

# MT ROUSE News & Views



## Community Newsletter

### Budget Breakdown 2024-25

Service area	Description of services provided	2022-2023 Actual Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000	2023-2024 FY Forecast Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000	2024-2025 Budget Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Botanic Gardens	This service maintains the historically significant Botanic Gardens in Hamilton (& Penshurst) and provides responsible management of flora, open spaces and built facilities on the grounds.	353 (1) 452	381 (1) 380	380 (1) 379
Caravan Parks	This service provides low-cost camping and caravan park accommodation facilities in Coleraine and Penshurst.	79 (49) 30	55 (25) 30	34 (25) 9
Depot Operations and Maintenance	This service coordinates the operation of Council's depots in Hamilton, Coleraine, Balmoral, Cavendish, Dunkeld and Penshurst to support works teams to deliver capital and maintenance programs.	449 (23) 426	463 (329) 134	359 (23) 336

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#### Penshurst Botanical Gardens

Damage Deposit	Per Event	N	\$394.00	\$300.00	-23.86%	-\$94.00	F	C
Hire Fee	Per Event	Y	\$187.00	\$206.00	10.16%	\$19.00	F	C
Rotunda – Electricity Charge	Per Event	Y	\$34.00	\$36.00	5.88%	\$2.00	F	C

Damage Deposit	[Mitchell Park]	30
Damage Deposit	[Penshurst Botanical Gardens]	31
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If you are interested in the SGSC draft budget you can find it at

[www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Council-Meetings](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Council-Meetings)

Scroll down to 26 June 2024 Special Meeting, and download the draft Budget.

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## **Penshurst Progress Association**

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Ama Cooke – Chairperson 0402 870 738

Brian O'Brien - Secretary

Don Adamson - Treasurer

Tom Cooke & Jeff Jellie

***Next Meeting - Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm Penshurst Memorial Hall***

Good morning everyone,

The picture on the front page shows every instance of the word Penshurst in the upcoming SGSC budget. Having looked at all the other pages in between, I wondered what the point was in all the hours, and discussions, the PPA had before we put in our eight budget submissions. The draft budget says it is focussed on community liveability, volunteering, and asset management. In the meantime, we wonder which towns they are talking about? I know that a lot of the volunteers around here are either totally exhausted, or have decided to retire, for various good reasons.

Quoting from the 186 page document - "Key projects to be finalised this year include: Cox Street redevelopment, Melville Oval Facilities Redevelopment, Hamilton CBD Streetscape planning and design, Upgrades to Hamilton skatepark and build of new pump track.

The total Capital Works Program of \$20.624M in 2024-2025 is a significant investment in roads, bridges, footpaths and associated infrastructure works. New Projects commencing this year include: Lake Hamilton Solar Lighting Installation, Nigretta Falls Stair Replacement, Community Hub building project, Melville Oval Surface, Drainage and Irrigation works, Purchase and Renovation of Glenthompson School, Hamilton CBD streetscape planning and design, Pedrina Park Cricket Nets replacement,

Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Trail Improvements, Structure plans for Cavendish and Coleraine.

Other initiatives and areas funded include: Increase support for business sector with implementation of Business Facade Improvement Program, Reinvestment in technology to support both customers, staff operations and security, Hamilton Coleraine Rail Trail Improvements, Co-Contribution to support important community projects including South-West Health Care Facility in Lonsdale Street and Balmoral Recreation Reserve entrance and carpark."

Congratulations to Balmoral and Glenthompson, the latter having just lost its swimming pool.

Our list was:

- 1) New barbecue building in the gardens (promised to us for a great number of years).
- 2) Shades sails over the kids' playground.
- 3) Repairs/replacement of the bridge to the small gazebo. Replacement of that gazebo.
- 4) Camp kitchen in the Gardens.
- 5) More powered caravan camp sites.
- 6) More seating and tables in the Gardens.
- 7) Hard waste collection.
- 8) Replace the town name signs. (I think that is more of a maintenance issue.)

