Year 6 Edition 15 20th March 2024

#### Mt Rouse News & Views



Community Newsletter

#### It's going to be a great weekend in Penshurst

#### Penshurst Art Exhibition 2024



Opening Night - Friday 22nd March

6.30pm \$20 with light supper and entry all weekend

Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday 10am - 3pm

Entry \$5 Adults, \$2 Teenagers, Kids Free
We look forward to seeing you ..





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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 & Jeff Jellie

Next Meeting - Wednesday 27th February 7.30pm Penshurst Memorial Hall

It's Show week!! That means I am drowning in paperwork and tearing my hair out wondering what I have forgotten this time .. how to spell might be one of those things. I am reversing my letters as I type.

Where was I? Don't try and answer. The clutter in my brain matches the clutter on my desk (yes, I did clean up in between), which includes some beautiful art works from the pupils in our schools. We love that they contribute their artwork to enhance our Art Show every year.

What does the Art Show have to do with PPA? Nothing really. Tom and I created it one year because he always wanted to run an art show, and by now, the 9th year, we should have it all under control, and we do, for the most part. But for me its everything else that is going on this week, such as the meeting for the new Hall Committee of Management (and all the paperwork involved), the Sustainability meeting with the Council, the meeting in Dunkeld that the Bendigo Bank is holding on Wednesday lunchtime, and some other stuff .. I have it written down .. somewhere.

Truthfully, I wouldn't Not have the Art Show. I love the art and the artists. The beauty and detail in those paintings and drawings. The love and care, or wild bursts of whimsy, bring me back every year. And it's

#### BE PART OF CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN OUR REGION.

The Council wants our feedback on how they are working to build a region that takes responsibility across a broad range of sustainability areas like land, water, waste, liveability and climate change.

Come and talk to them about the issues you think are important.

Thursday 21st March 7.30pm

Supper Room,
Penshurst Memorial Hall.

one of those things that is very intense for a few weeks, and then disappears until next year .. Or next time .. Speaking of which, we are considering running the Photography Competition again. We didn't have it last year due to my exhaustion. This year we are planning it for October, after the football. The whole concept is presently a rather feathery daydream in our minds, and odd bits of conversation on the topic. Photography is definitely Tom's best interest. Mine is paperwork. Or maybe I will just toss all the ideas in the bin and go and write another book. I've done that a couple of times, the writing, not the tossing, and it can be just as much work, or more, than running a variety of NFPs for fun. As to the books, one lived on the internet for a great many years, and the other is a ghost story .. actually, I've a whole collection of ghost stories, for kids of various ages. I've been itching to dig them out again, and I might, after the Art Show.

Where will you be on Friday night? Where will you be this Sunday? The new Market will be beside the Hall. The Art Show will be in inside. Both are worth exploring. You're invited ....

Ok, now for the crossword.

Have a great fortnight, Ama Cooke PPA

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Welcome to our third newsletter for the Penshurst Adaptive Wastewater Pilot Project. Find out how rising costs are impacting our plans.

#### Overview

Over the past year we've been busy getting things in place to trial a new adaptive wastewater system in Penshurst. However, because of rising costs, we need to review our initial plan.

#### **Cost impacts**

Our original plan was to begin trialling the new system in a small section of town. This would help us test the system on a smaller, measurable scale, before comitting to the next stage of the project.

Unfortunately, construction costs have risen dramatically, and it's now estimated the trial will cost twice the amount originally budgeted.

So, we need to revisit the business case for the pilot project. This will ensure we make the right decision to move forward with the current project scope, or to explore other options if needed.

"We're reviewing the business case for the pilot project to work out the best way forward"

#### Progress so far...

Over the past year we've been able to get a lot in place, ready to trial the new system when the time comes.

The project team has:

 Completed a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) in collaboration with the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

- Completed a native vegetation survey. We'll also undertake more work to ensure we protect the established trees along Martin Street.
- Undertaken plumbing and building connection surveys to ensure we can connect waste services to participating properties in the pilot area.
- Visited a research facility using similar technology in South Australia to see if we need to consider anything else as part of our project.
- We've installed equipment to establish a baseline monitoring program. This will help us to measure the effectiveness of our approach.
- Received approval from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for a pilot licence.

#### What's next?

Once we've finalised our review, we'll let you know how the business case has progressed and seek feedback from the community.

