Dad took him under his wing, and into the shearing sheds. Shearing saw him travel New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. Marshall was a very talented shearer, and soon took on competitive shearing. He was a gun competitor and bought home many sashes and trophies ... some of which are here with us today.

It was shearing which saw the strapping young Marshall meet a young Muriel Lewis. In 1966 he travelled to Peshurst to compete

at the town's annual agricultural show, where Muriel caught his eye. They were married 12 months later in Peshurst, on December 6, 1967, a week after he competed at the town's show!

Marshall and Muriel settled in Peshurst, and in 1968 welcomed their son, Michael, with Tania's arrival in 1970 completing their family. They were married for 44 years. Sadly Muriel passed away three days short of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Everyone who knew Marshall, knew that he was a "people person"! He just gravitated towards people, and didn't he love a chat!! People were just his thing! So the whole shearing scene, where he travelled extensively working on many different farms, was the perfect fit. Michael and Tania have fond memories of the times he packed up the old Holden Kingswood, and took them along for the ride.

He loved his shearing, but sadly his days in the shed ended prematurely when he was injured by an uncooperative sheep, resulting in a devastating, career-ending back injury. Prior to this Marshall had taken up competitive shearing, and won many titles, both local and state, and also won selection into the Australian team shear off. Again it took him travelling the country, and meeting many people. Once he could no longer compete, he became a judge, rising through the ranks to the position of a senior elite judge.

Marshall would always say that his shearing days were hard days, but getting together at the competitions were some of his best days. One of his favourite places was the Royal Melbourne Show where he got to spend time with his 'shearing family'. With the serious stuff done for the day, there were many great times shared afterwards, catching up with his mates, many who became life-long friends.

With his days of shearing over, Marshall became embedded in the Peshurst community. It also meant he was home to spend more time with his family. Under doctor's orders, he took up golf as part of his back rehabilitation, and soon became quite a handy golfer! He chipped away at his handicap, won many club championships, travelled the district playing at tournaments, and was unbelievably lucky to score not one, but 3 holes in one!

Golf became a family affair, with Muriel, Michael and Tania, all becoming very talented golfers and a force to be reckoned with on the greens! Marshall dedicated hours to the Peshurst Golf Club. He held positions on the committee, and was always there to lend a hand behind the scenes. One of his favourite times of the year was Peshurst's annual tournament where he organised a busload of players from Clifton Springs to come to the club to compete. There were many stories to come out of those weekends!!

Another of his loves was the Peshurst show, where again, he dedicated many hours to organising the shearing competition. He organised everything that made that one Saturday in Peshurst in December such a huge success, and one of the best competitions on the circuit.

Marshall and Muriel were both very community-minded, and both pitched in when it was needed. They were widely known within the community, and their door was always open to anyone.

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Marshall James Macklin Obituary

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There was rarely a time you were at their home that someone didn't call in for a cuppa, a chat, and of course, some of Muriel's beautiful cooking. They both loved to play host, and both loved to feed anyone willing to eat!!!!

Marshall was recognised for his community involvement with an Australia Day Community Recognition Award in 2005.

Now he wasn't travelling, Marshall could tend to his garden, and he always had a never-ending supply of produce in his vegetable patch. His garden and lawns were always immaculate. He also spent time pottering in his shed, and for a few years turned his hand to woodwork. He followed Penshurst's football and netball teams closely, and enjoyed watching his beloved Essendon play.

Marshall loved camping and travelling, and of course was the 'gate keeper' at Port Fairy's Gardens Caravan Park, for 50-odd years! No-one got past Marshall's site without being bailed up! He also looked forward to the annual trek to Mildura each year to the country music festival, and would join Michael and Tania on some of their camping weekends at Rocklands.

