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**Next Meeting - Wednesday <u>28th June 2023</u> 7.30pm** Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good day everyone,

How are you? Enjoying the sunshine that I am glimpsing through the study window? The last few days have either been incredibly cold or wet, or both. I stayed indoors.

In this newsletter Jo Vigliaturo has given us a glimpse of the future of the Hall as an Information Centre during emergencies that affect Penshurst and the region around us. See page 7. Brian O'Brien has started his two newsletter series about the upgrades at the VDC. I want to sing and dance about the changes at the Napier Waller Green Space, which is now cageless and ready to be sat in .. except that it's missing its gardens and signs, and we can't do much about them until we meet with the Council to find out what they will allow us to do. That is coming soon.

This week we have the Progress Association meeting on Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Supper Room. You can just come and listen in, we won't try to make you join. You can add things to our Agenda. Otherwise, as I wrote last fortnight -

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. The meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month, not including December or January.

All advertising aside for the moment, I have a request. Have you ever thought of volunteering with one of the many groups who do things in this town and region? Take a chance and contact them, to see if you can help them, or them help you, to a wider and more varied life. I know how much I enjoy being one of the shrinking number of people who give time to projects that they love, that benefit not only other people, but also

myself, because volunteering helps to keep my mind active, even when my body won't cooperate.

Changing the topic - we'd like to welcome the new owners of the Penshurst Takeaway. When last I spoke to them, they are expecting to be open on the 1st July. Those of us who were banned from the building are delighted to know we are welcome again, and I'm looking forward to having another drop-in spot to meet friends and newcomers.



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

Above: What can I say? 18 months in the making. Yay!

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#### **VDC UPGRADE GETS INTO FULL SWING**

by Brian O'Brien

Work on the Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre (VDC) \$330,000 upgrade has kicked into top gear over the past six weeks.

After a long, frustrating wait for action over the past two years, the extensive change to the VDC is now being realised.

About 80 per cent of the outside work has been completed and the focus will soon shift to upgrading the centre's inside attractions.

In the last few weeks, the outside has been a hive of activity with up to 10 workers on the site two weeks ago, pouring concrete and doing extensive paving.

Huge rocks from five quarries from around Victoria have been put in place as a centrepiece of a an extensive rock garden on the North side of the VDC. Information markers have been installed to explain the different types of material that are ejected when volcanoes erupt.

A nine metre display shelter was built by Thornton's and will house five panels displaying all aspects of volcanoes around the world, and across the Western District. The panels are due to be installed by the end of June. One of the panels will have audio visual material.

John Challis of Geelong, who was the original designer of the VDC which opened in October, 2003, has also designed the striking new front sign which was erected in the last two weeks.

Students from district and Melbourne schools who come to learn about volcanoes will be able to sit on magnificent bluestone seats outside the VDC Education room.

As well as the five panels for the large nine metre display board, the only outside works remaining include:

\* Installation of floodlights and security cameras



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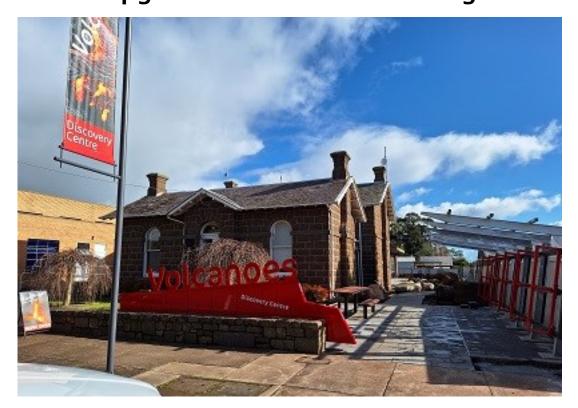




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# Volcanoes Discovery Centre Upgrade Gets Into Full Swing

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- \* Paving the front path to the entrance door
- \* Placing native plants in garden beds under the supervision of Monash University geologist, Dr Jim Driscoll
- \* Volcanic 'bombs" will be placed in a special garden along with indigenous food plants
- \* The two trees in front of the VDC are earmarked to be removed to the Penshurst Botanic Gardens.



