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Penshurst Bowling Club News



Ann Rentsch Penshurst & Chick Trotman Balmoral



Ann Rentsch & Brenda Uebergang taken with donations for the raffle

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Penshurst Progress Association

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Committee of Management: Ama Cooke – Chairperson 0402 870 738 Brian O'Brien - Secretary Don Adamson - Treasurer Tom Cooke & Josh Hewitt

Next Meeting - AGM - Wednesday <u>25th January 2023</u> 7.30pm Community Meeting to follow - Supper Room, Penshurst Hall

Annual General Meeting

Penshurst Progress Association Inc

Wednesday 23 November 2022

7.30 pm Supper Room

at the Penshurst Memorial Hall

All positions will be declared vacant and a new Committee of Management elected.

Everyone welcome.

Community Meeting will follow immediately after the AGM.

Good afternoon everyone,

It's not often I have writer's block. For those that don't know, its when you sit down to write something, your mind goes completely blank .. and you are still sitting there 30 minutes later, with what is generally a blank page waiting to be filled, with, or without, a number of screwed up pages littering the floor around you. That's hard to do when you type into a computer program, as I am doing at present, but deleting doesn't kill as many trees.

I decided to work at the upcoming State Election on the 26th. They had invited me, I filled in the forms online, sent them back, and today got a phone call requesting I fill a specific function. Back into the VEC site I go to 'accept my offer', and then 'check my details', only it didn't get that far. I answered one question, technically 'have you been involved in a local election - eg. run for Council at the last election' .. Of course I answered yes, and my offer was immediately cancelled. It was lovely of the

young man from the State Government to ring me, hours later, to explain why I was not allowed to work for the VEC (although I can work for the AEC they have different rules, I was told). It is all about appearances, or something like that. No, please don't explain. I just think that not being allowed to work for the VEC for 10 years after running for Council, and not succeeding, is just .. daft.

An American friend on Facebook wrote a message along the lines of "all I want for Christmas is a whole lot of Christmas Cards from around the world", so Tom and I wrote her one, that I will post tomorrow. Hopefully it will get there by the due date. The next step on my meandering path to the end of the year, was dating the next PPA meeting into January, right before Australia Day. How did this year go by so fast.

Even though we discussed it at the last Community meeting, I am in two minds about throwing a Christmas Party in the Park this year, as the rain starts falling again. What do you think?

> Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight, Ama Cooke, Chair, PPA

Bereavement

Burow - John Charles

We wish to thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and sympathy expressed in so many ways, flowers, cards, telephone calls, and person visits at the loss of John.

Your kindness during this time was a great comfort and was truly appreciated.

Helen, Margie and families

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We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our sponsors who without your support the day would not go ahead, major sponsors Kellys, & Chris Cook. Other sponsors Mandy's Hair Design, James Dean Pharmacy, Victoria's, Health on Gray & Dela Vive. Thank you all.

On Monday the 7th of November Ann Rentsch representing the Penshurst Bowls Club played in the state singles were she was runner up to Chick Trotman well done Ann.



Some of the many bowlers enjoying the sunshine



Having a break between bowls are Elizabeth Millard Coleraine & Margaret Graham Hamilton



Runners up Heather Burgess & team from Portland Memorial



Winners Robyn Thomassen Grangeburn, Mary Millard & Carole Dunn MacArthur

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Are you new to Penshurst and would like to meet other people? Or are you interested in meeting & welcoming people who are new to Penshurst?

Come along to a coffee catch-up.

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month (Nov 16th) Where: Penshurst Store & Bakery NEW Time: <u>10:30am</u>

> Looking to meeting you! Jacqui 5576 5102



Please note NEW DATE AND TIME to avoid clashing with other town activities

Very silly Jokes

- 1 What did the fish say when he swam into a wall?
- 2 What do you call a fish with no eyes?
- 3 Why do dragons sleep during the day?
- 4 What goes up and down but does not move?
- 5 What part of the car is the laziest?
- 6 What did the stamp say to the envelope?
- 7 Why was everyone so tired on April 1st?