In 1993 Marshall and Muriel welcomed Tania's husband, Barry, into the family, and two years later, Michael married Tracy. He was a very proud Dad, and a kind and caring father-in-law. One of Marshall's greatest delights was when his grandchildren - Matthew, Nickayla, Harrison and Tobi - were born. Marshall was a wonderful Pa and friend to the kids. He followed their lives closely, and particularly loved following their sporting endeavours, loading up the car with an array of yummy treats, setting off to travel the district. He welcomed all of their friends and partners with open arms. There wasn't much about the kids that he didn't know, and he kept in touch with all of them regularly, even as his health declined.

He became pretty handy with a mobile phone! The grandkids would sometimes say too handy, especially when he rang them at places like in Mildura at a music performance to get them to listen to a performer!!! There were many eye rolls and laughs. Not too many teenagers are into country music!!

Marshall settled into life well in Warrnambool following Muriel's passing, and was a well-known face at the Anchor Point retirement village. He continued to be quite the host, always inviting someone for a cuppa or meal, and was quick to help out any of his friends if they needed a hand. He was never lonely. He and his friend Margaret did some travelling during the Warrnambool years, and he got to visit a few places he hadn't seen before, as well as ones he wanted to revisit.

He was determined to be able to cook Muriel's famous yo-yos, and after a couple of failed attempts managed to nail the recipe, and his yo-yos soon became highly sought-after! The kids rarely saw a batch, but were told by many of his friends how delicious they were! He also baked fruit cakes at Christmas, and continued to make relish.

Marshall's health really began declining in the past 18 months, with his kidneys and heart beginning to fail. Despite his failing health, he kept on with life, keeping in touch with those he could, and still helping others at Anchor Point, even hosting breakfast on Christmas day.

He was hospitalised for almost 6 weeks from February. The family managed him at home for the last 2 weeks, and after a courageous battle, he was hospitalised Friday night and passed away Saturday morning peacefully in his sleep.

Marshall will be remembered as a kind, giving man, who loved a chat, a laugh, a joke and the occasional prank! A man who rarely said an angry word, and who loved his family, friends and life. His passing will leave a huge hole in the lives of both Michael and Tania's families. Life just won't be the same without you, Marshall.

Caramut and District Garden Club

The traditional flower for Mother's Day in Australia is the Chrysanthemum as it is out in all its glory at this time of the year.

It is also known as the "Golden Flower of the East" as *chrysos* is Greek for 'gold' and *anthos* means 'flower'. Chrysanthemums are thought to originate in China with the earliest records showing it existed as early as 500 BC. *Chrysanthemum indicum* was yellow and all today's chrysanthemums were developed from this.



The Japanese claim it as their own and worshipped it so that it became Japan's national emblem. The Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum was instituted in 1888 and is still used to bestow great honour on a distinguished person. In 1600 it was introduced into Holland.

Chrysanthemums need generous quantities of compost or manure dug into the soil. Plant cuttings 50cms apart and if the rows are staggered, they will eventually form one mass of foliage and flowers. I must admit, my yellow buttons have been in the one place for years, with little summer water and still put on a lovely display even though they are a tall variety that should be staked, so they sprawl over the ground.



Chrysanthemums suit almost any good soil in a sunny position, and yes, mine would do even better if given ample water over dry periods. They can be divided and replanted during winter or even by taking cuttings from the new shoots in early spring. Now is a good time to plant Artichoke, broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, peas, radish, shallots, spinach, and spring onion. All spring flowering bulbs can also be planted out now.

The competition winners for April were:

Bloom: equal 1st Margaret Richardson and Marita Smith.

Produce: 1st Marita Smith.

The competition flower for May is a Chrysanthemum.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at the Penshurst Senior Citizens Rooms with a visit, hopefully, to a garden in Hamilton.

A good garden is never finished and grows with personality.





Penshurst Creative Arts Inc

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 13th May 2023

4.00pm

Everyone welcome

For more information contact

Tom Cooke 0488 557 345



Penshurst Memorial Hall

Meeting

Saturday 13th May 2023

2.00pm

Find out what is happening with our community asset.