Inside the centre, two rooms have been painted and huge cabinets installed in the Education room to better display the numerous rock samples the centre has.

\*\* The Mt Rouse newsletter will bring an update on what is planned for the inside improvements of the VDC, once plans are further developed. They depend on what funds are still available from the original \$330,000 grant, once the outside works have been paid for. It's expected significant works inside should commence within the next month.

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### **Volcanoes Discovery Centre**

## **Upgrade Gets Into Full Swing**

This is one serious rock garden.





Every plaque tells a story.

Above, Limestone.

To the left ..

A lava bomb or two.

Wander the path to have a closer look at these amazing extrusive igneous rocks.

Tubular Basalt is one of the strange and wonderful creations from volcanoes.
And there is so much more to see.

Congratulations to the VDC Committee of Management for their amazing growing display.



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#### Penshurst Bushfire Place of Last Resort To Stay – What Next?

The journey of reducing the risk of potential emergencies on the Penshurst community continues, despite the recent Shire decision to maintain the NSP-BPLR (Neighbourhood Safer Place – Bushfire Place of Last Resort) at the current location on French St (on the lawn outside the Senior Citizens Building).

A number of factors were presented by Shire that informed their decision including: the Memorial Hall being owned by DEECA (Dept. Energy, Environment and Climate Action), expenses for upgrading the Hall to be fit for purpose of approximately \$50,000, a heritage overlay and the potential need for removing large trees close to the property.

The Penshurst Working Group (PWG) comprising of Anthony Page, Ama Cooke, Brendan Cottrill, Richard Benson, Sue Jellie and Peter Brown have been working to progress this community safety focus for over 18 months and were disappointed with the decision. However, the cause is not lost with a potential new path forward for the Penshurst township.

CFA's South West Region Community Safety Manager - James Haley - addressed the members of the Penshurst Working Group in May to discuss what else may be possible to harness the community's desire to utilise the Memorial Hall in emergency settings.

James spoke of the opportunity for developing a Town Emergency Plan and in that process setting up the Hall as an 'Informal Place of Shelter' whereby residents and tourists can shelter and gain important information in an emergency situation. This process has been undertaken by other townships and has resulted in a local shelter created to meet local needs.

A Town Emergency Plan also opens up opportunities for funding to support the upgrades required for the Hall.

CFA and Southern Grampians Shire have expressed their support.

The Penshurst Working Group met in June to start this next phase of the 'Safer Together' journey.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this process moving forward, please discuss with a working group member or contact Jo Vigliaturo, Community Based Bushfire Management Facilitator, CFA 0408544670.

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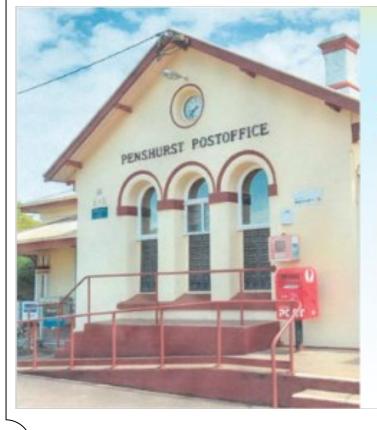


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June 16, 2023

#### **COUNCIL ADOPTS 2023/24 DRAFT BUDGET**

Southern Grampians Shire Council has adopted the 2023/24 Budget Long Term Financial Plan 2023 - 2033 and Pricing Register at last night's June council meeting following a period of community consultation. Mayor Councillor David Robertson said the 2023/24 budget represents a commitment to delivering against the aspirations outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2025.