#### Keep up to date

Visit our project page - <a href="mage-wannonwater.com.au/penshurst-pilot">enshurst-pilot</a> to keep up to date and find out more.

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The Penshurst Adaptive Wastewater Pilot Project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Integrated Water Management Program.







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## Penshurst Memorial Hall Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING

to be held in the Supper Room at 21 Martin Street

Wednesday 20th March 2024, 5.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Penshurst Memorial Hall for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 25th May 2024. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Thomas Cooke on 0488 557 345.



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#### Tourism helping to revive Penshurst (Part 5 final)

\$35 BILLION tourist dollars were spent in Victoria this year, and Penshurst businessowners are hopeful to see their town capture the magic.

An alliance to building the town's economic potential has been backed up by new facts from Tourism Research Australia.

This is the third in a series of articles interviewing some of the individuals working to put their town on the map.

With tourism growing in the Grampians (59 percent more than 2019), and recent status ascensions either end of the C178 highway (think the Grampians Peaks Trail and Port Fairy's Town of the Year win), Penshurst's main drag just got a whole lot busier.

#### **Bakery Boom**

AMANDA and Cameron Wilson have put everything into the Penshurst Store after moving from Horsham.

"My husband is from Warracknabeal, I am from Townsville originally. The kids are all grown up now," Ms Wilson said.

"My husband, he just loves baking, so we thought we would go do it for ourselves instead of doing it for someone else. When we came here you would see the same three people walking around each day and I was thinking, 'oh my god, what have we done?' But now its activity, all the time, and we have had a lot of younger families move in too. Yeah, we have to drive a bit further for things, but from my point of view, if I moved to a small town I would like to know that I can at least go to the pub, have a meal and a beef, you have got food through the day, you have got a takeaway seven days a week, you have the supermarket, the hardware store, the fuel. So it is growing but we need to keep growing. We'll never leave. For us the local is ideal".

They knew from the beginning that building the business was going to be risky (which turned out to be exacerbated by COVID), and if they were to attract repeat customers the Penshurst Store had to be a destination to visit in itself.

They began with a soft open - no advertising, they just opened the door and got started serving to give themselves a chance to find their feet.

What shocked them was how quickly the Penshurst Store found itself on travellers' tongues. Grey nomads, backpackers and families on trips around the country got talking about the bakery in the little town with a volcano.

"It is mind blowing", Ms Wilson said. "The local support and the word of mouth, that's the thing that has done wonders for our business. WE did not advertise or anything, but we thought we would have a soft opening and find our feet, and they just spread the word.

"And there are still people that come here from Geelong or Adelaide, and they say 'My cousin drove through' - and we get a lot of the caravanners, they all talk to each other.

"You get to see a lot of people that will come through twice a year, they will always make an effort to stop in and I try and remember everyone". It is clear Amanda sees more businesses as a draw for

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Tourism helping to revive Penshurst (Part 5)

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more customers in town, not as competition. "I would like to see new people working here and new businesses opening and growing. There is so much potential here. Why can be a Dunkeld?"

Mr and Mrs Wilson never intended to run a "full-on" bakery - just a café that served homemade pastries with a husband-and-wife team behind the counter. That changed pretty quick.

"People drive from crazy places for bee stings," she laughed. "We originally thought it would be my husband, myself and a casual .. We still pinch ourselves. It is just amazing - we get people from Melbourne that come in here and do massive pie orders to take back."

"A lot of people come out here, they eat, they browse - and if they're not from around here they'll say 'wow, what a great town - what else can we do?'

"We always send them to Mt Rouse, the Botanic Gardens, Yatmerone Reserve. You can spend half a day here, you can come and have lunch, see the volcano centre with all th new upgrades. People who drive through and didn't know the botanic gardens were there, or the mountain, once they stop and have a look around they realise it has a lot to offer. I just think it's been undervalued a lot over the years. Now people are starting to realise."

#### **Take away Turnaround**

Adam Greer and Braydon Dumesney were workmates at a pizza restaurant in Koroit who had been discussing for a while, when, where and how they would go into business for themselves. They were two young guys who just needed the opportunity.

"I was coming through Penshurst with my brothers and I stopped at the store to get a drink," Mr Greer said.

"The gentleman was closing down and he was just going to close the store and leave Penshurst next week."



Mr Greer offered on the spot t buy the place and immediately turned back to Koroit to let Braydon know.