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LATER START TO OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The Southern Grampians outdoor swimming pool season will be pushed back due to a lack of lifeguards and the recent flooding events experienced across the region. The Hamilton Outdoor Pool, which normally opens from the first weekend in November, will start a few weeks later while staff work to undertake important water clean-up and work towards finding solutions to inadequate staffing levels.

Outdoor pools in Penshurst, Glenthompson, Balmoral, Dunkeld and Coleraine will open later in December to patrons while these issues are addressed.

Manager Community and Leisure Services Susannah Milne said the impact on the outdoor pools is unfortunate but necessary to ensure facilities are safe for residents.

"The recent rain events experienced across the region have left us with some clean-up works to make sure the water quality is up to standard for our swimmers," said Ms Milne. "We are also working on finding solutions to our staff shortages. While the outdoor pool season will be pushed back, this will ultimately enable staff to ensure safety for patrons."

Ms Milne said some tough decisions were going to have to be made in relation to operating hours with heavily reduced number of lifeguards available for the season. "We are facing significant challenges in relation to staffing shortages. A lack of trained lifeguards is something we have been struggling with over the last couple of years which we know is not isolated just to the Southern Grampians but is an issue felt across Victoria," said Ms Milne. "Locally, if the numbers don't increase and increase rapidly, the operating hours of our outer town pools will be impacted heavily due to those high staff shortages. We are asking community members to step up, complete the training, sign up as a lifeguard and help ensure these facilities can be enjoyed this summer.

"Lifeguards employed by the Southern Grampians are part of the Council team. With secure working conditions, guaranteed shifts, great pay rates and career progression opportunities – there are many benefits to joining Council. If you are new to lifeguarding or if your accreditation has lapsed – get in touch with us and we will help with training to get you out onto the pool deck," concluded Ms Milne.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson said local swimming pools were the heart of small communities so would be disappointing for Council to have to resort to reduced opening hours. "Last year, the outer pools were impacted by a lack of staff and this year will continue in a similar fashion unless we get committed community members who live in our outer townships to put up their hands, step up for training and put back into these communities," said Cr Robertson. "Lifeguarding is not only a great summer job but could be the kick starter you need for a new career with Council. There's still time to complete your training so reach out to Council as this is one way you can contribute to the wellbeing of your fellow residents," concluded Cr Robertson. (Continued page 9)

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Penshurst Post Office are generously sponsoring the 'New to Penshurst' marquee at this year's Penshurst Cup!

Are you New to Penshurst? You're invited to join us at the Penshurst Cup, Saturday November 19.

Once you have purchased your General Admission ticket to the Cup* your entry to the 'New to Penshurst' marquee is generously sponsored by Bruce and Jenny at the Penshurst Post Office! Food vans and drinks are available on the day or BYO picnic basket, nibbles, etc. but no glass, knives or alcohol is permitted.

Come along and meet other people who are New to Penshurst and enjoy all that the Penshurst Races have to offer.



RSVP essential to Jacqui on 5576 5102 as numbers to the marquee are limited.

* General Admission tickets available for purchase at Kelly's Mitre 10 or penshurst.tickets.countryracing.com.au

We look forward to meeting you!

Penshurst Buy & Sell

For Sale

1998 BMW 528i

Metallic blue, excellent condition, only ever had two lady owners, full service history, reluctant sale but no longer used so it's time for a new owner to love it. Few minor and cosmetic touch ups would make perfect. Penshurst. All reasonable offers considered. Jacqui 5576 5102

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Jacqui 5576 5102

Penshurst Men's Shed

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For more information contact Tom Cooke 0488 557 345. See you there.



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Caramut and District Garden Club

Despite all the wet weather, since it's become so warm and windy, the garden, especially pots will dry out so check via the finger meter as to whether you need to water again.

Now that it's warmed up at last, most vegetable seeds or seedlings can now be planted. If planting seeds, a fine spray of water regularly will be required to enable germination. If a strong jet of water, it will wash the seeds away. The finer the seed which is planted close to the surface will need more watering than larger seeds which are planted deeper.

There's still time to divide old dahlia clumps. Plant single tubers for better, bigger flowers. Make sure there are two or three buds or shoots at the top of each tuber.