The Council had a meeting this morning (Wednesday) to 'discuss' the budget. At the time of printing, which was yesterday afternoon, we have no idea of the outcome.

Wishing you all a great fortnight, Ama Cooke.

**MEDIA RELEASE**

SOUTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE COUNCIL



13 June 2024

**Brighten Up  
Your Business****Apply Now for Council's Business Facade Improvement Program!**

Southern Grampians Shire Council is proud to announce the launch of the Business Façade Improvement Program.

This initiative is designed to help businesses with street frontage make high-quality facade enhancements to improve the visual appearance and function of the building. Open to all businesses in the Southern Grampians with street frontage, the program offers up to \$3,000 in funding for physical works to help local businesses make impactful improvements such as painting, cleaning, signage updates, repairs, and minor maintenance works. As a further incentive, the council will waive planning permit fees to encourage participation (relevant building permit fees still apply). Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Councillor David Robertson said the program had been introduced off the back of feedback from the community.

"The implementation of a facade program has been suggested to Council Officers and Councillors from various businesses owners over the last few years. We also heard through our consultation on the Small Towns Strategy that a number of buildings in our townships were in poor condition.

"This program will help businesses to undertake necessary works to improve the look and feel of their businesses and our streets. It will also complement the Hamilton CBD Streetscape works currently being designed by Council and ensure any improvements to businesses align with Council's vision to strengthen the heritage and character of the town," Cr Robertson said.

**Key Details of the Program:**

- Dollar-for-dollar matching grants: Council will match business investment up to \$ 3,000 excluding GST.
- Eligibility: To be eligible for the program, applicants must complete a Business Facade Improvement Program application form online, including all associated documentation and application forms. They must also obtain the building owner's consent if necessary.
- Conditions: If successful, businesses will have until the end of May 2025 to complete all proposed works and will need to submit all associated documentation including invoices and proof of works to receive reimbursement. All claims must be submitted by the end of May so the grant can be acquitted in the correct financial year.

"We encourage all our Southern Grampians Shire businesses to get on board with this program and help us improve the look and feel of our township retail precincts," Cr Robertson concluded.

Applications for the annual program open July 1, 2024. For further information, please get in touch with the Council at 03 5573 0444 or contact Economic Development Support Officer Daniel Shaw at [dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au).


**Friends of Yatmerone****Annual General Meeting****Tuesday 9 July, 7.30pm****Community Room****Penshurst Volcano Centre****23 Martin Street, Penshurst**

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## Penshurst Mens Shed

Men's sheds encourage Victorian men to be happy and healthy contributors within their local community. They play an important role in the community by providing a place where men can find camaraderie and support. The sheds are a place to exchange ideas, share resources, and network.

The Penshurst Shed is a member of both the Victorian Mens Shed Association and the Australian Mens Shed Association, who provide our cost-effective insurance cover. Neither association has any direct control over – or responsibility for – individual sheds. However they do work willingly and closely with others to further the national profile of sheds.

As an inclusive group, we value the skills and acknowledge the support of all individuals, including the many women who have, and continue to contribute, to the development of men's sheds and the men's shed movement throughout Victoria.



The annual membership fee. Our shed charges \$50 per year.

This is made up of \$30 individual insurance and \$20 membership. All funds received are used by the Shed for general expenses (e.g. electricity) and supplies (from screws and bits to the occasional packet of biscuits).

At present we are working on some popular projects - outdoor tables and chairs of various sorts that are sold through the Facebook market places. But you don't have to 'work' when you come to the Shed, you can just sit around the fire and listen or join in the conversations - topics of which vary widely, and sometimes wildly. There's room for everyone.

## Penshurst Shed

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**Saturday & Tuesday**  
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### Contact

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# Bottle Tree

*Brachyiton rupestre*

## Garden Club Notes



The photo on the left was taken in northern WA and is of a Bottle Tree which was once used as a prison tree as it is hollow inside.

