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Ama Cooke – Chairperson 0402 870 738
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Don Adamson - Treasurer
Tom Cooke, Sue Jellie & Jeff Jellie

Next Meeting - Wednesday <u>25th January 2023</u> 7.30pm

Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good morning everyone,

I just checked the weather report and we are expecting summer for a day on Saturday. That will be wonderful, as we are also expecting Santa to be at the gates to the Botanic Gardens from 10am - 12noon, to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Bring your kids, and yourself. Children get a small present.

This is the last newsletter for 2022. The year has raced by, as they so often do now that we are older. There have been a few successes and a few delays, to make it an interesting year. One of my favourite says is Chinese, 'May you live in interesting times'. Out of curiosity, I looked it up on the internet, to find it's neither Chinese nor a recognised quote, although it's been used many times across the 19th and 20th century. Well, it's definitely interesting times at the moment, as we try to bounce back to whatever normal is going to be in the coming years.

The Progress Association is still here, with plans for the future, some based in the past, and other new ones. I know we are all looking forward to the holiday break so that we will be ready when January roles around again, and we get back to helping lots of different people bring good things to our town.

From the Committee of Management of the Association we would like to wish everyone

Seasons Greetings and all the joy and abundance you can handle in the New Year.

We will see you then.

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



Find me at the Gardens' gate this Saturday 10am - 12noon

Christmas Greetings



To our Relatives & Friends

May you all have a Happy & Safe Christmas

And may the New Year be filled with good health, happiness and love.

Janet & Evan Kelly

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Gardening

What is Peony Rose?

Peony Rose (Paeonia lactiflora Hybrids) is a deciduous small woody shrub. It is part of the Paeoniaceae family and originated in China, Tibet and Siberia and now has many named hybrids.

The Peony Rose_is not the easiest plant to grow, but with persistence, knowledge and a little support from your garden, they are a beautiful and well worthwhile part of your garden.

Growing peony roses and giving them the love and attention they require will allow new shoots to sprout in spring. At this stage of the peony



rose's life, it will form into glossy dark green foliage that looks fantastic in both pots and your garden.

Flowering will then commence from mid-spring through summer, depending on the variety. Flowers come in shades of white, pink, rose and red. Your Peony Rose bush will start to die back and go into dormancy in autumn.

You can grow peony roses in pots or in your garden. When looking for the perfect spot to plant your Peony Rose, look for a space that receives both part shade and full sun throughout the day. As a part of your peony rose care, select a position that ensures your Peony Rose can enjoy the morning sun while being protected from the scorching afternoon sun. To take proper care of Peony Roses, also make sure that they are protected from the wind.

Benefits of Growing Peony Rose

Peony Roses are mostly used as perennial border plants that reward with lush blooms in spring and early summer, while providing interesting foliage for the rest of the year. They are a decorative addition to any cottage garden and their flowers will attract butterflies. Through dedicated care and optimal Peony Rose growing conditions, they make excellent cut flowers that can last over a week in water. These blooms are delightfully fragrant and look wonderfully romantic in vases and posies.

Christmas Jokes

- 1) What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?
- 2) What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
- 3) What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?
- 4) What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
- 5) What do snowmen eat for dessert?
- 6) How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?
- 7) What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop?

- 8) What do you call a reindeer ghost?
- 9) What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?
- 10) Why are elves such great motivational speakers?
- 11) What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers?
- 12) What did Santa say when he stepped into a big puddle?

Answers page 6

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Penshurst Accommodation

Having family or friends coming to visit and not enough room or just wanting a holiday. Check out Annie's on Ti Tree, 31 Ti Tree Lane, Penshurst. BnB Fully self contained Accommodation.

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"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."

Agnes M. Pahro

Musings from the Shed

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thank you to everyone who joined and visited, we've enjoyed your company.

We will be back in early January.

We'll be open 10am - 4pm Tuesday & Saturday. For more information contact



Tom Cooke 0488 557 345.

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I have a friend who plays in a band with a rather curious name. "Whisky soaked redemption." It's a bit rock n roll, a bit country, a bit blues, but the name of the band is both sublime and insightful.

And before going any further I should point out the obvious that whisky is like all of God's good gifts. Use it properly with yourself as the boss and it is a marvellous thing. Abuse it and let it control you and deep sadness is yours.

