

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



The Heritage of Penshurst is in good hands
Heritage Plaques



John Page (left) and Don Adamson (right) focusing on the continuing Heritage of Penshurst and our district. John helped provide the information and Don installed the plaques. Thank you both. You'll find more information on page 5.

With thanks to Mount Rouse & District Historical Society for sponsoring this colour front page.

Penshurst Progress Association

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Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – Chairperson 0402 870 738

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Don Adamson - Treasurer

Tom Cooke, Sue Jellie & Jeff Jellie

Next Meeting - Wednesday 22nd November 2023 7.30pm Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good afternoon everyone,

A quick note from last fortnight. The Christmas Party will now be on Friday 8th December in the Penshurst Botanic Gardens, where Santa will arrive at 7pm, after the children from both our schools sing us a Christmas Carol, accompanied by Paul Sutherland, who will add some more Christmas cheer of his own. We thank everyone for being so willing to be part of the activities that evening.

Something important - the Council wants to have another Engagement meeting in town, with two themes. The first is to introduce the Small Towns Strategy that they are applying across the Shire, and the second is a lesson in how to apply for items to go into the Council's Budget each year. That lesson will include a timetable about 'when' we have to have those submissions in. These activities will take place at the Hall on (insert date). I know the notice is short, but with Christmas looming, the next PPA meeting being the AGM, which is also our last meeting for the year, the sooner we know the better. We hope that as many people as possible will be there because these projects are important for the town's future, not just for individuals.

The Council's vision for Penshurst:

"Being a small regional town, Penshurst could increase its stature in the hierarchy of towns and ensure that it grows as a healthy, happy and connected places for people to live, whilst encouraging growth in tourism and associated activities. Through this, Penshurst should enhance and add to its community assets to ensure that it grows as a viable and liveable community. Finally, considering Penshurst has

wonderful natural environs and features, these assets should be sustained and preserved for future generations." (From the Strategy guide)

We've also been advised that the Council will be doing a building assessment on the Public Toilets in town. Hopefully that will lead to major improvements in all of them. Don commented on the condition of the Gardens toilets, which require a really good clean. We were told this would be arranged. He is also going to fix the Kolor Hostel sign outside the hall, which acts more like a weathervane at times.

Over the upcoming newsletters we will share the new heritage plaques that have been appeared around the town. This is an ongoing project as we have finished nine of the 31 locations to replace or create with the help of the Mount Rouse Historical Society and the Mt Rouse & District Lions Club. Our other co-operative project, the Mervyn Napier Waller Green Space will have its official opening early next year. The information boards are being designed at the moment and the gardens being planned. Once those are completed we'll be looking for more projects around town .. hopefully tied in with the Town Strategy.

Would you like to have a table at the Christmas Party as we are planning to include a 'market' for our local artisans. Contact me 0402 870 738 for more information and to book your place.

Lastly, who would you like to nominate as your Penshurst Citizen of the Year? Think about it.



Wishing everyone a great fortnight,
Ama Cooke, PPA

MOUNT ROUSE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

We preserve and celebrate our local History

A very big thank you to all who made our Open Day on Saturday October 14th such a success.

Thank you to the members who cleaned, set up the displays, and were present on the day to talk local History with everyone who came through the doors; to Committee person, Rob Collins, for setting up the Vintage Cookbook and Utensils Display and for writing out Flyers and putting them up around Penshurst; special thanks to Andrea and Anthony Page for lending their premises for the Display; to everyone who supported us by putting up the Flyers in their windows; to Helen Brown and Don Adamson for bringing in their dolls (photographs are below with Jean Flynn's doll), and, especially to everyone who came into the Court House on the day. We enjoyed talking with you immensely.

We would also like to thank ABC Radio Victoria for talking to me about our Open Day and for awarding us the Friday Feel Good Award for our advertising and Rob's handwritten flyers around the town, and *The Spectator* Greater Hamilton for its article on Page 3, Saturday 14th October, promoting our Open Day and the work of Mount Rouse & District Historical Society.

Finally, just a reminder, that the Court House and Research Rooms are open this coming Saturday, November 4th, 9.30am to 12.30pm. If you missed out on October 14th we would love to see you then.

Joy Doherty

Secretary. M: 0408 360 801.