Divide old bearded iris clumps as the flowers wither and discard the old rhizomes. The rhizomes of bearded iris tend to grow and flower at the end while the older section will die off.

The Christmas gathering of the Garden Club will be held at Woolsthorpe on Tuesday 13th December. Members exchange a home grown plant, so don't forget to bring along your plant and raffle tickets for a hamper donated by Mary Underwood's daughter. There will still be time to buy a ticket on the day. Happy Gardening.

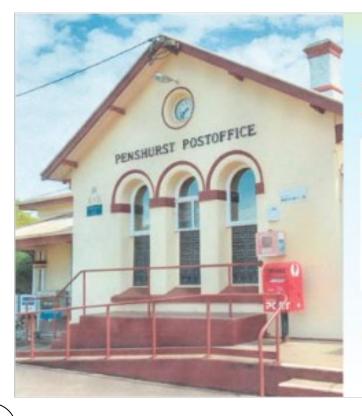
A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. Gertrude Jekyll.



Iris tubers with new growth on the end



Various Iris flowers



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Council will provide more information and updates to the community when pools are ready to open to the public. For regular updates and to keep up with all the activities during pool season, residents are advised to 'Like' the Greater Hamilton Outdoor Swimming Pools page on Facebook. For more information on pool locations and operating hours, head to www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/swimmingpools or contact Council on 5573 0444.

10 NOVEMBER 2022

GROWING HRLX AS A BUSINESS FOR THE FUTURE

Southern Grampians Shire Council adopted the 2022 Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX) Strategic Vision as developed by the HRLX Advisory Committee (HRLXAC) at last night's ordinary Council meeting. The development of the strategic vision will look to ensure future sustainability of the facility, whilst growing opportunities for the livestock market within Southern Grampians. The strategic vision outlines HRLX to:

- Operate as a commercial enterprise;
- Build on its position as the premier sheep market sales facility in Western Victoria;
- Consolidate and expand its position as a cattle market;

• Be a best practice facility encompassing environmental, biosecurity, and compliance requirements;

• Continue to contribute to the social and economic fabric of the Greater Hamilton region. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson said the adoption of the strategic vision as presented by the HRLXAC will ensure the facility is positioned as the premier livestock exchange in Western Victoria for decades to come.

"The strategic vision helps Council to position the HRLX facility as a business that has significant impact on the region in terms of enterprise and economy," said Cr Robertson. "The development of this vision helps to support the direction and retain focus for Council and the Advisory Committee to change the culture and commercial focus to increase contribution to Council and community. Over the past few years, we as a Council have made significant progress and investments to improving the facility in terms of infrastructure. The development of the vision and provision to develop a five year business plan, which will be developed over the next 12 months, is the next step in maximising the potential for our livestock facility. I would encourage anybody interested in this vision and or future direction of HRLX to contact Council for more information," concluded Cr Robertson.

Council also resolved to develop a five year business plan for the facility, continue to progress the review of fees and charges as a priority, allocate funding to complete essential biosecurity works specifically security gates, and to consider a budget allocation within the 2023/24 budget to undertake renewal of the outdoor unpaved cattle yards subject to budget and business case.

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The interconnectivity of us all

Today's story begins on the 8th of August, 36,000 feet above planet earth, on a plane somewhere over Europe, when someone suddenly falls seriously ill.

The pilot is forced to touch down at the nearest airport and the patient together with their family is transferred to the nearest hospital. Hundreds of people on that plane have their travel plans disrupted. Connecting flights are missed and frantic phone calls are made. Some people get sad and some get mad. None are glad.

But our story does not end at the help desk in a foreign country in Europe. The consequences of this mishap are felt all over the world, even here in Hamilton. Let me explain.

The plane that had to touch down was on its way to Melbourne to be refuelled and refreshed with those little ittv bitty pillows and hygienically sealed blankets. This plane was then supposed to take Jeanine and I onto Los Angeles which of course it didn't, or rather couldn't. Our flight is delayed by 24 hours and there is nothing anyone can do. So we too are a little sad and mad. Then we get in touch with our daughter in New York and the tentacles of melancholy spread around the world with the speed of the internet.