The deep green leaven leaves make a dense crown but during dry periods, the leaves drop. In spring and early summer, small yellowish flowers appear in clusters towards the branch tips. These trees are much treasured and are grown in parks and streets. In some towns, the road goes around a very old, large tree. They will grow 30-40 ft in height.

The moist, fibrous inner bark was used by food by the Aborigines. The inside of the large fruit/seed pod is also eaten. When dry, the fruit is carved or painted in lovely designs for sale to the tourists.

The trees grow from seed and can be transplanted. I have seen seed for sale in a catalogue but sadly, these most unusual trees will not grow in our climate.

The next meeting of the Garden Club is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am. The competition is a Camellia. We shall meet at the Penshurst Senior Citizens Club Rooms (Bell Street) for the meeting then go onto Frazer McKenzie to see his bees and learn about these amazing creatures without which many of the plants we enjoy would not be pollinated and would eventually die out. The honey they make is not only yummy to eat but has many nutritional and medicinal benefits. A good honey connoisseur is able to say as to which plant the honey was gathered from.



*Visitors are always very welcome to attend.*

***You remember the 'one that got away'? It took the great jokes with it.***

**A book never written:** "How to Fish" by Will Ketchum.

**Max:** What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?

**Nick:** Beats me.

**Max:** Something catchy!

**Matt:** What do you get when you cross a fishing lure with a gym sock?

**Rick:** I don't know. What?

**Matt:** A hook, line and stinker!

**Daffynition: Fishing dock**—A surgeon on vacation.

**Little Eddy and his mom** were digging for fishing bait in the garden. Uncovering a many-legged creature, Eddy proudly dangled it before his mom.

"No, honey, it won't do for bait," she said. "It's not an earthworm."

"It's not?" Eddy asked, his eyes wide. "What planet is it from?"

**Jack:** Why didn't Noah do much fishing on the ark?

**Jill:** Search me. Why?

**Jack:** He had only two worms.

**Game warden:** Didn't you see the no-fishing sign, son?

**Boy:** I'm not fishing, sir. I'm teaching these worms how to swim!

**Alex:** What do you call a fish that won't shut up?

**Danielle:** I'm stumped.

**Alex:** A big-mouthed bass!



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### WELCOME ABBEY

We are very pleased to welcome Abbey Wardlaw to our team. Abbey may be familiar to many, having played netball for Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club, until injury sidelined her. Abbey has joined us from the Hamilton branch, to continue her training in the Lending area.

Please call in to say hi to Abbey and welcome her to Dunkeld.



### 100 GAMES FOR JACK



It's no mean feat to play 100 games and our Manager Jack reached this milestone recently.

Lining up for Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club, Jack has enjoyed many seasons with the Club, with a few injuries along the way, preventing him from reaching 100 games earlier.

We join in congratulating Jack, as he looks towards many more games and hopefully the ultimate success for the Club.

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### Of Regrets.

Regrets are something that we tend to accumulate along the way as we journey through life. It's just part of the stuff we put in our suitcase of experience. I don't think many of us sit down over our assorted breakfast fare and plot our day deliberately in order to make a mistake which morphs pretty quickly into a regret.

Regrets seem pretty much unavoidable and inevitable and they have this wicked habit of surreptitiously sneaking up on you from behind and smacking you around the head with a large cooking pot. They then take out a serrated edged knife and slice deeply into your heart, twisting as they go.

But... and this is the good bit. The moving on bit. Nick Cave reckons 'They can also help us lead improved lives. They can accompany us on the incremental bettering of our lives.'

Make no mistake, regrets will find you. They will seek you out and hunt you down. 'They are forever floating to the surface. They require our attention. You have to do something with them. One way is to seek forgiveness by making what we call living amends, by using whatever gifts you may have in order to help rehabilitate the world'.

So next time one of these pesky little critters sneaks up on you from behind, lurking in your memory, turn around, confront it, look lovingly at it and see what you can learn from it. What lessons does it have to offer you and how can you use the experience to transform your life, your community and world... one regret at a time?