Above right: Helen Brown's two beautiful dolls: her Mother's doll (in pink and 100 years old and her daughter's doll (in the knitted suit, 50 years old and yes, Helen had the other sock). Helen dressed both dolls. Above left: Jean Flynn's doll circa 1900 with her rattle and in her handstitched dress, hat and pantaloons.

Continued on the next page ...

**MOUNT ROUSE & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc
Open Day**

Right: Don Adamson with pram and doll, (at least 100 years old), entrusted to him by Cath Edlich.

Below: Rob Collins with two local Historians researching Recipes.



It's that time of year again.

**Who will you choose to nominate as your
Citizen of the Year.**

Every year the Progress Association asks the Penshurst community to nominate the person, and group, they think should be recognised for their volunteering work. The form will be attached to the next two newsletters. Return it to the box at the Post Office.



**Penshurst Progress Association
Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- * find out and ask questions about the operations and finances
- * speak about any items on the agenda
- * vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- * accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- * accept the annual report
- * accept the annual financial statements
- * elect members of the committee of management

To become a member contact
Ama Cooke 0402870738

Everyone welcome

Historic Plaques around Peshurst

The PPA, with the help of Mount Rouse Historical Centre and Peshurst & District Lions Club, has been gradually replacing the plaques on the historic buildings around the town. Have you stopped to look. Below are two. We will share more in the coming newsletters.



Peshurst Courthouse

Physical description:

The building is a typical single storey court house with a central room and offices at the rear. It is built of bluestone with a cement render. High level windows light the main chamber and there is a fireplace on the eastern wall with marble mantles. The bench for the magistrate, the witness box and other fittings, as well as loose furniture survive.

The building is of historical significance because it was the location for the administration of justice for the district for over a century. The intactness of its nineteenth century interiors provides an accurate interpretation of its former use as a practicing court.

Source: Peshurst Heritage Study 2002

In 1864 the newly installed Mount Rouse Shire lobbied for a courthouse to hold sittings of Petty Sessions. The Courthouse was designed by the Public Works Department architect, A. T. Snow, and built that year. It cost £3,851 to build. The adjacent post office (on the left in the photo) was built 12 years later and joined to the courthouse. Horse posts were installed in 1878. It was in use until the final case was heard in 1975.

In 2007 members of the Mt Rouse & District Historical Society became Trustees for the Courthouse under formal arrangements with the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment. It now houses the Society's historical collection.



For more information contact the Mt Rouse & District Historical Society pensearch@gmail.com 2022



Peshurst Hotel

Charlie Mibus sold the Hotel a ton of potatoes for four pound fifteen shillings; a ton of chaff for three pounds; nineteen cattle 38 pounds; oats six shillings and ten pence and fowls eleven shillings.

Richard Barnes, carpenter, borrowed five pound and one shilling and then another three pounds from Joseph Tilley at the May 1890 Wickliffe races.

The most popular drink was whiskey, a bottle costing five shillings, as did gin, rum, wine and sherry. Port wine was five and six, Schnapps six shillings and dearest of all was brandy at six shillings and six pence. A bottle of larger beer cost one and six. Half a dozen small ale bottles cost five and six and half a dozen large ale cost seven and six.

Source: Entries in the Peshurst Hotel Day Book.

The Peshurst Hotel was built for William Murphy in 1861. By the mid 1880's it was owned by John Frewer and was known as Frewer's Hotel. J Tilley bought the hotel at the start of 1888 and Mrs Tilley started a Day Book (debit account) which recorded the hotel's business and loans. In 1895 the hotel was severely damaged by a fire although on March 4 the Hamilton Spectator reported that the large dining room, the billiard room, kitchen and all the outbuildings were rescued from the flames. On June 5 the Western Agriculturist newspaper reported that host Joseph Tilley was determined to erect a suitable and substantial building ... a balcony, back staircase and bathroom would be important additions.

The Hotel was also the stopover for Cobb and Co. Coaches, six times a week, between Hamilton and Koroit. Later the Western Stage Company also stopped at the hotel. Horses were stabled for a shilling a night and a horse could be hired for two shillings a day with businesses including Taylor and Wilson, Cruickshank and Waters and Harrower and Daymond using this service. In addition, a driver and buggy could be hired and on February 25, 1889, Richard Elijah hired a driver and horses for one pound six shillings for three days.