Everyone welcome

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If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

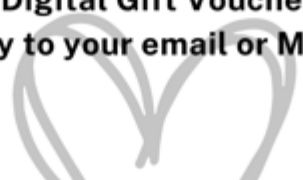
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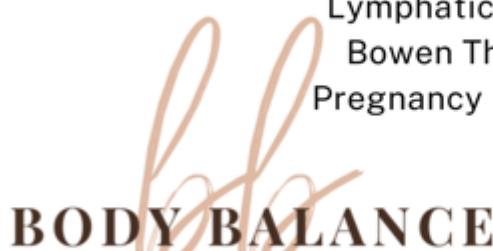
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The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts: therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

Marcus Aurelius

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes.
It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.

Wade Boggs

Story Time - Penshurst Paragraph Challenge

As we pick up the story, the Prize was now Cheryl's, and so, it appeared, was the goldfish.

By the end of a very busy day, Cheryl only had enough energy to make a brief dinner and slump down wearily in her armchair by the fire. She slipped off into an uneasy sleep. In her dreams she saw:



Laaaammmbert

A letter arrived, and Cheryl opened it to find a fancy engraved letter from a Mr. Yushiro Sushi San, founder of the Goldfish Fanciers Society of Japan. He was very rich, having made his money from breeding special fancy goldfish in many colours that were sold around the world. In a formal style, Cheryl was informed that the winning Prize involved her taking part in a BBC documentary travelling to the American Base at the South pole in the centre of Antarctica. Rumours were spreading that secret flash freezing of goldfish in the -70C dry climate was taking place there at a hidden, modern facility. A conveyor belt carried the goldfish along, dry-freezing them instantly in the ultra cold, all in the name of sustainable food sourcing. Mr. Sushi San needed a person whom the Americans would not suspect of being involved in the fair treatment of goldfish.

Where do we go from here? Geographically spread out, is this story one person's dream, or nightmare, and which one?

In the meantime, Henry stood at the bottom of his garden. He'd just attached a night vision camera to the tall palm, to catch a photo of any fish-nappers. Goldie had still not reappeared, even though he'd put an ad into the local town newsletter, asking for her return. What would his wife say, now that he'd lost her precious fish? In the meantime, Goldie, who had packed a very small suitcase and quietly stolen away in the night, for a holiday in the Bahamas, was sunning herself on the beach and trying not to fry in the coconut oil spread across her body. You couldn't be too careful these days.

The "Penshurst Paragraph Challenge" Instruction

A page in our Newsletter will be dedicated to submissions from anyone writing 150 words or less, in a continuing story. If several submissions are received for each Newsletter issue, each would be numbered in order of arrival for editing, and printed in the continuing story. These changes of direction may weave the stories in a variety of directions, so you are invited to take up the story from any of the endings (...) and add your ideas from there. Sounds complicated? Don't worry, we will make it work here in the office. Who is game for the challenge?

Email your contribution to the newsletter, or drop it into the Editor's letterbox at 46 Watton Street by the newsletter closing date each fortnight (in this case 15th April) to be included in the next newsletter. You can be anonymous. Please note, the editor/s have the right to refuse to publish anything deemed unsuitable for general readers e.g. keep the swear words to a minimum. Handwritten entries are fine, with a phone number in case I can't decipher your writing (like mine!!) Please note: All our characters are fictional and any similarities to anyone, or any location, are purely coincidental.