You will also find that if you challenge your regret, face off against it... the frequency of their attack will be lessened and the pain they inflict will be dulled. It won't be easy .... but...

### The manual for world peace.

I've been trying to work out why the sharing of food is so powerful. Think about all our life milestones and you will discover that there is often a sharing of sustenance as part of the package. After a funeral... The cuppa, the sausage roll, the lamington and that tomato sandwich are just as important as the eulogy and the pictorial display. The conversation and chatter that the fare facilitates is vital to everyone who is in the early stages of their grief.

Think of a wedding. After the vows, rings and the smooch, there is always some beverages and food to share and enjoy. Think of the couple who are just in the early stages of trying to work out if their relationship is platonic or may lead to something more. The venue for the discerning process is often a table with some food on it along with a glass of something fabulous and if we're lucky a red rose and a lit candle.

When I oodle off to the Clergy Retreat we always begin with a very noisy BBQ on Monday night before plunging into the delicious depths of silence on Tuesday morning.

Something quite special happens when we share food. It enables conversation, can engender camaraderie; it becomes a shared experience to look back upon, hopefully with fondness and the desire to do it all again.

Naive as this might be, I reckon that if those who disagree so publicly sat down privately and shared a scrumptious lamb roast with a fine bottle of red wine with some crispy potatoes then there might be more grins and less angst.

Hec.. For a meal like that I'd be willing to try. Maybe the manual for world peace is actually a first rate recipe book.

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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

**Pork Ribs in Sticky Sauce**

Prep Time 1hour    Cook time 30mins    Serves 4

From taste.com.au

## INGREDIENTS

600g Pork Belly Roast Boneless, cut into 3cm pieces

1 tbsp light soy sauce

1 garlic clove, finely grated

1/2 tsp ground black pepper

Vegetable oil, to deep fry

50g (1/3 cup) plain flour

2 tsp vegetable oil, extra

1 brown onion, thinly sliced

1 tomato, cut into wedges

2 green shallots, trimmed, green and white parts cut into 4cm batons

Sweet & sour sauce

100g (1/2 cup) brown sugar, firmly packed

80ml (1/3 cup) pineapple juice

60ml (1/4 cup) rice vinegar

2 tbsp tomato sauce

1 tbsp light soy sauce

1/4 tsp Chinese five spice

2 tsp cornflour

2 tbsp water

## METHOD

Step 1 - Place the pork belly, soy sauce, garlic and pepper in a large glass or ceramic bowl. Toss to combine and set aside for 30 minutes to marinate.

Step 2 - Meanwhile, for the sauce, place the sugar, juice, rice vinegar, ketchup, soy sauce and Chinese five spice in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Step 3 - Combine the cornflour and water in a bowl. Add to the sauce and simmer for 2 minutes or until thickened slightly. Remove from heat. Set aside.

Step 4 - Fill a wok one-third full with oil. Heat to 180C over high heat. Toss pork in plain flour. Cook pork, in batches, for 4 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on paper towel.

Step 5 - Remove oil from wok. Wipe clean with paper towel. Heat extra oil in wok over high heat. Add the onion and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add the tomato and shallot.

Step 6 - Stir-fry for 1 minute or until the vegetables are tender crisp. Return the pork to the wok and pour over the sauce. Toss to coat. Serve warm.