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3 PEAKS FESTIVAL

Last Saturday we enjoyed a fun day assisting at the Three Peaks Festival. Although the weather was a little wild at times, the atmosphere was that of fun and excitement, with volunteers very happy with the day. We have proudly supported this event for many years and enjoyed helping out yet again. Well done to the organisers of this wonderful day, which brings the Community together and provides great entertainment for all.



Branch Manager Jack with one of the 3 Peaks Festival organisers - Jackie Mibus.



Ella with the help of her friend Erica.

YOUNG LEADERS CELEBRATION

Last night, Jack and Board member Mick Alderman, attended the 2023 Young Leaders Graduation celebration at the Hamilton Golf Club. Sponsors, Mentors and Supporters gathered to congratulate the graduates on what has been a wonderful program. We were very proud to be a sponsor of this fantastic initiative.



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I'm reading the memoir of a lady doctor at the moment. It's a great read and a humbling piece of work. You would have thought that our trusty medicos have got it all together, lead a charmed life with lashings of cash, a healthy marriage and 2.5 perfect children who never say naughty words and whose noses never run.

Not so with this GP. Crushed by an abusive relationship and deeply scarred, she tries to escape to a glamorous post overseas but COVID stops her at the airport.

She then asks an agency if there are any jobs going in remote Australia (they must have thought all their Christmass' had come at once) and she finds herself in a lot of red dust in the Pilbara region.

There was one phrase in the middle of it all that made me stop and reread it several times over. It's ringing in my mind and at one level I hope that it never actually stops.

It's simply three words.

Stop.

Listen.

Heal.

That's it. Nothing more... nothing less. It's great advice for any GP, any priest and for all of us. We are at our finest and most effective when we just Stop. Listen. Heal.

Think about the last and most enjoyable conversation you had and I am pretty sure that you will find that both parties simply

Stopped

Listened

And were healed.

But this medicine of stopping, listening and healing occurs both ways in the consultation. In the book the GP herself goes through her own healing. She is forced to simply stop! Just stop. She has to listen... to lots of people, often the ones she doesn't want to and in this confronting process finds her own healing.

A three word mantra for our frenetic world.

Stop. Listen. Heal.

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

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.

All welcome - all ages.

When: Friday November 17

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Penshurst Hotel Bistro

Buy your own food and drinks at the venue



***** Bookings are essential - Please RSVP to Jacqui 5576 5102 *****

PPA & the Lions Club host:
Penshurst Christmas Lights Competition



This year, there will be three categories:

- * Best Lights
- * Best Christmas characters
- * Best Nativity scene

There will be a \$100 cash prize for the address that receives the most votes for each category.

Entries are open NOW!

Fill in this form on the back page of this newsletter and drop it into the Penshurst Post Office. Extra entry forms available there.

Entries close 5pm Friday December 1st.

**Share your thoughts.
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Drop in and share your feedback on our services for your chance to win some great prizes.

**Penshurst Store
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11am - 1pm
Wednesday 8 November**

If you can't make it, let us know your thoughts by:

- emailing engagement@wannonwater.com.au
- calling 1300 926 666
- visiting our website engage.wannonwater.com.au



Free to a good home

Just wondering if anyone in the community would be interested in the pianola from the Methodist church?

Perhaps donating to seniors or courthouse, or other community space.

Needs collection asap.

Kind regards,
Andrea and Glenn
Mb 0425777305



A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Easy Fish Pie

Prep Time 15mins Cooking Time 45mins Serves 4-6

INGREDIENTS

1kg mashing potatoes, peeled and halved	1 tsp Dijon or English mustard
400ml milk, plus a splash	½ a 25g pack or a small bunch chives, finely
25g butter, plus a knob	snipped
25g plain flour	handful frozen sweetcorn
4 spring onions, finely sliced	handful frozen petits pois (peas)
1 x pack fish pie mix (cod, salmon, smoked haddock etc, weight around 320g-400g depending on pack size)	handful grated cheddar

METHOD

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas mark 6.

STEP 2

Put 1kg potatoes, peeled and halved, in a saucepan and pour over enough water to cover them. Bring to the boil and then simmer until tender.