Our biff is not with the airline, our concern is for the patient and their family. The lesson we re-learnt is the interconnectivity of us all. We might like to pretend that we are on our own untouchable little island, but we are connected in ways that we do not realise or comprehend. We therefore must go gently and tread lightly. Be patient with the staff on the other side of the help desk and with each other, for we are more interconnected than we first thought.

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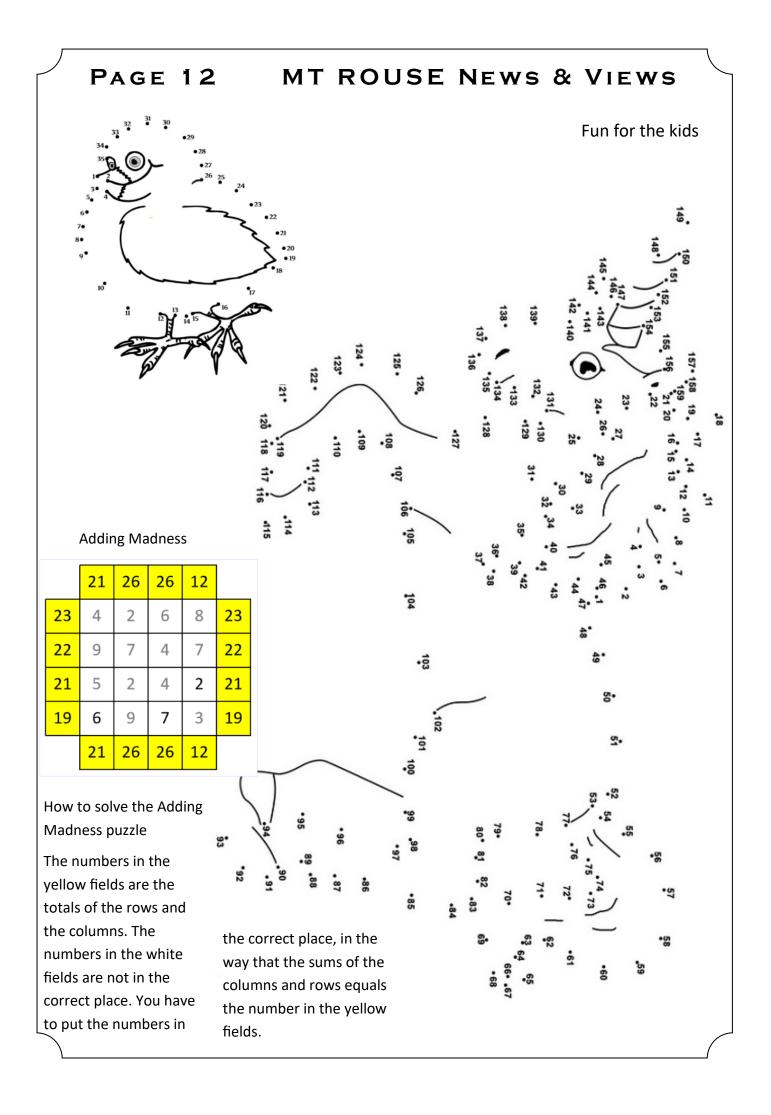
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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Pasta with Mint and Parmesan

Prep Time 5 mins Cooking Time 10 - 12 mins Serves 3 - 4

INGREDIENTS

240g wholewheat fusilli knob of butter 1 large shallot, finely chopped 140g frozen peas 2 skinless salmon fillets, cut into chunks
140g low-fat crème fraîche
½ low-salt vegetable stock cube small bunch of chives, snipped

METHOD

STEP 1

Bring a pan of water to the boil and cook the fusilli according to the pack instructions.

STEP 2

Meanwhile, heat a knob of butter in a saucepan, then add the shallot and cook for 5 mins or until softened.

STEP 3

Add the peas, salmon, crème fraîche and 50ml water. Crumble in the stock cube.

STEP 4

Cook for 3-4 mins until cooked through, stir in the chives and some black pepper. Then stir through to coat the pasta. Serve in bowls.