"His first reaction was 'Penshurst?"

His second reaction was to agree to see it the next day, and within 48 hours the deal was done - they were the new owners of the Penshurst Takeaway.

Mr Greer said that as first-time owners they have been fortunate to encounter locals enthusiastic to give them pointers.

"(One individual) has owned businesses before and he is helping us if we are having any problems, shows us how to get through it and explains it to us."

"Christmas and New Year we are really busy with tourists because our bakery and pub are closed for a couple of weeks." He credits the friendly local advice for being the support they needed to make their start. Mr Greer said he definitely sees more potential for shops to open in Penshurst.

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#### The parable of the alien

Once upon a time an alien crash-landed in the middle of the Kimberly ranges. While Alien Freddy could find no one around to ask about our lifestyle and culture he managed to access our internet and social media sites. He spent hours scrolling through people's postings and pictures. He read our disagreements and the gooey stuff. He looked at the pictures of gourmet meals and the people sharing hugs and smiles. He looked at people's travel posts and sporting achievements. He gawped at the experiences they had of parachuting, and bungee jumping.

He scrolled through endless pictures and comments about social events and invitations to parties.

Because of the remoteness of the area Freddy couldn't verify what he had seen on the screen. Thanks to You-tube Freddy fixed his spacecraft and headed back to Planet Zeta and reported to his fearless leader Olexa who was a wise and compassionate ruler. Olexa was flabbergasted to learn that on planet earth no-one ever had a disastrous meal. Further, while there was some disagreement amongst a minority of people, the overall vibe was one of overwhelming congeniality. There were lots of pictures and well wishes of support as well as the 'Friendship apps' that Freddy had downloaded. People were very keen to meet other people and connect. There was no such thing as a lonely, depressed, hungry soul on planet earth. Furthermore, all the humans were well groomed, attractive and achieved all they set out to do with spectacular results, marks and trophies. Fancy that!

Could it be that we spend too much time comparing our 'inside reality' with the 'outside reality' that Freddy saw on his really intelligent screen? And I wonder what that does to us in the long run.

#### Savour the memory

In her book Phosphorescence, Julia Baird describes some of her memories of Central Park. Watch closely as she skilfully takes us by the hand and leads us into this majestic almost magical still place of green in one of the busiest and noisest cities in the world.

'Other times, I walked marathons around Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis reservoir with friends talking in rapid torrents as the lake gently rippled. The first of fall dropped quietly around us in what seemed to be an enchanted wood. In autumn, I carefully watched the trees grow orange, then red, from my office window - there would always be one to lead, another to trail, the others. With the branches of winter bare, each side of the park was again exposed to the other; the west could see the east again, with its fancy stores and billionaires' houses that glittered across the quiet expanse.'

I have been to Central Park, albeit for just a couple of weeks in the summer. I too have walked around the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis reservoir and along fifth avenue. With Julias words somehow I was there again and the memory was as fresh and delicious as the first time.

What is it about these experiences of far away places and long ago times that makes the memories exquisite and heartfelt... touchable? Firing the longing to return. How does time and distance filter out the cold and rats and the hustle and leave us with the purest and most luscious of stirrings? And is it so terrible that we mysteriously forget about the things we would ... well rather forget about. I think not. I choose to relish these times with moist eyes and a bursting heart. I choose the privilege of memory and with an insatiable appetite, savour it for as long as I can.

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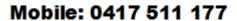
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15 March 2024
Cox Street Redevelopment
Project Update

Road and services upgrade works on Cox Street between French Street and Gray Street are progressing.

Contractor MACA Civil have notified Council that the Stage One works will now extend to 10 April 2024 due to challenges to secure sub-contractors.

Pedestrian access to businesses in this part of Cox Street continues, with vehicle parking available on French Street and Gray Street.

Kerb works will be undertaken on the closed section of Sedgewick Street which will result in temporary local traffic access impacts on 26 and 27 March. These access arrangements will be managed with traffic management on site. There will be no impacts to access for private properties during these works.

Council encourages the community to continue to support local businesses during these works. Permewans Mitre 10 is accessible via French Street, the United service station is still open and accessible, as are Cutting Edge Mower and Moto, Wash Trough Laundrette, Palace Martial Arts and Cox Street Vets.

We appreciate your patience as these works progress.

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#### What is involved?