I like the title of the band because it reminds me of the wedding at Canna where there was lashings of very good quality wine. There, at the reception, something unseen, subtle and lovely occurred. Redemption had come to the wedding reception at the insistence of a woman and with only a very few realising it.

I think too of a cramped upper room with just a few motley men gathered around a table with bread and wine. Nothing was happening, something was happening, everything was happening and the consequences of this little supper would reverberate around the world and into the twenty-first century. Redemption intincted* by wine.

But what of music? Well, after the last supper ...'They sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives'. And what wedding does not have music and singing and dancing.

At first reading the name of my friends band might seem a little crass to you and politically incorrect. But the whole Christmas thing that is hurtling towards us means that the divine came to revel in, to enjoy and to sanctify our everyday life, our everyday stuff. Our loving, our joy, our tears, our smirking and even the stuff in the decanter.

Go Whisky soaked Redemption... You legends!

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

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 Where: Penshurst Store & Bakery NEW Time: 10:30am

21st December

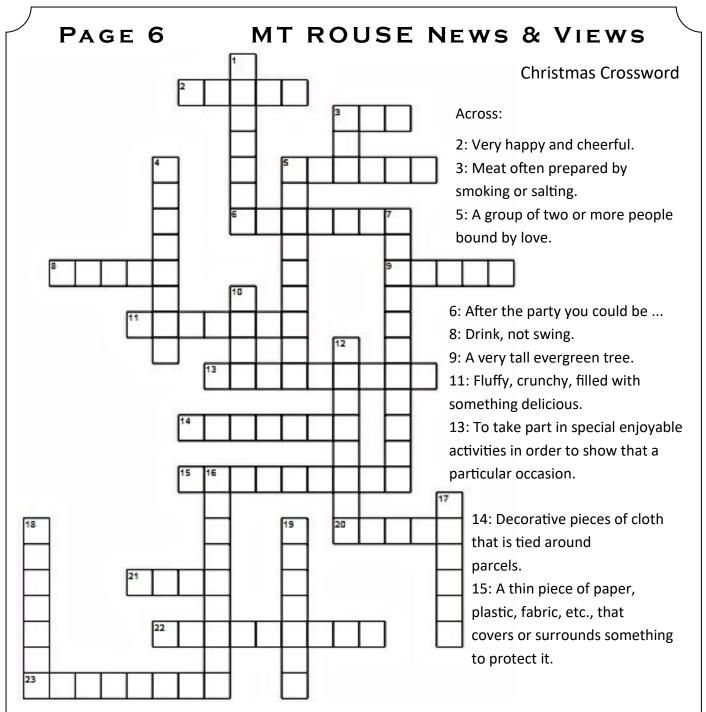
Looking forward to meeting you! Jacqui 5576 5102



Please note NEW DATE AND TIME

to avoid clashing with

other town activities



- 20: A treasured visitor for young and old.
- 21: A small vehicle that has a flat bottom or long, narrow strips of metal or wood on the bottom and that is used for moving over snow or ice.
- 22: A salutation for the Season.
- 23: Time away from other projects.

Down:

- 1: People who you like and enjoy being with.
- 3: A comedian or Christmas treat.
- 4: The day when someone was born or the anniversary of that day.
- 5: A rich cake containing dried fruit and nuts and citrus peel and so on.

- 7: Something that is added to something else to make it more attractive.
- 10: Deep feeling of affection.
- 12: Something that you give to someone especially as a way of showing affection.
- 16: A large deer.
- 17: To sing joyously.
- 18: Red nosed ... and not from a cold.
- 19: Comes glazed with custard, cream or ice cream.



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2 DECEMBER 2022

HELP SHAPE THE 2023/24 COUNCIL BUDGET

Southern Grampians Shire Council invites residents to contribute to the 2023/24 Council Budget, with a survey being released this week.

Council provides community members the opportunity to comment on the draft budget in May each year, prior to its adoption. This year, residents are encouraged to get involved early, to help inform Council on the services that are most important to them.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson said preparing the budget is an important step in shaping Council's annual plan in relation to programs, the delivery of projects, and services to meet community's needs.

"Your thoughts, ideas, and feedback ultimately helps us to develop the annual budget and determine how services are financially supported for the year," said Cr Robertson.

"Tell us what services you use most and which are most important to you and your family. It could be the outdoor swimming pools, Library, health and wellbeing program, waste services, road maintenance, public arts and culture, sporting facilities, public amenities – we want to hear your thoughts on how we should prioritise service delivery.