Postie Fashions Amazing Clothing



Coming to
Senior Citizens
Penshurst
4th May
1.30pm
Afternoon tea \$4
Everyone welcome



Social Support Group Program - May 2023

All enquiries and cancellations: Phone 55518381

- Bookings essential, please phone to discuss and register attendance
- Community are all welcome to join the Exercise Group from

10am – 10.45am followed by Morning tea & a chat

- Should you wish to stay for lunch following exercises and morning tea, exercises cost is included in the daily fee - Weekly costs vary depending on the monthly program

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
May 4 th	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens Morning tea Quizzes Postie fashions at 1.00pm	Lunch at Senior Citizens
May 11 th	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens Morning tea Quizzes-Jeopardy Cards, Monopoly, Canasta & 500	Lunch at Senior Citizens
May 18 th	Community Outing Hamilton to Wannan and Nigretta falls Lunch at Alexandra House Shopping at Op shops	Outing today
May 25 th	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens Morning tea BBQ- Community invited Carpet Bowls	Lunch at Senior Citizens BBQ



A curse or a blessing?

In the Outlander series Claire Randall is a time traveller. She is able to go back to the battle of Culloden to find her true love Jamie Fraser but also their nemesis Jack Randall. She is of course accused of being a witch and because Jack is such a nasty, twisted person she decides to exploit her reputation and curse him, but in an unusual way.

Not with frogs coming out of his ears or warts on his nose. No, something far worse. She knows and tells him the date of his death which is of course a dreadful fact and one that would make you very twitchy.

But here's the thing. What if an attractive bonny lass burst into your life and told you what we know is an inevitable concrete fact, but which none of us really knows for certain.

Would that be a blessing or a curse?

On the one hand it would be downright terrifying, but it would also give you an opportunity to get your stuff together and 'tidy up'.

And I wonder if you were cursed / blessed with this bewildering date say... in 3 months time... would it change the way you live today? Who would you contact, what would you say, who would you tell?

And as the day drew closer...? What then is on your checklist, your bucket list and what matters most? You see how this exercise sharpens the mind and fine tunes our priorities?

Or maybe you would just let the clock run down and go on doing what you have always done. Perhaps you are already sweet, dandy, tidy and all squared away.

The date of your death may well be unknown, but it is out there, somewhere, and it will find you.

Fr. David Oulton p. 0435 867 040 droulton72@gmail.com

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.





Smoke Alarm Subsidy

The Victorian smoke alarm subsidy scheme is a Government funded subsidy providing specialised smoke alarms to Deaf and hard of hearing people living in Victoria. The smoke alarm alerts users to fire hazard through sight (flashing light) and tactile (vibrating pad) to ensure safety within your home, particularly when asleep.

To be eligible you must be

- Deaf or hard of hearing with a severe to profound loss or a severe high frequency hearing loss $\geq 70\text{dB}$ (2, 3 & 4kHz)

- A resident of Victoria
- Not eligible to other funding services that provide this package, eg NDIS, My Aged Care. The smoke alarm pack retails at \$685. Those who are eligible will receive the pack for a \$50 out of pocket fee. The fee can be waived for those who hold a Pension Concession Card.

To apply for the subsidy, please visit expression.com.au/services/smoke-alarm-subsidy and complete the application form or contact our team via info@expression.com.au



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COX STREET ROAD PROJECT

Update: April 2023



24 APRIL 2023

DRAINAGE WORKS - BALLARAT ROAD/COX STREET INTERSECTION

Inbound and outbound lanes of the southern end of **Cox Street** will be closed to all traffic on **Wednesday 26 April** between **Ballarat Road** intersection and **Sedgewick Street** for stormwater drainage works.

Traffic will still be able to travel through Ballarat Road intersection in both directions along Ballarat Rd/French Street but will not be able to turn into Cox St.

From Thursday 27 April, the southbound lane from Ballarat Road to Gray St will be closed until further notice.

Traffic Management will be in place. All traffic will be detoured around the site while these important works are completed.

Heavy Vehicles including trucks and buses **MUST** use the signposted heavy vehicle detour.

HEAVY VEHICLE DETOUR

Drivers of heavy vehicles should now be using the alternative route around the Hamilton CBD.

Detour signage is in place to assist heavy vehicle drivers navigate the re-route.

There is no access to Cox Street for heavy vehicles.