- Application, screening, training and matching.
- Mentors are asked to make a 1 year commitment to their mentee.
- Attend 1-hour per week mentoring session, face-to-face, with mentee at their school. Day and time each week is set by the school and remains unchanged throughout each school year. No mentoring during school holidays or outside school hours.

#### What is mentoring?

Mentoring is a mutually beneficial relationship that involves a trusting adult offering support and guidance to a young person, sharing their own knowledge, skills and life experiences to help guide another towards reaching their full potential. A mentor:

- · Is honest.
- Actively listens.
- Provides support and encouragement.
- Guides a young person to identify their strengths.
- Enables a young person to see things from a different perspective.
- Assists with goal setting.
- Acts as a sounding board for ideas and problems.
- Promotes self-awareness.
- Offers unconditional acceptance.
- Offers optimism and support.

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#### **Hospital Ladies Auxiliary needs your help**

"We are a small group of ladies that cater for funerals, birthday parties and other small events. Over the years our team has become smaller and we are seeking new members.

To all the newcomers in town, why not join us ladies. If you are interested just phone Judy on 0437 702 619".

#### First the jokes

- 1. I'm getting older and wider instead of older and wiser!
  - 2. With old age comes wisdom ... and early-bird specials!
- 3. At my age, the only pole dancing I do is while holding on to the safety bar in the bathtub.
- 4. When you consider the alternative, old age really isn't so bad.
  - Aging gracefully is a nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

#### Then the quotes -

 "When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!'

Then get busy and find out how to do it."

- —Theodore Roosevelt
- 2. "Confidence is 10% hard work and 90% delusion."
  - —Tina Fey
- 3. "Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?"
  - —Edward Bergen
- 4. "Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called everybody, and they meet at the bar."
  - —Drew Carey



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#### A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

#### **Cheesy Tuscan hedgehog loaf**

Prep Time 15mins Cook time 40mins Serves 8

#### **INGREDIENTS**

From taste.com.au

- · 1 unsliced White Sourdough Vienna loaf
- · 100g Salted Butter, at room temperature
- · 65g (1/4 cup) basil pesto

- · 135g tub Semi-dried Tomatoes, drained (oil reserved), halved if large
- · 100g (1 cup) Pizza Blend Shredded Cheese, plus 30g (¼ cup), extra

#### **METHOD**

- · Step 1 Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Cut bread loaf in a crosshatch pattern, making sure not to cut all the way through.
- · Step 2 Combine butter and pesto in a small bowl. Spread pesto mixture into cuts in bread. Fill with tomato and sprinkle with cheese, pushing tomato and cheese into cuts. Drizzle over reserved semi-dried tomato oil. Enclose loaf in foil and place on a baking tray. Bake for 30 minutes or until the loaf is heated through.
- · Step 3 Uncover loaf and sprinkle with extra cheese. Bake, uncovered, for 5-7 minutes or until cheese is golden. Serve.



#### Zucchini and broccoli soup

- · 1 tbsp olive oil
- · 1 leek, pale section only, thickly sliced
- · 1 garlic clove, crushed
- · 1 zucchini, ends trimmed, coarsely chopped
- · 1 head broccoli, florets and stems coarsely chopped
- · 1 brushed potato, peeled,

coarsely chopped

- · 4 cups (1L) chicken or vegetable stock
- · 1 cup (120g) frozen peas
- · 1/2 cup (125ml) thickened cream
- · Zucchini noodles, to serve
- · Flat-leaf parsley leaves, to serve
- · Chopped chives, to serve



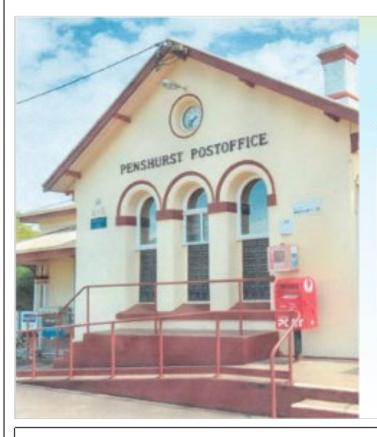
· Step 1

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the leek and garlic and cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until leek softens. Add the zucchini, broccoli, potato and stock and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15 mins or until broccoli stems are very tender.

· Step 2

Add the peas and cream and cook for 2 mins or until heated through. Remove from heat. Cool slightly. Use a stick blender to blend until smooth. Season. 3. Divide the soup among serving bowls. Top with zucchini noodles. Sprinkle with parsley and chives and serve immediately.