"We're often questioned as to why ratepayer's money is spent where it is. For those who just think of us as rates, roads and rubbish, Council operates and provides over 70 unique services to our community which, with rate-capping and limited external funding opportunities, is not an easy feat to achieve "This is your opportunity to genuinely have a think about the budgeting process for the next financial year, taking into consideration all the services we need to deliver to our community, and contribute to your ideas.

"Please take five minutes, jump onto our website and give us your thoughts on the services you use most," concluded Cr Robertson.

Community members can submit their feedback online at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay. Hard copies are available at Customer Service and at the Hamilton Library.

Feedback can be submitted until 5:00pm on 21 December 2022.

The Draft 2023/24 budget will be released for public comment in May 2023.

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Answers to jokes: 1) Wait, there's myrrh. 2) Frostbite. 3) Claus-trophobia! 4) Santa Pause. 5) Ice crispies. 6) Nurse them back to elf. 7) A rebel without a Claus! 8) Cari-boo! 9) A meltdown. 10) They have plenty of elf-confidence. 11) Truth or deer. 12) It must have reindeer.

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2nd December 2022

RELIEVING PRESSURE ON KEY WORKER HOUSING

Southern Grampians Shire Council resolved to sell approximately 22 hectares of vacant, Council owned land near Lake Hamilton at Wednesday's Council meeting. The land parcel, located on Handbury Boulevard at Lakes Edge is currently held as one title, zoned as General Residential. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr David Robertson said the sale will free up the land for new residential builds and will ultimately relieve pressure on the region's rental market. "Council identified the negative impact and lack of key worker housing has on the region in the Council Plan and has been advocating over the past 12 months to find solutions to address these shortages," said Cr Robertson. "We know this heavily impacts the local economy where local businesses and service providers struggle to maintain adequate staffing levels. The lack of available housing within the region makes it very difficult for our local businesses and organisations to recruit staff to relocate here because there is essentially nowhere for them to live once they make the move. There is a large population of employees who commute into the Southern Grampians every day. That ultimately has a cost to local communities who miss out on the domestic investment for those who live outside our Local Government Area. This critical shortage of housing restricts the settlement of new residents who contribute to our workforce which is something which Council has not been immune to. The release of this land will go a long way to provide a tangible solution to the lack of housing with residential purchase and rental options for those workers and their families." The sale of the land is expected to be released in early 2023 and has the potential to provide between 200 – 300 blocks for new homes to be built.

Locally, most key businesses consulted have experienced long-term labour shortages resulting in ongoing job vacancies equating to 5-10% of capacity. Lack of rental housing was identified as a key contributing factor. With a current demand of 280 additional dwellings needed for the next 10 years in Hamilton, of which around a third are expected to be rentals, the demand for additional rental housing is high.

"We know over the last few years, we have seen a real desire from city residents to find a new way of life within the regions. Southern Grampians offers a unique range of opportunities including high quality education for families, strong agriculture and industries, numerous healthcare services, as well as an enviable lifestyle. By releasing this land for the sale of sub divided residential blocks, we are confident that this step will help to ease the burden on the property market both in sales and rentals across the Southern Grampians and open us up to having the opportunity to welcome new residents to the region," concluded Cr Robertson.

More details will be released in relation to the land sale early in the New Year.

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Black Forest Pavlova

Prep Time 30 mins Cooking Time 2 hours Serves 12

INGREDIENTS

1½ cups (330g) caster sugar

1 vanilla bean, split, seeds scraped

6 egg whites, at room temperature

½ tsp cream of tartar

1 tsp white vinegar

1 tbs cornflour

2 cups cherries (we used fresh cherries

- substitute 500g frozen cherries,

defrosted, drained)