Upon entering Hamilton, drivers are advised to follow:

- * From **Coleraine Road**: Mount Baimbridge Road, Portland Road, South Boundary Road, Mt Napier Road, Petschels Lane, Hamilton Highway and Ballarat Road.
- * From **Glenelg Highway**: Hamilton Highway, Petschels Lane, Mt Napier Road, South Boundary Road, Portland Road, Mount Baimbridge Road and Coleraine Road.
- * From **Hamilton Highway**: Petschels Lane, Mt Napier Road, South Boundary Road, Portland Road, Mount Baimbridge Road and Coleraine Road



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"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success" - Author Unknown



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Overnight, Refrigerator Focaccia

Prep Time 15 mins (18-48 hours standing) Cooking Time 25-30 mins Yields 2 loaves

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups all-purpose flour or bread flour,
- 2 teaspoons (10 g) kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons (8 g) instant yeast
- 2 cups lukewarm water, made by combining
1/2 cup boiling water with 1 1/2 cups cold water
- butter for greasing
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- flaky sea salt, such as Maldon
- 1 to 2 teaspoons whole rosemary leaves,
optional

METHOD

1. **Make the dough:** In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, and instant yeast. Add the water. Using a rubber spatula, mix until the liquid is absorbed and the ingredients form a sticky dough ball. Rub the surface of the dough lightly with olive oil. Cover the bowl with a damp tea towel, cloth bowl cover, or plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator immediately for at least 12 hours or for as long as three days. **NOTE: It is important the dough really be slicked with olive oil especially if you are using a cloth bowl cover or tea towel as opposed to plastic wrap or a hard lid. If you are using a tea towel, consider securing it with a rubber band to make a more airtight cover. If you do not slick the dough with enough oil, you risk the dough drying out and forming a crust over the top layer.**
2. Line two 20- or 23-cm pie plates or a 23×33-cm pan with parchment paper or grease with butter or coat with nonstick cooking spray. **(Note: This greasing step may seem excessive, but with some pans, it is imperative to do so to prevent sticking.)**
3. Pour a tablespoon of oil into the centre of each pan or 2 tablespoons of oil if using the 23×33-cm pan. Using two forks, deflate the dough by releasing it from the sides of the bowl and pulling it toward the centre. Rotate the bowl in quarter turns as you deflate, turning the mass into a rough ball. Use the forks to split the dough into two equal pieces (or do not split if using the 23×33-cm pan). Place one piece into one of the prepared pans. Roll the dough ball in the oil to coat it all over, forming a rough ball. Repeat with the remaining piece. Let the dough balls rest for 3 to 4 hours depending on the temperature of your kitchen.
4. Set a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat it to 220°C. If using the rosemary, sprinkle it over the dough. Pour a tablespoon of oil over each round of dough (or two tablespoons if using a 23×33-cm pan). Rub your hands lightly in the oil to coat, then, using all of your fingers, press straight down to create deep dimples. If necessary, gently stretch the dough as you dimple to allow the dough to fill the pan. Sprinkle with flaky sea salt all over.

Transfer the pans or pan to the oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the underside is golden and crisp. Remove the pans or pan from the oven and transfer the focaccia to a cooling rack. Let it cool for 10 minutes before cutting and serving; let it cool completely if you are halving it with the intention of making a sandwich.

Notes:

1. Allowing the dough to rest 18 to 24 hours in the fridge yields the best results. (You can leave the dough in the fridge for as long as 72 hours.)

A buttered or parchment-lined pan in addition to the olive oil will prevent sticking. When I use Pyrex or other glass, pans butter plus oil is essential to prevent sticking. Count on 2 to 4 hours for the second rise. This will depend on the temperature of your kitchen and the time of year.

After the second rise, dimple the dough, then immediately stick the pans in the oven — this has been a critical difference for me in terms of keeping those desirable crevices. If you dimple and let the dough rise again even for 20 minutes before popping the pan in the oven, the crevices begin to dissolve.