"This is a financially prudent budget that reflects our focus on growth, support for our community, renewal and the delivery of projects and services. We know how important the need is for us to deliver against the priorities of our Council Plan in both a financially sustainable and impactful manner. We have been disciplined during the budget process to ensure we get the balance right between planning for the future and finishing what we have started" Cr Robertson said.

In 2023/24, the redevelopment of the Hamilton CBD will progress, with funding of \$1m allocated for the detailed design of for the new Government and Community Hub (library, digital Hub, Cinema and Office), and \$600,000 set aside for the revitalisation of the CBD streetscape which will address amenity and connectivity in the centre of Hamilton.

Council made an amendment to the draft budget and reallocated \$3.55m funding for the detailed design of the Hamilton Gallery to the 2024/25 year, to reduce debt in the 23/24 year and allow projects essential to the development of the new gallery, such as relocation of the Brown street library and office, to commence.

"Council has an ambitious agenda over the next five years, and it important these projects, namely the CBD Revitalisation (streetscape), the Government Hub and Gallery are phased in an achievable way, particularly with the economic environment becoming more challenging since our budget was first drafted. The development of a new Government and Community Hub, on Lonsdale Street, will not only create a community facility, incorporating a new library, digital hub, cinema and office space, it will free the space on Brown Street needed for our new gallery," Cr Robertson said. The 2023/24 budget will see safer roads across the Shire with a commitment of \$6.1m for our local road network including \$2.5m for reseals, \$600k gravel re-sheets and \$3m in road rehabilitation. Rail trail crossings will benefit from a \$225,000 investment and \$550,000 has been allocated to address drainage trouble spots including King Street Hamilton.

"The 2023/24 Budget has been planned in a challenging economic market but through responsible financial management, Council is well positioned to meet coming challenges," said Cr Robertson. "For a second year in a row, there has been a substantial difference between the rate cap - imposed by the State Government - and inflation. In the 2022/23 <u>financial year</u>, the rate cap was 1.75%, with inflation peaking at around 7%. In the 2021-22 <u>financial year</u>, our rate cap was 1.50% with inflation peaking at 6.10%. This represents a substantial gap between Councils ability to raise revenue and its cost to operate."

"This challenge is heightened by the fact that construction costs, a significant part of every Council budget, has been rising by a significantly higher rate than inflation. We need to balance this reality with our ambition to continue to deliver on projects, services and infrastructure maintenance across our shire.

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"This budget will see the multi-year projects of Cox Street, Melville Oval and the Dunkeld Loop Walk finalised as well as introduce some new projects, which are essential to see the Shire grow and thrive in a modern culturally diverse community," he said. "This infrastructure will be a lasting legacy for everyone, providing benefits to generations to come in our Shire.

To fund the budget, Council will increase rates by 3.5% across the shire, in line with the rate cap set by the Minister for Local Government. Council will borrow \$2m to ensure the completion of key community infrastructure projects.

"As your Mayor, I want to be transparent about rates as I know people are feeling the pinch at the moment. This year we have adopted a 3.5% rate increase which is in line with the rate cap imposed by the State Government. "This will mean, an average household within the town boundary will see an increase of between \$25 and \$90 in their rates bill. For rural properties, an average increase will be between \$350 and \$1000". "The reality is we are dealing with significantly rising costs of goods and construction materials in order to deliver our services and projects but within this budget we are able to ensure no impact to service delivery which is something we are thankful for".

"With regard to borrowings, while our Long-Term Financial Plan shows Council increasing debt to deliver the key long-term infrastructure projects, we believe we have done the appropriate planning and demonstrate our capacity to manage and repay this debt over the long term," Cr Robertson said.

Key Features of the draft budget that reflect community priorities include:

Detailed design for a new Government Hub, including a Digital Hub, Library, cinema and office space Hamilton CBD streetscape detailed design.

Continued and increased investment in infrastructure assets such as roads, bridges and culverts, drainage, footpaths, vehicles, and equipment.

