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Community Newsletter





"We all get the exact same 365 days.

The only difference is what we do with them."

Hillary DePiano

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Next Meeting - Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good afternoon everyone,

The **Penshurst Citizen of the Year** - every year we ask the townspeople to consider who among our volunteers deserves to be recognised to be recognised for their service to others and our community. Thank you to everyone who participated in the selection this year. We have fourteen entries to consider, some of them in duplicate. Find out the winner on Australia Day, Friday 26th January and in the 7th February newsletter. The Australia Day ceremony begins at 8.30am and is followed by a free breakfast provided by the Penshurst Lions Club, PPA and the SGSC. There will be a letterbox delivery with more information, including the words of Advance Australia Fair. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Lights winners -

Best Lights - 56 Bell Street and Best Christmas Characters - 4 French Street.

Congratulations to both households. There were no entries for Best Nativity Scene, so we might try again next year. Thank you to Jacqui Tribe for the time and energy she put into the project.

You might have noticed that the Hall public toilets were closed this weekend past. For general knowledge, they are the responsibility of the Council, not the Hall. When something breaks there, as it has, and the tank is overdue for pumping, they will take care of the problems. Thank you SGSC and Cottrill's Plumbing. We hope this problem is solved very quickly.

I usually write this report last thing on Monday before giving the newsletter to Jacqui to proof-read, but instead ...

Updating Penshurst Victoria webpages.

http://www.penshurstvictoria.com.au/ Community%20Business%20Directory.html

Is your business listed on our town website? If so, are the details correct? To update your details or add them to the site please send your business name and contact details to president@penshurstprogress.org.au to be added or updated.

Thank you.

Sunday evening.

Well, that was some rain, 60mls so far down this end near the mountain. There was some local flooding on the other side of town (see page 15). We hope everyone is ok. The road to Yatmerone will be closed for some time, having been washed out again. The grass will grow long, and the council won't be mowing much of it, since they took a decision not to do so. (We have this on good authority). It is helpful that the Council comes out to the PPA meetings, with updates on what they are doing for us, and to collect questions that we wish answered. We don't always get the answers, but we keep on trying. Here's hoping that 2024 is a much

Wishing you a great fortnight.

Ama Cooke, PPA.

better year than the last, for

everyone.

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Robert Baillie was born in Hamilton on 5th November, 1948, and grew up in Penshurst. He left school at fifteen to start an apprenticeship at Cottrill's Plumbing Penshurst, after having worked there after school and all school holidays since he was thirteen.

In 1969 he worked with Arthur Cook and following this had various truck driving jobs, including with Ewings of Penshurst and K &S Mt. Gambier doing interstate trips. In 1980 he started his own plumbing business from his mother's home in Burchett Street, Penshurst, and ran this for sixteen years.

In 1995 Robert bought a house in Hamilton and had various jobs until taking a permanent job at Grampians Wool Industries as a maintenance fitter. He was made redundant after twelve years when the factory closed down putting some fifty people out of work. For the last fifteen years he drove taxis, in recent years part-time until his illness prevented this. Also during this time he renovated two houses and looked after his mother until she went into Eventide. In 2003, Robert married Bev.

Robert served for thirty years in the C.F.A. During that time he had been a Rural Brigade Training Officer and Secretary. He joined Lions in Penshurst in 1986 and Celebrating





Robert Baillie

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later transferred to Hamilton. He held positions of President, Secretary, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman and District Chairman. He and Bev. attended Lions Conventions all over Australia: Darwin, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra and various other places.

Robert served for thirty years on the State Committee of Crime Watch, attending meetings in Melbourne up to four times a year.

He also held positions of President and Secretary of many organisations over the years: Golf Club, Flower Show and Youth Club, Combined Probus Club President and was Secretary of the Club when he died. He was a member of U3A and played croquet.

His other interests were motor racing...he attended Calder, Adelaide and Bathurst several times... and fishing with his late mother.

Robert's father died at fifty-three, when Robert was eleven, leaving his mother to raise Robert and his younger brother Wayne (aged seven) on her own...a duty she fulfilled with the greatest dedication and love.

In the last few days before he died Robert told a visitor that he'd had a good life and how good it was to have had Bev. in his life.

Eulogy provided by Rev Peter Cook

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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.

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Making the world a place of possibilities

It's a great phrase. It sounds as if anything could be possible. I wanted to clasp it firmly in my right hand like a baton and run with it and surely this is the vocation of us all. To make the world a place of possibilities.

As I thought about it a little more I became painfully aware of my limitations of time, place and resources.

I thought of the disadvantaged and I wondered if their possibilities had changed. Was there any effectual, ongoing change from the little possibility that I had tried to create?

I thought of those who are displaced and had their homes destroyed by flood, fire, bombs or earthquake. What possibilities for them?

Three little ways forward.