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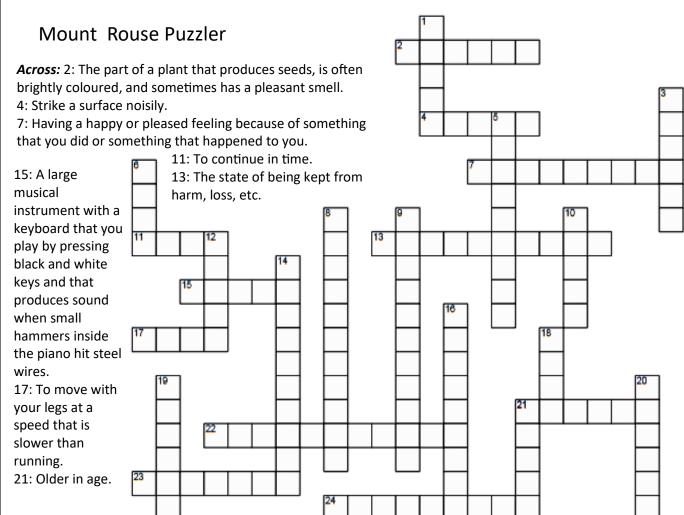
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- 22: All the physical things and conditions, such as soil, air, climate, plants, and animals, that surround a living thing.
- 23: Not having any doubt about something.
- 24: A sign of something good that is in the future.

#### Down:

- 1: Having the darkest colour there is, like the colour of coal or of a very dark night.
- 3: Something that wraps or circles around something else.
- 5: The way someone thinks, feels, and behaves.
- 6: The system used for sending letters and packages from one person to another.
- 8: A process or result of calculating something.
- 9: Wisewoman, parent.
- 10: To seek to influence members of a house of legislature.
- 12: To believe that something is true, that a particular situation exists, that something will happen, etc.
- 14: Something, such as a point previously claimed in an argument that is later given up.

- 16: The movement of persons from one country or locality to another.
- 18: A sweet baked food made from a mixture of flour, sugar, and other ingredients such as eggs and butter.
- 19: To be unlike.
- 20: An imaginary animal that can breathe out fire and looks like a very large lizard with wings, a long tail, and large claws.
- 21: A town or other area where people live in houses near a larger city.

20 momentous, 23 trick.

Answers from last fortnight: **Across:** 4 random, 6 callous, 8 loaf, 11 kindhearted, 12 faded, 13 radiate, 15 acceptable, 16 force, 17 vague, 21 coordinated, 22 boundless, 23 tabletop, 24 hungry. **Down:** 1 smoggy, 2 profuse, 3 snorkel, 5 illustrious, 7 regimented, 9 bellyache, 10 terraforming, 14 eyes, 18 axiom, 19 field,

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Tourism helping to revive Penshurst
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Both he and Braydon excitedly welcomed their new next-door storeowner, Sarah Vafidis, who opened her boutique nursery two days before Christmas.

"There are so many more shops that could be here," he said. "We are a farming community; a vet clinic would be awesome."

Having now fully moved to Penshurst himself, he says the number one reason he is glad he did is because of all the "really good, beautiful people".

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You should never take advice from someone who thinks red paint dries quicker than blue paint. - Unknown



#### **Pregnancy scanning**

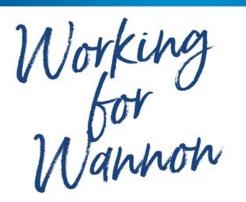
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Mythical Creatures - Pegasus, the winged horse



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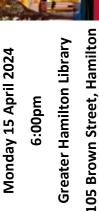
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#### **ROUSE News & Views**





New residents of the Southern Grampians Shire are invited to join us for an evening of connection and community at Council's New Resident's function.

New residents will have the opportunity to meet other newcomers and find out more about the Southern Grampians region.

will be in attendance to provide information and to answer Volunteer organisations, community and sporting groups any questions you may have about settling in our region.

Refreshments and finger food provided.

RSVP by Friday 12 April to:

ewilliamson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au Eda Williamson on 5573 0444



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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**

- Meets at the club rooms in Bell Street.
- Bingo Tuesday 27th February 2pm.

Contact Helen Brown 0409 934 495

#### **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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