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For more information

Penshurst Social Gathering

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When: Friday May 12

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Penshurst Hotel Bistro

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 Please RSVP to Jacqui so we can book enough seats.



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- Contact Jeff Jellie 0407 781 407 or Sue 0418 141 301

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- 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 Senior Citizens Centre, French Street - **COVID Permitting**. Please contact Fiona Social Support Group Coordinator on 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

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- 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 Phil 0458 766 250.

Friends Yatmerone Reserve

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

Lions Club of Penshurst & District

- 1st Friday dinner meeting. 3rd Tuesday business meeting, each month at 8 pm at Penshurst Memorial Hall, 21 Martin Street. penshurst.vic@lions.org.au

Penshurst Book Club - meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm. Contact Ruth Pihl on 0490418313



AmbulanceVictoria

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

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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.
- Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb - Nov at 2.15 pm.
- Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm

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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

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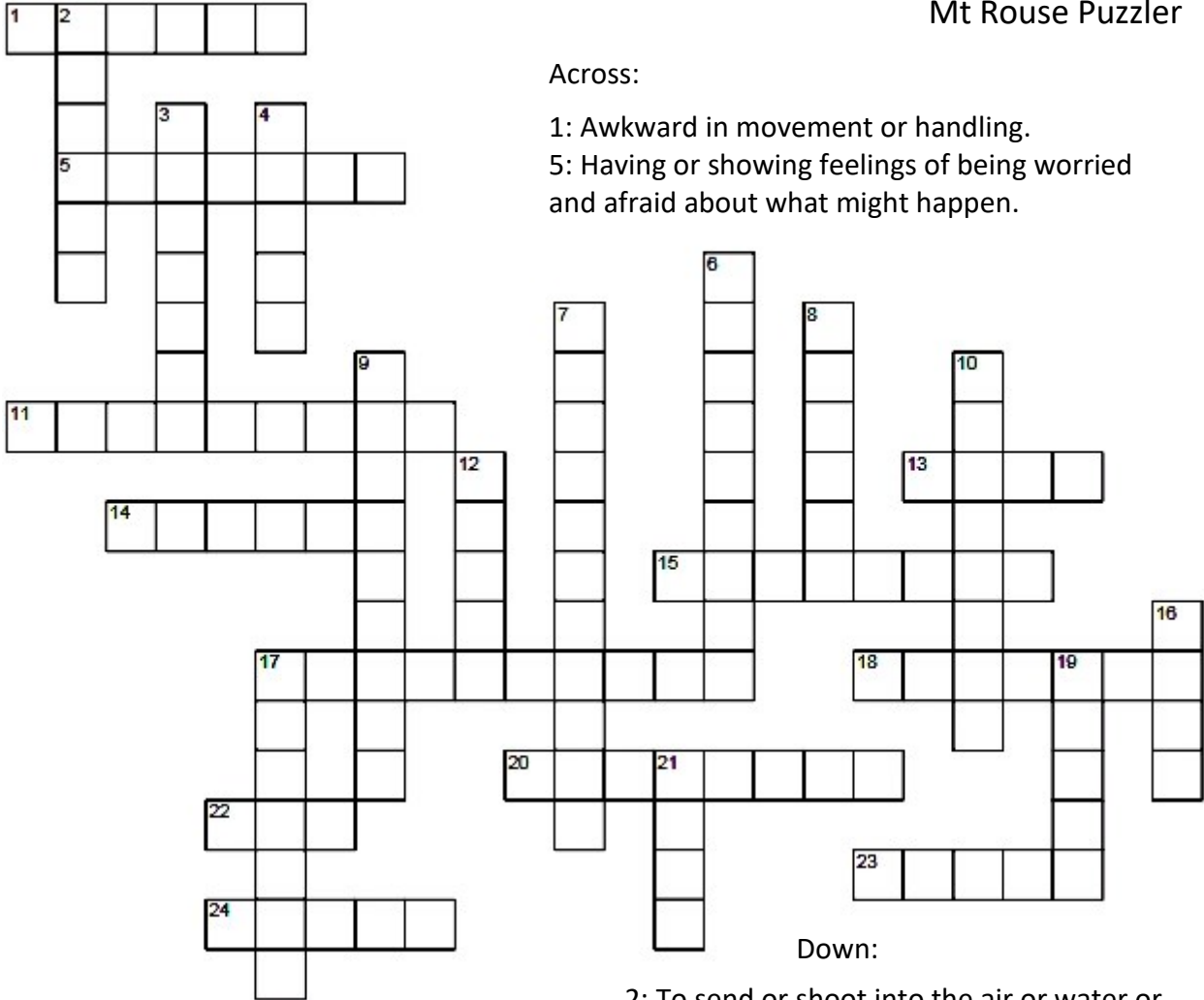
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Across:

- 1: Awkward in movement or handling.
- 5: Having or showing feelings of being worried and afraid about what might happen.

Down:

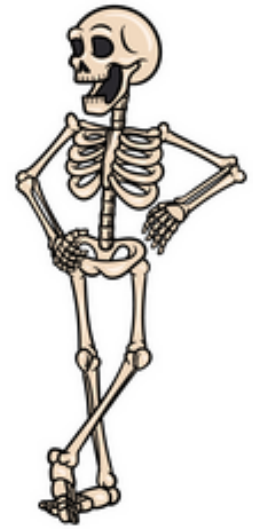
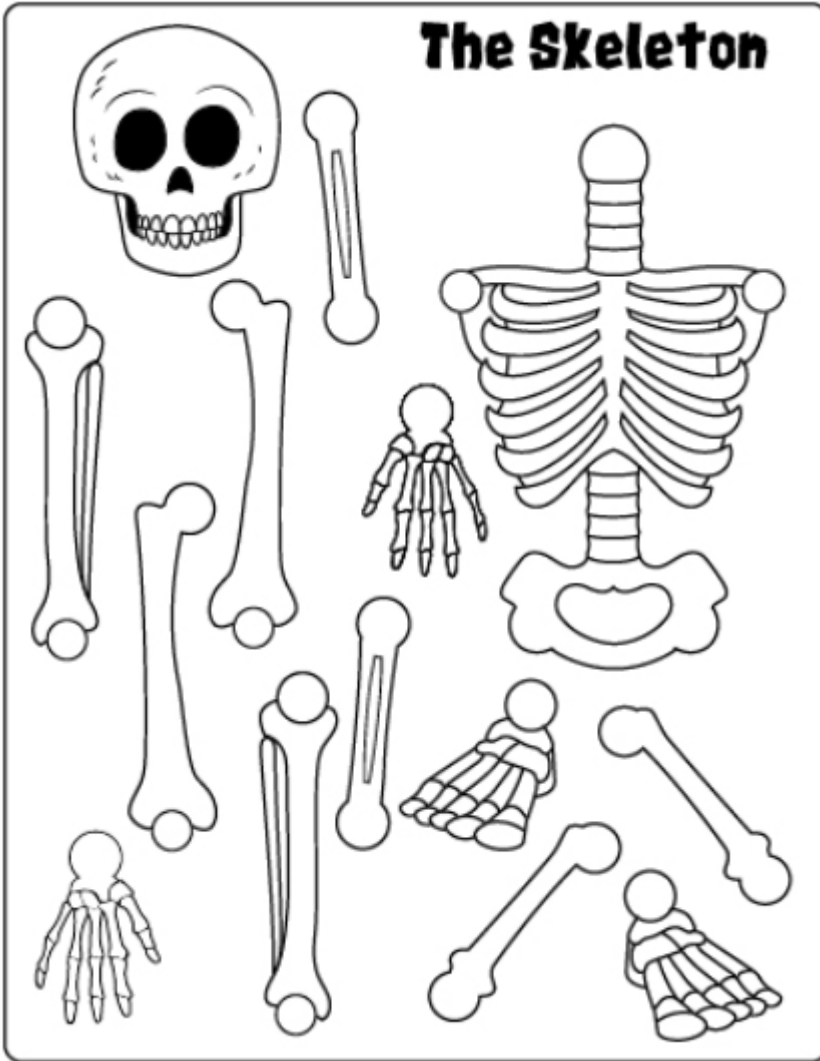
- 11: Things that become more & more different from each other over time.
- 13: Having no legal power.
- 14: Not moving but ready to move.
- 15: Of something undesirable.
- 17: Not ordinary.
- 18: Vast, huge, very great.
- 20: To handle clumsily.
- 22: A hard substance that becomes soft when it is heated and that is used to make various products.
- 23: Full of happiness and joy.
- 24: An action that is meant to deceive someone.