Garlic Bread

Prep 10 mins Cook 7 mins Serves 6

2 ciabatta loaves
140g butter, softened
4-6 garlic cloves, crushed
handful parsley, chopped
2 tbsp finely grated Parmesan (or vegetarian alternative)

Slice the bread in half lengthwise. Toast the crust side for 2 mins until really crispy. Mix together butter, garlic and parsley in a bowl. Spread over the cut bread halves. Sprinkle over the Parmesan. Just before serving place on a baking sheet, then cook under a hot grill for 5 mins until toasty and lightly golden. Let it cool for 1 min before cutting into thick slices.

Answers to jokes: 1 Dam, 2 A fsh, 3 So they can fight knights! 4 Stairs, 5 The wheels, because they are always tired, 6 Stick with me and we will go places! 7 They had just finished a March of 31 days.

Answers to Riddles: 1) "Yeah", the other cow says. "Makes me glad I'm a penguin". 2) Because every play has a cast. 3) He just needed a little space. 4) Because they make up everything. 5) The satisfactory. 6) They always take things literally. 7) A cat has claws at the end of paws; A comma is a pause at the end of a clause. 8) "Curses! Foil again!"





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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 Sheppard Centre - COVID Permitting. Western District Health Service – PENSHURST 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 Phil 0458 766 250.

Friends Yatmerone Reserve

 Meeting 2nd Tuesday every second month, commencing February at Volcano 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 penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au

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

4pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

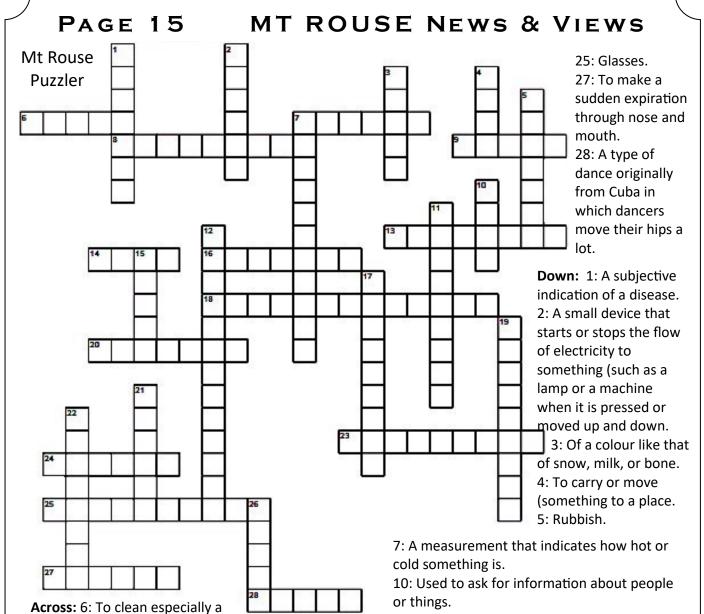
For further details contact Janet Kelly on 5576 5247

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



floor by using a brush to collect the dirt into one place from.

7: Method of achieving a goal, strategy.

8: An instrument designed to make distant objects appear closer.

9: Filled with tears or happening with tears.

13: Someone who is between 13 and 19 years old.

14: A piece of work that has been given to someone.

16: To provide what is needed for (something or someone to exist, continue, etc.

18: The perimeter of a circle.

20: A feeling of nervousness that makes you unable to relax. 23: Land covered with grasses and other soft plants but not with bushes and trees.

24: Something that you are trying to do or achieve.

11: Relating to the practical use of machines or science in industry, medicine, etc.

12: Of or relating to the mind.

15: To become very excited about someone or something.

17: Continuing for a limited amount of time.

19: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

21: A special natural ability.

22: A small spoon that is used especially for eating soft foods and stirring drinks.

26: To state (something very strongly and sincerely.

Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 3 rural, 7 itchy, 8 phone, 9 slipper, 13 bite, 14 hypnotic, 16 launch, 18 spotted, 20 lopsided, 21 annoyed, 24 bit, 26 nostalgic, 27 trees, 28 future.
Down: 1 bizarre, 2 grumpy, 4, royal, 5 ring, 6 wings, 9 superficial, 11 maid, 12 sulky, 10 zinc, 15 momentous, 17 hospital, 19 practice, 20 labourer, 22 ocean, 23 enjoy, 25 future.

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