First, we must not give up trying to make our world a place of possibilities for others. The task is enormous and seems insurmountable, but a quick letter of resignation is not the answer.

Secondly, I find that my prayers have become more outrageous these days. I ask for the impossible and incredible. When all seems futile and forgotten I return yet again to that insatiable God who can never get enough prayer.

Thirdly, At this time of year we look back to a beleaguered couple at the back of the pub in a cave that would not pass any O.H & S. Standards. They probably had no idea that more than 2000 years later their struggles, tears and grubby surrounds would continue to inspire us and change lives. So too with us. Our tiny, seemingly ineffectual and insignificant actions will have ramifications generations down the track. The world can be a place of possibilities if, just for today, we do the little things.

The first Christmass didn't seem like much but... it made the world a place of possibilities.

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The art of letter writing

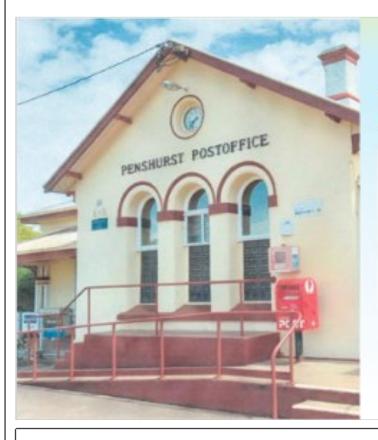
Some of us will have written and received Christmass cards this year. Often people will write a little letter to include with the card letting the recipient know what has been going on since over the last 12 months. While I joyfully receive any card, it is the ones with an epistle inside that give me a special joy.

Letters make us pause and imagine the lives behind the letters read and the circumstances of their origin. They help deepen our understanding of these inspiring artefacts of the human condition. They are windows into the love, beauty, pain, and humour of their creators and recipients.

And these are not the only types of letters we write. Letters of complaint, job applications, thank you letters, letters requesting changes or making suggestions — the list goes on and on.

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The art of letter writing (continued)

But the thing that really moves me when I receive a written letter or card is that at some level I am aware that the sender actually sat down and physically wrote this letter. Their hands touched the card I am now holding. The words on the page are in their own handwriting. They moved the pen over this card, they sealed the envelope and posted it by hand. And no matter the content, no matter how glib or trite or illegible the writing, there is a very real sense in which the sender has offered me a small part of themselves.

A glimpse into their life and a physical, tangible, reread-able artefact of themselves.

Emails may connect us in a shiny, slick way but there is something more heartfelt and beautiful in a written card or letter than words on a screen. Maybe in a world that has failed to connect, we might rediscover the art of letter writing which can connect us all.

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P.s. from the Editor. Tom is a wonderful penpal. He sends letters all around the world, and finds so much joy in receiving them. I think it's an art that needs to be fostered - for the personal touch that David describes here, reminds us all that humans live in the world behind our computer screens, and not everything needs to be known in a hurry.



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Thank you to Bruce and Jenny from the Penshurst Post Office for their continuing support of the town and Progress
Association. We are sure that 2024 is going to be an interesting year for

PPA

Thoughts for the day

all of us.

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Bo Bennett

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Peter Drucker

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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Fluffy passionfruit impossible cheesecake

Prep Time 30mins Cook time 1h 30mins Serves 8

INGREDIENTS

From Taste.com.au

- · 250g cream cheese, chopped, at room temperature
- · 90g unsalted butter, at room temperature
- · 120g (3/4 cup) plain flour
- · 5 eggs, separated

- · 125ml (1/2 cup) milk, at room temperature
- · 60ml (1/4 cup) passionfruit pulp
- · 110g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
- · Icing sugar, to dust

METHOD

Step 1

Preheat oven to 140°C/120°C fan forced. Line base of a deep, 20cm round cake pan with baking paper.

Step 2

Use electric beaters to beat the cream cheese and butter in a large bowl until smooth. Add flour and beat until just combined. Add egg yolks and beat until smooth. Slowly add milk and passionfruit and beat until well combined.



Step 3

Use clean electric beaters to beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add the caster sugar, beating well after each addition to ensure the sugar is dissolved. Use a large metal spoon to carefully fold the meringue into the passionfruit mixture, in 3 batches. (Try to keep the mixture as aerated as possible).

Step 4

Pour the mixture into the prepared pan, tap the pan firmly on the bench to release large air bubbles. Use a skewer to prick the large holes. Use a palette knife to smooth the surface.

Step 5

Place the cake in a shallow heatproof tray. Pour enough boiling water into the tray to come 2cm up the side of the pan. Bake for 11/2 hours or until golden brown and set. Turn the oven off. Leave cheesecake to cool in oven for 10 minutes with the door ajar.

Step 6

Remove the cheesecake from the tray and set aside to cool, in the pan, until warm. Run a knife around the edge of the pan. Carefully invert cheesecake onto a plate lined with baking paper.