- 2: To send or shoot into the air or water or into outer space.
- 3: Problems or difficulties.
- 4: In an early stage of life, growth, or development.
- 6: Not limited in any way.
- 7: Diligent and hardworking.
- 8: To purify.
- 9: Done without due consideration.
- 10: Causing horror or disgust.
- 12: Immersed in liquid.
- 16: To have a particular value or meaning.
- 17: Involving death or violence in a way that is strange, frightening, or unpleasant.
- 19: Smooth, crunchy or mildly crazy.
- 21: Convert to energy.

Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 5 savvy, 7 hinder, 11 sabotage, 12 draconian, 13 donate, 14 inexpressive, 16 ethereal, 19 quality, 20 veil, 21 known, 22 stitch, 23 donate, 14 inexpressive, 16 ethereal, 19 quality, 20 veil, 21 known, 22 stitch, 25 opine. Down: 1 murky, 2 basket, 3 print, 4 scrabble, 6 discussion, 8 gentle, 9 reminiscent, 15 example, 17 rainbow, 18 lavish, 23 crook, 24 self.

Fun for the kids

Can you cut out the pieces of the skeleton below, and put it together?



I Should Have Stayed
in Bed Today

I should have stayed in bed today,
In bed's where I belong,
as soon as I got up today,
things started to go wrong.
I got a splinter in my foot,
My puppy made me fall,
I squired toothpaste in my ear,
I crashed into the wall.

I knocked my homework off the desk,
It landed on my toes.

I spilled a glass of chocolate milk,
it's soaking through my clothes,
I accidentally bit my tongue,
that really made me moan,
and it was far from funny
when I banged my funny bone.

I scraped my knee, I bumped my nose,

I sat upon a pin,
I jumped up with alacrity,
and sharply barked my shin,
I stuck a finger in my eye,
the pain was quite severe,
I better get right back in bed
and stay there for a year.

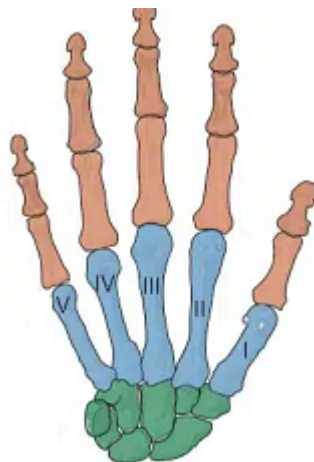
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Did you know, there are 206 bones in the human body, and if you are not careful you can give them all a very bad shake, like this poor poet who was not having a good day in our poem.

Take care of your hands - they are treasures beyond measure.

The hand has 27 bones. The top 3 joints are called 'Phalanges'. The next large bones are called 'Metacarpals' (see below) and the bottom collection are called 'Carpals'.

- Metacarpal I – Thumb.
- Metacarpal II – Index finger.
- Metacarpal III – Middle finger.
- Metacarpal IV – Ring finger.
- Metacarpal V – Little finger.





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