STEP 3

When cooked, drain thoroughly and mash with a splash of milk and a knob of butter. Season with ground black pepper.

STEP 4

Put 25g butter, 25g plain flour and 4 finely sliced spring onions in another pan and heat gently until the butter has melted, stirring regularly. Cook for 1-2 mins.

STEP 5

Gradually whisk in 400ml milk using a balloon whisk if you have one. Bring to the boil, stirring to avoid any lumps and sticking at the bottom of the pan. Cook for 3-4 mins until thickened.

STEP 6

Take off the heat and stir in 320g-400g mixed fish, 1 tsp Dijon or English mustard, a small bunch of finely snipped chives, handful of sweetcorn and handful of petits pois. Spoon into an ovenproof dish or 6-8 ramekins.



STEP 7

Spoon the potato on top and sprinkle with a handful of grated cheddar cheese.

STEP 8

Pop in the oven for 20-25 mins or until golden and bubbling at the edges. Alternatively, cover and freeze the pie or mini pies for another time.



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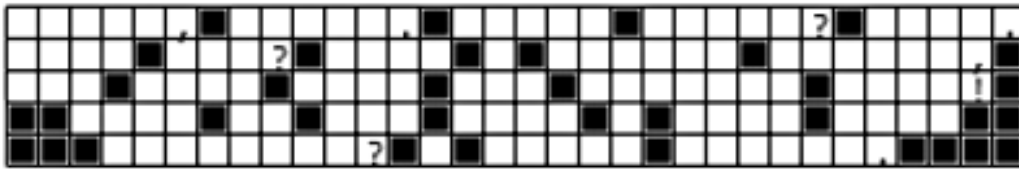
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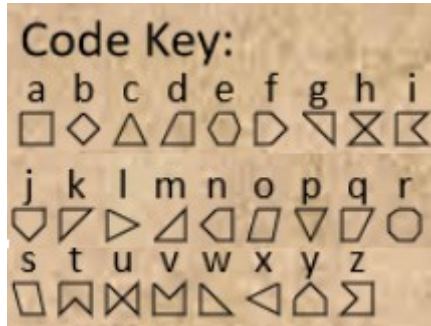
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There are more jokes to find in this puzzle. Good for a sunny afternoon.



Shall I make it a bit easier?

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you.

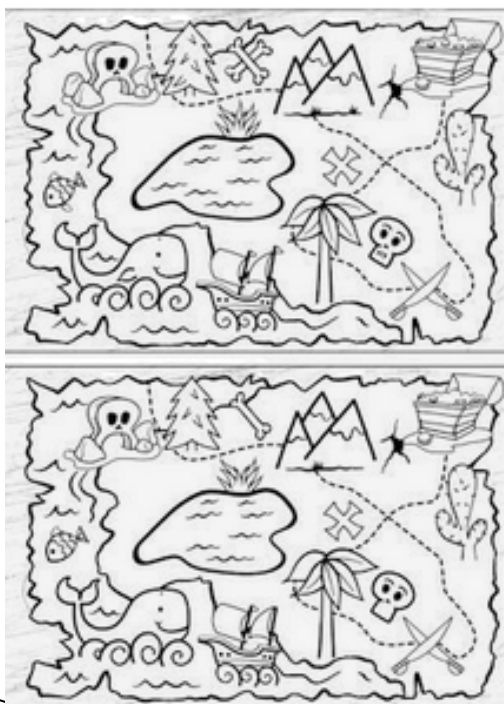
I was going to tell a pizza joke, but it was too cheesy.

There are two jokes here. Can you fit the letters into the grid to find them?

Insanity is hereditary, you get it from your kids.

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I just flew into town and my arms are so tired.



Left: Can you spot the 12 differences between the two pictures?

Penshurst Bowls Club

Penshurst Bowls Club are back practicing in preparation for October start of Pennant.



We have 4 teams entered,

3 for Saturday Pennant and one for mid-week ...

A message to anyone out there who would like to have a game or learn the game, you're most welcome to come and try.

Practice will be at 10am Thursday mornings ... weather permitting ..

All you need are flat sole shoes, bowls are available at the Club.