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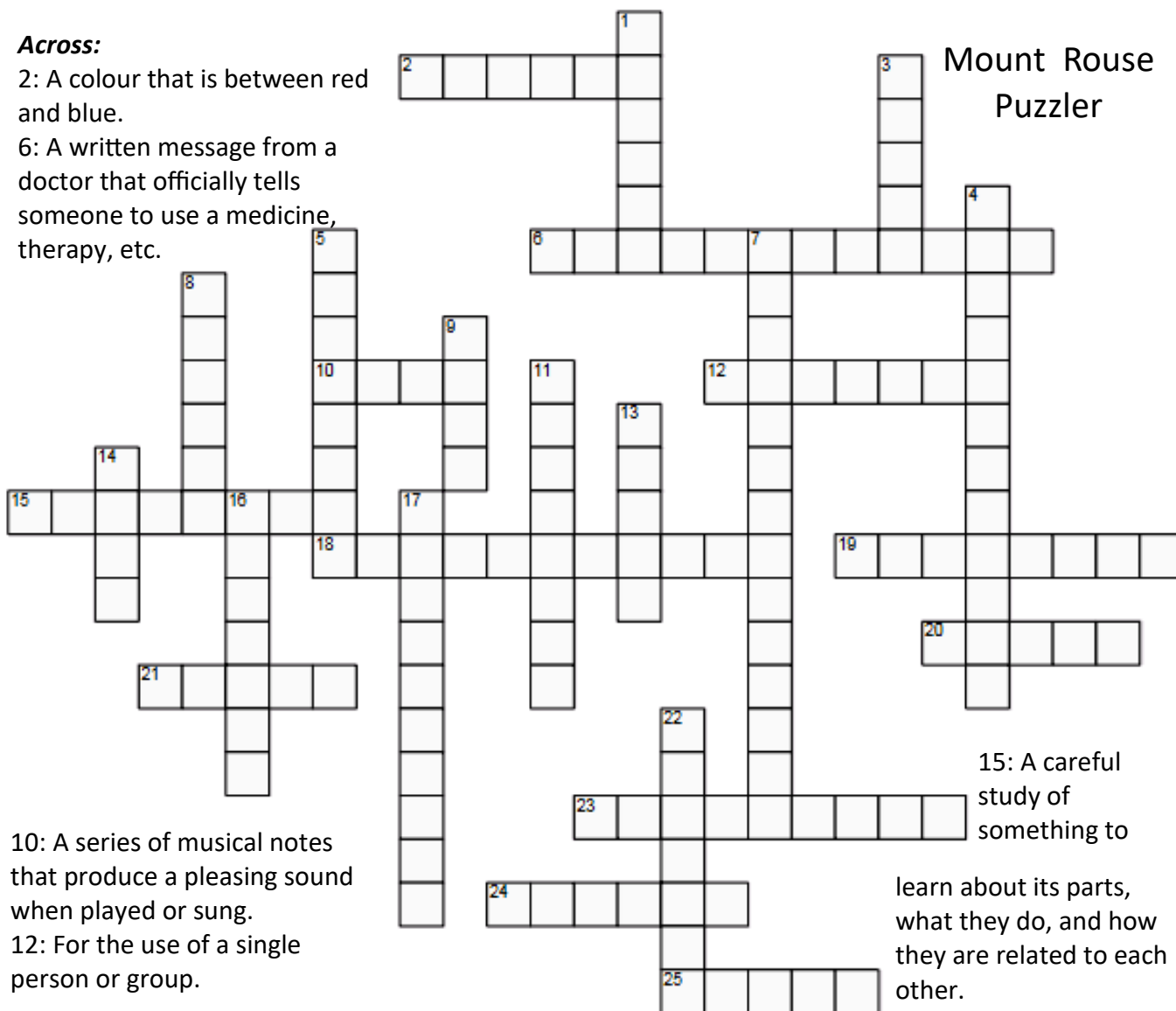
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Mount Rouse  
Puzzler

**Across:**

2: A colour that is between red and blue.

6: A written message from a doctor that officially tells someone to use a medicine, therapy, etc.



10: A series of musical notes that produce a pleasing sound when played or sung.

12: For the use of a single person or group.

15: A careful study of something to

learn about its parts, what they do, and how they are related to each other.

18: To make something more active.

19: A way of behaving, thinking, or feeling that is not learned.

20: To think about problems or fears.

21: A seat for one person that has a back and usually four legs.

23: Clever salesmanship.

24: The results of slow frying in a bright day.

25: Foods that are made from milk, such as cream, butter, and cheese.

**Down:**

1: Using less things to help the environment.