A renewal program for our aged outdoor swimming pools.

Improvements to Hamilton skate Park including build of new pump track.

Building renewals and minor upgrades across the Shire to community facilities including Coleraine Silvester Oval, Cavendish Preschool, Coleraine Mechanics Institute Hall, Balmoral RSL, Hamilton Mechanics' Institute Hall, and Carapook Hall.

Sporting facility renewals at Mitchell Park Cricket Rooms and Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

Public Toilet upgrades at Mitchell Square (IGA Carpark) in Hamilton, and Penshurst Hall and design and construction of a new toilet block in Glenthompson.

Reinvestment in technology to support customers and staff operations including a CCTV staged rollout.

Renewal of books and resources for both our branch and mobile library.

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Drainage and carpark <u>works</u> at Pedrina Park, Hamilton, and Coleraine's Silvester Oval.

Renewal of parking meters within the Hamilton CBD.

Investment into waste facilities and options implementation systems including artificial intelligence solutions.

Improvements at the Hamilton Showgrounds.

Cattle yard and walkway modifications at the Hamilton Region Livestock Exchange.

Detailed design of flood defence at both Coleraine and Dunkeld townships.

Copies of the Budget, Long-Term Financial Plan and Pricing Register will be available next week from the Customer Service Centre at 111 Brown Street, Hamilton, at the Hamilton Library and online at <a href="https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au">www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au</a>.

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- 2. He has married many women but has never been married. Who is he?
- 3. What's dirty after washing?
- 4. What's as big as an elephant but weighs 0 kg?
- 5. What has two legs but cannot walk?

- 6. When you take 2 out of 3 apples away, how many apples do you have?
- 7. Why can't the T-rex clap?
- 8. What are the two things you can't eat for breakfast.
- 11. What has three ways out and just one way in?

  Answers page 12

#### **Penshurst Social Gathering**

Maybe you're new to Penshurst. Maybe you've lived here a while. Maybe you'd like to meet new people or just enjoy a night out. Whatever your reason, why not come along to a Penshurst relaxed & friendly social gathering.

All welcome - all ages.

When: Friday July 14 Time: 6:30pm Where: Penshurst Hotel Bistro

Buy your own food and drinks at the venue. Please RSVP to **Rob 0424 900 413** so we can book enough seats.



**Bookings** are essential

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#### "The quieter you pray, the further you go."

It happened on the show 'The antiques roadshow. Someone had proudly brought in a chair, a family heirloom. It had a few knocks and scratches but it was clearly loved and had been enjoyed by many bottoms over the decades.

The chair had an inscription carved across its back in a different language. Loosely translated it meant. "The quieter you pray, the further you go."

Now theres an interesting thought. Usually we think that the faster, the noisier, the more out there, the more highly politicised and noticed we are, the better for everyone. Especially the economy and for our public profile.

But what if we were quieter when we prayed? What if we actually said less and did not burble our prayers as quickly as possible, as if our life depended on the words per minute that were uttered. What if we listened more? Wouldn't that open up the possibility that we might go further in our prayers. Surely our prayers would be a richer, more exotic experience. Something to be gently savoured and simply enjoyed. When you are in the presence of someone who enjoys you and you enjoy them, surely theres no rush to just simply prattle away and be done with it just because chatting with them is a bothersome duty. Something else to get ticked off the daily list before moving rapidly onto the next thing and the next and...

And I reckon this works in our everyday relationships with human beings as well, especially our dearest and our best. They would understandably be crotchety if our conversation was just 'something we had to do'. Why should it be different when we are in the presence of ... Him? The quieter you pray, the further you go.