½ cup each Sunbeam Raisins, Currants

and Sultanas

1 cup (250ml) Marsala

Chocolate mousse

400g dark (70%) chocolate, finely

chopped

200g milk chocolate, finely chopped

3 egg whites

1 cup (250ml) thickened cream

1 tsp vanilla extract

METHOD

- 1. To make the mousse, place both chocolates and 1 cup (250ml) boiling water in a blender and whiz until melted and smooth. Add egg whites and whiz until smooth and combined, then gradually add cream and vanilla, and whiz to combine. Pour into a 2L dish and chill for 4 hours or until set.
- 2. Preheat oven to 150°C. Grease a large baking tray and line with baking paper.
- 3. Place sugar and vanilla seeds in a food
- processor and pulse until fine and combined. 4. Place the egg whites and cream of tartar in a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment and whisk to soft peaks. With the motor running, add 1 tbs sugar mixture every 30 seconds, whisking until well incorporated. Continue to whisk for a further 5 minutes or until thick and glossy and sugar has completely dissolved.
- 5. Gently fold through the vinegar and cornflour, then spread meringue onto prepared tray into a 22cm-diameter round. Using a palette knife, spread the sides upwards to make a slightly higher edge and a lower centre to create a well for the topping.
- 6. Place pavlova in oven, then immediately reduce oven to 100°C. Bake for 1½ hours or until dry and crisp. Turn off oven and cool with the door ajar for at least 4 hours. (don't worry if the pavlova cracks slightly).
- 7. Meanwhile, place cherries, dried fruit and Marsala in a bowl and macerate at room temperature for 2 hours.
- 8. To serve, whisk the mousse lightly to loosen, then spoon into the pavlova centre. Top with macerated cherries and Sunbeam fruits to serve.





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Penshurst Hair Design



Wishing all my clients a Merry Christmas & a Safe and Happy New Year!

Thank you for all the on-going support.

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to 10th January

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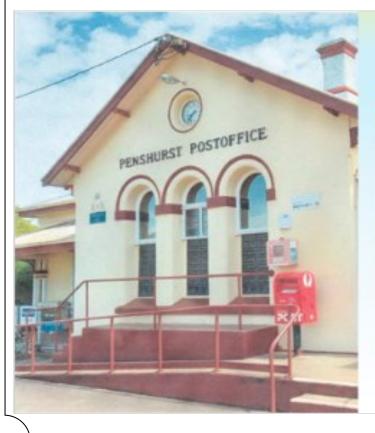
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Dates for December 14th & 21st

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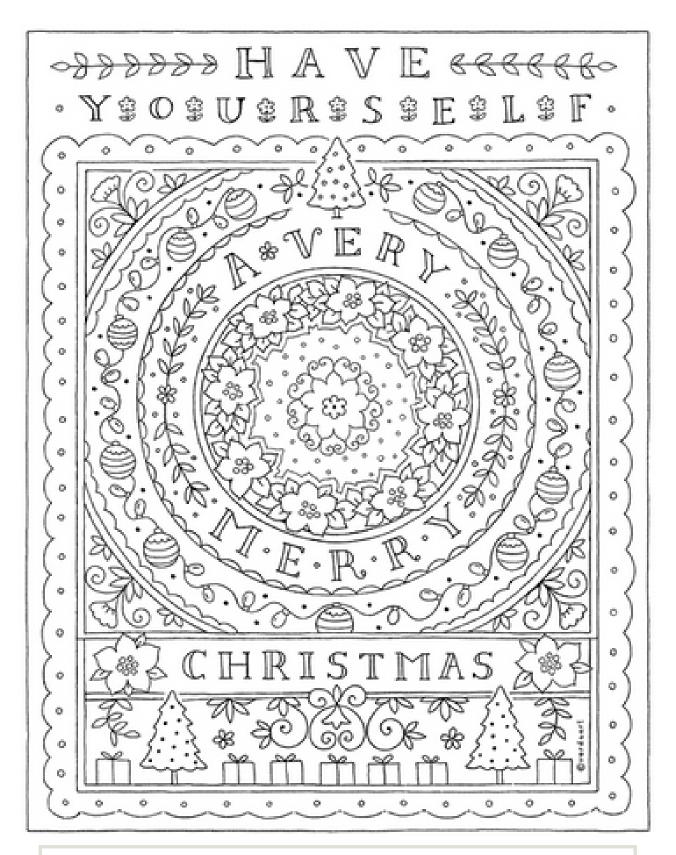


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Bruce & Jenny wish a very
Merry Christmas and
New Year to all.
Thank you for your support
throughout the year.

Ph/Fax **5576 5220**31 Martin Street

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23 bingo, 26 angle.

Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 4 view, 5 reign, 8 actually, 9 squeal, 10 grip, 11 income, 15 futuristic, 16 coil, 18 liberate, 20 year, 22 carve, 24 nation, 25 wormhole, 26 argue, 27 elderly. Down: 1 spell, 2 jagged, 3 grandfather, 4 voyage, 6 adjoining, 7 farm, 9 spindle, 12 madly, 13 rude, 14 sunshine, 17 yawn, 19 backward, 21 settle,

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Fun for the kids

Can you find these words in the puzzle.