Remove paper lining and quickly and gently invert back onto the serving plate. Set aside to cool completely.

Step 7

Dust the cake with icing sugar before cutting into wedges to serve.



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otography by Andrew Silcocks

Can you tell the difference between a raven and a crow?

In Australia, we have five species of ravens and crows. The difference between a raven and a crow, it's pretty minimal. They're very hard to tell apart. To be honest, really, it's just the colour of the down at the base of the feathers. It's white in a crow and brown in a raven. So unless you actually catch one and blow on it, you're not really going to know the difference. But there is a simple trick to knowing which raven or crow you are seeing.

If you live in a capital city, it's very basic because every capital city only has one species. So if you are in Perth, Canberra, or Sydney, chances are you are seeing an Australian raven. If you are in Melbourne and Adelaide, it's a Little Raven, and a Little Raven is basically only one centimetre shorter than an Australian Raven. So don't worry and get hung up about the little term. They look basically the same size. If you're in Hobart, it's a Forest Raven, and if you're in Darwin or Brisbane, it is a Torresian Crow.

Now, if you are in areas, say like Alice Springs, which gets both Torresian Crows and Little Crows, or somewhere, say the North Coast of New South Wales, where you can get all five species of ravens and crows, there is another easy way to tell, and that's the call that they make.

That standard call of the raven is slightly different with all the species.

The Australian Raven is the highest pitched, actually, but in some ways the loudest, and it's got that three notes. You would probably know that call. It's like it's getting surprised, asking itself a question, and giving itself the answer.

The Little Raven is much more sort of regular. It doesn't draw out its call nearly as much, and it's a bit deeper in tone and pitch than the Australian Raven. The Forest Raven, which is the biggest of them all. It's actually got the deepest and the slowest call, a very, very resonant deep call.

Now, the crows are a little bit flatter in their call and they often call a bit quicker. The Torresian Crow, in some ways, can be quite variable, but it has more of a quacking quality than a calling quality. The Little Crow, which you only find in the really dry parts of Australia, has a very flat and nasal sort of call, almost like it's doing a call with an American accent.

So that's the easiest way to distinguish your ravens from your crows. Get out there and identify your corvids with confidence.

https://birdlife.org.au/news/what-bird-is-that-ravens-and-crows/



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PAGE 13 MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS Across: 5: Items to make a labourer's day. 6: To alter slightly. 8: Can pierce with a sharp point. 9: The planet where we live. 14: To push your finger or something thin or pointed into or at someone or something. 15: To learn something so well that you are able to remember it perfectly. 19: Objects such as a box or can that can 23: Hoping or believing that good hold something. things will happen in the future. 20: Very good at 24: Most liked. learning or thinking 25: The act of lifting, balancing and about things. moving with something with your 22: The myths of a hand. particular group or culture.

Down:

- 1: The number 40.
- 2: Zombie food.
- 3: In an early stage of life, growth, or development.
- 4: To cause someone to believe that something is true.
- 7: A tired wet Sunday afternoon attitude.
- 10: To limit the amount or range of something.
- 11: In a definite and exact way.
- 12: These define the aspect of the

- appearance, hue, brightness and saturation.
- 13: A stupid person.
- 16: A person who is studying or has expert knowledge of one or more of the natural or physical sciences.
- 17: Large black birds that have a loud and harsh cry.
- 18: Something that is believed to be a sign or warning of something that will happen in the future.
- 21: The common opinion that people have about someone or something.

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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, Sheppard Centre,
 - Penshurst Hospital. Please contact Fiona
 Social Support Group Coordinator on
 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

Mount Rouse & District Historical Society

- Meetings 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. New members are most welcome. Contact Joy Doherty 0408 360 801.
- The Court House open for Visitors 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

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



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

Ambulance Victoria is looking for people to join the Penshurst team. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please follow the link below. https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/careers/become-a-first-responder/

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

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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PENSHURST MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

President - Ama Cooke 0402 870 738

Secretary - Tom Cooke

Treasurer - Lyn Austin

Shayne & Matisse White

Booking Agent - Thomas Cooke 0488 557 345

To hire the Hall please contact the booking agent or email -

penshurstmemorialhall@gmail.com.

Contact Ama or Tom for key collection.

Meetings are held three times a year in the Supper Room. Dates will be advertised. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Daily charges for Hall hire: ·

Supper Room or Kitchen \$75 each
Main Hall \$150
Entire Venue \$250

Event insurance is required for every activity. You can provide your own or we have subsidised insurance available.

These prices can be halved if a booked event is:

- · No more than 4 hours in duration (inclusive of setting and packing up)
- · Hiring the hall for additional day/s preceding or following the hire date
- · A fundraiser event example Church, Hospital or School.

The Penshurst Art Exhibition is coming in March 2024. Opening Night is the Friday 22nd. Are your entries ready?

Local Flooding after heavy rain on 7th January 2024





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