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



#### **SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM – July 2023**

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens	Lunch at Senior
	Morning tea	Citizens
	Cards, Canasta, UNO, board games	
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens	Lunch at Senior
	Morning tea	Citizens
	Bubble painting with water paints	
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Community Outing :	Outing today
	Mystery Tour within an hour radius of Penshurst!	
	Buy your lunch at a booked (surprise) Cafe	
	Leave on 9.00am - Arrive back by 3pm.	
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Exercises at Senior Citizens	Lunch at Senior
	Morning tea	Citizens
	BBQ- Community invited	
	Guest Speaker talking on Scams - Andy Gottliebsen	

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SGSC Media Release: Cox Street Project Update

Assessment and subsequent revisions to drainage design work along Cox Street in Hamilton have now been finalised, with contractor MACA to perform a survey reset out next week. Construction works on the drainage will recommence on 26 June.

Wannon Water will be on site on June 22 to carry out another water main valve cut which will result in further traffic disruption. Alternate traffic arrangements will be advised as soon as more detail is provided by Wannon Water.

To maintain the safety of the work area, a representative from MACA has inspected the work site each day. Council is also working with the traffic management team to implement a reduced speed limit on Gray Street, between Cox and Tyers streets.

The house at 88 Cox St will be demolished after failing to gain any interest from the public in relocating it.

Council also continues to discuss with VicRoads the urgency for the traffic light frequency at the intersection of Cox and French streets to be altered to accommodate for the change in traffic conditions in the area.

Enquiries can be directed to Council Customer Service on 5573 0444.

Media inquiries: Alison Quade 0429601208

A stamp 2. A priest
 The water. 4. The elephant's shadow.
 A pair of trousers.
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#### **Caramut and District Garden Club**

Hymenocallis Spider Lily.

These bulbs are native to the Andes region of South America with 25-30 species. These plants were growing in the garden along a west facing fence when we bought the place. They still flower well every summer where they were originally planted. According to the information I have, the soil mixture of sandy loam, manure and sand produce the best results. They need regular watering in summer with occasional doses of weak, liquid manure. None of which I have given them.

#### Things to do or plant in the garden in July:

One article I read was to stop watering cacti and succulents as they need no attention for a few weeks. My cacti and succulents are grown outdoors in the garden or large pots. So long as they don't become water-logged, do very well over the winter months.



I had a parsnip plant go to seed, and now have parsnips seedlings growing like weeds in the path as well as the garden beds. Peas, silverbeet, broad beans, carrot, cabbage beetroot can all be planted out now.

Potato tubers can also been planted now. It is advised to grow organic seed potatoes rather than growing from pieces of potato. I did buy some seed potatoes to plant one year and they were a dismal failure. The eyes from potatoes grow very well and I have had bumper crops growing potatoes this way. It is better that they have some water over the dry summer periods for a good

crop but I have still been able to harvest potatoes from the compost heap which is not artificially watered. Waterlogging will cause the potatoes to rot. Two eyes are needed from a piece to grow successfully.

It is with much sadness that we have learnt of the death of Barbara Surkitt who was a foundation member of the Garden Club when it was formed in 1979. She had much success in our monthly competitions over the years.

The competition winners for June were:

Bloom: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Theresa Loomes

Special – Foliage: eq.1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Loomes,

Brenda Uebergang 2<sup>nd</sup> Marita Smith

Produce: 1<sup>st</sup> Gill Hiscock 2<sup>nd</sup> Marita Smith

The next meeting is at Penshurst Senior Citizens on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am. The Guest Speaker is Linda Mylius from Gray St Flowers, Hamilton. She will be giving us tips on floral arrangement using our own foliage, flowers and anything we can find in our gardens. Competition is a Camelia.

Visitors are always warmly welcomed even if only for the one day.



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#### PAGE 17 MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS Mount Rouse **Across:** 2: Happy and lively in a way that is Puzzler attractive. 3: The number 60 in line. 5: A usually long, narrow passage inside a building with doors that lead to rooms on the sides. 8: To walk with regular steps as a group. 11: Having the same meaning. 14: Having little money or few possessions. 17: Deal. 18: Pleasing or delighting. 20: The feel, appearance, or consistency of a surface or a substance. 22: To walk or step heavily. 23: To repair something that is broken or damaged. 24: A situation that is difficult to understand. Down: 1: Not moving. 4: To trouble by repeated attacks, incursions etc. 6: Very clever, amusing, and interesting. 7: Rustic; rural. 9: Having good luck.