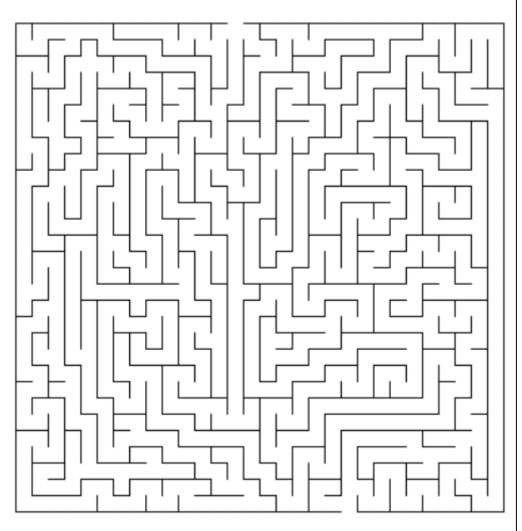
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Carols	Pudding	Stars
Christmas	Reindeer	Tinsel
Dinner	Santa	Tree
Elf	Shepherd	Turkey
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Grandparents Silence

A maze to amaze the mind.

A Christmas bookmark to colour and keep.





Can you make it all the way from the top to the bottom, or the bottom to the top?

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Opening Hours:

Monday - CLOSED Tuesday to Friday - 7.30am - 2.00pm Saturday - 8.00am - 2.00pm Sunday - CLOSED



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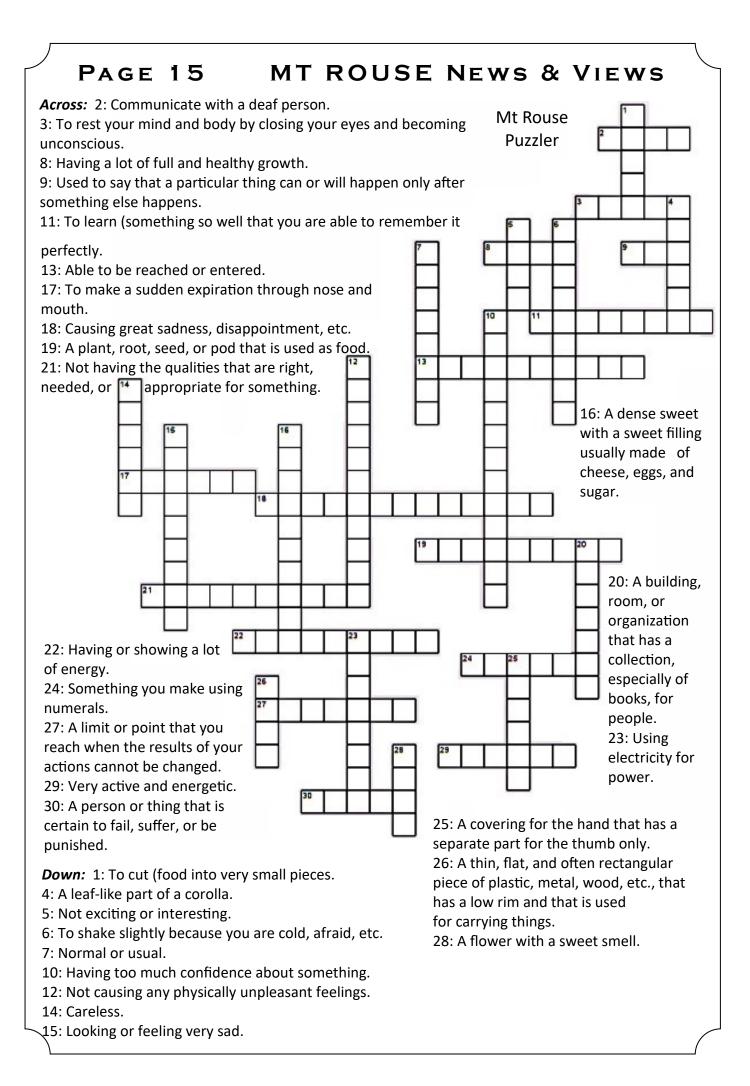








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Community Meetings

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
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 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 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

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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Dates for January 2023 5th & 19th

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Australia Day Nomination Form Penshurst Citizen of the Year 2022

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