3: The upper front part of the body of humans and some animals, between the stomach and the neck.

4: To give something to someone for a short period of time, expecting it to be given back.

5: Feeling nervous or bored and tending to move

around a lot.

7: Someone who has been chosen or elected by a person or a group to vote, give opinions, or make decisions for them.

8: Having or showing a gentle nature and a desire to help others.

9: In a successful way.

11: To make something known to the public.

13: Garbage.

14: Water condensed from atmospheric vapor and falling in drops.

16: An organ in the body where food is digested.

17: A device into which people speak or sing in order to record their voices or to make them sound louder.

22: Toward the front.

Answers to last fortnight on page

**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

**AmbulanceVictoria**

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.

**Penshurst Church Services****Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor**

Service every Sunday 10.00am

**Penshurst Anglican Church**

5pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

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**St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst**

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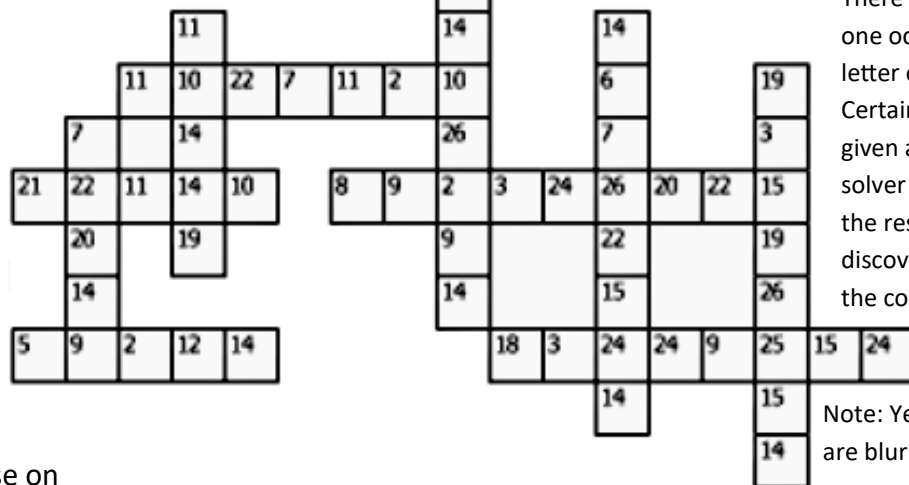
**St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst**

1st Sunday No Service  
2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am  
3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am  
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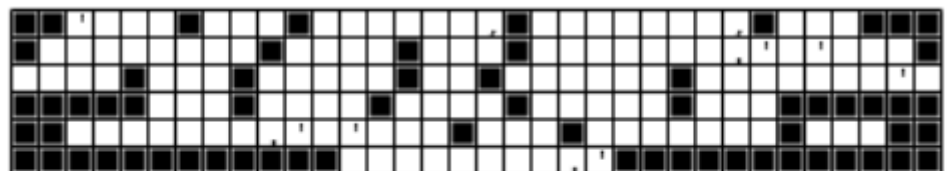
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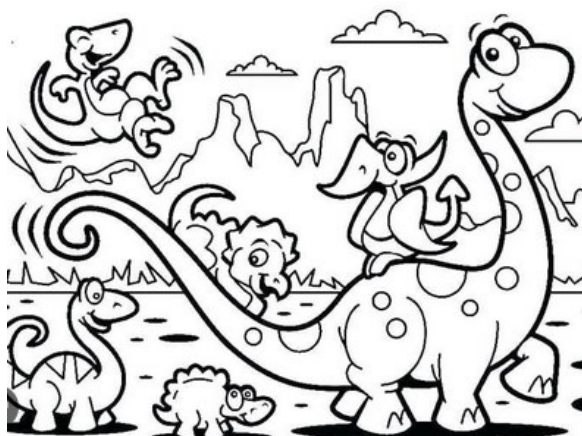


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Luckily the letters fell directly under the column as they were on the board. Good luck!



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