10: To become or to cause something to become unable to change.

12: A watery entrance with no teeth.

13: Full of life and energy.

15: To clean something with water and usually soap.

16: The sides of a quadrangle.

18: An illegal act for which someone can be punished by the government.

19: The act or process of joining something to something else.

21: To understand or become aware of something.

Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 3 indoor, 5 learn, 8 video, 10 module, 13 fairground, 14 snatch, 15 soprano, 17 feedback, 19 softball, 23 helpful, 24 blanket, 25 gesture.

Down: 1 bishop, 2 chief, 4 deserve, 6 comfortable, 7 theorist, 9 creation, 11 shadow, 12 motorist, 16 harvest, 18 midwife, 20 ballast, 21 layout, 22 panic.

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#### Creamy Prawn Pasta

Prep Time 5 mins Cooking Time 15 mins Serves 4

#### **INGREDIENTS**

250g fettuccine, or other long strand pasta of choice

30 g / 2 tbsp butter, separated

300g small peeled prawns / shrimp, raw

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 cup / 65 ml dry white wine

1 cup / 250 ml heavy/ thickened cream

1/2 cup / 125 ml chicken broth (or fish or vegetable broth), preferably low sodium

3/4 cup / 50 g finely grated parmesan cheese (freshly grated) 2 tbsp finely chopped parsley

Black pepper

Parmesan, for serving

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Bring to boil a large pot of water. Add pasta and cook per packet MINUS 1 minute. (Note 5).
- 2. Just before draining, scoop out 1 cup of pasta cooking water and set aside. Drain pasta.
- 3. Meanwhile, melt 1 tbsp of butter in a large non stick skillet over medium high heat. Add prawns and cook for 1 1/2 minutes on each side until just cooked through. Remove prawns.
- 4. In the same skillet, add 1 tbsp butter. Once melted, add garlic. Stir for 20 seconds until fragrant.



- 5. Add wine and stir. Simmer for 2 minutes until wine mostly reduces (see video).
- 6. Add cream, broth and parmesan. Stir until the parmesan is melted, then leave to simmer for 1 1/2 minutes until it thickens slightly (will thicken more in next step).
- 7. Add prawns, stir, then add pasta plus about 1/4 cup of reserved pasta water. Toss pasta (still on stove) and the sauce will thicken in about 30 45 seconds and start clinging to the pasta.
- 8. Take it off the stove before the sauce is as thick as you want it will thicken more.
- 9. Sprinkle with most of the parsley and black pepper, check salt (I don't need more). Toss again until the sauce consistency is to your taste. Add a tiny splash of pasta water if it gets too gluggy.
- 10. Serve immediately, garnished with remaining parsley and parmesan if desired.

#### **Found**

A Nikon camera lense cover - on the walking trail up Mt Rouse.

Contact the Editor to claim.

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#### **Community Meetings**

#### **Boram Boram Cemetery Trust**

 Contact Jeff Jellie 0407 781 407 or Sue 0418 141 301

#### 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 Senior Citizens Centre, French Street - COVID Permitting. 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 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).

Ambulance Victoria is regularly looking for local ACOs. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please email <a href="mailto:penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au">penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au</a>

#### 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

#### **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 0475685946 & Fr. David Oulton 0435867040

#### **St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst**

2nd & 4th Sunday 11am Service

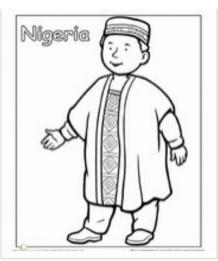
#### St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

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