Feel free to contact

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Community Meetings

Boram Boram Cemetery Trust

- Contact Jeff Jellie 0407 781 407 or Sue 0418 141 301

Caramut & District Garden Club

- 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.

Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room 1.30 pm.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm.

Penshurst Social Support Group

- WDHS meets every Thursday; for Exercise, Activities, Outings and General chit chat. Join us for lots of fun & laughter at Senior Citizens Centre, French Street - **COVID Permitting**. 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



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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.

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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

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Service every Sunday 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church

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For further details contact Janet Kelly on 0475685946 & Fr. David Oulton 0435867040

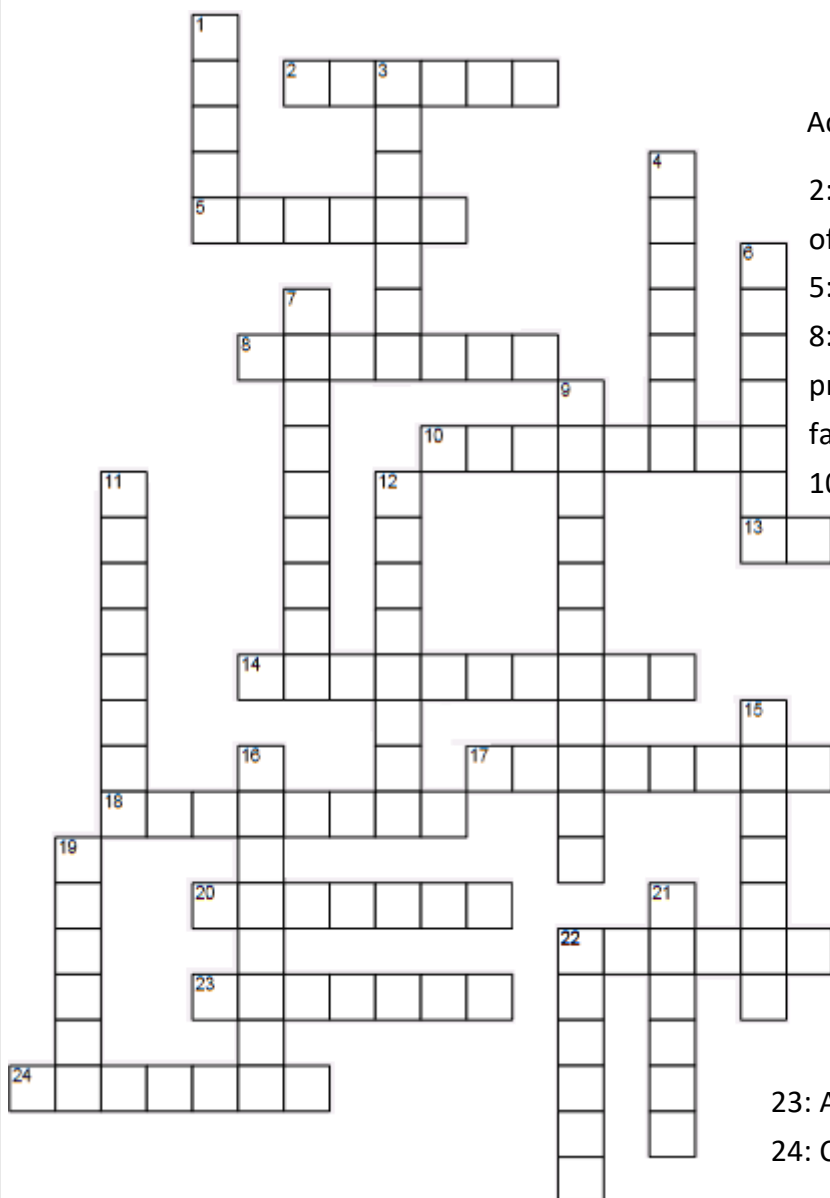
St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday
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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
4th Sunday Mass 8.30am
5th Sunday Mass 8.30am

Mount Rouse
Puzzler



Across:

2: A piece of jewellery to carry something of sentiment value.

5: Having examined critically.

8: The radioactive particles that are produced by a nuclear explosion and that fall through the atmosphere.

10: Soft and light, seeming not of this world.

13: Unusual and interesting from far away.

14: Having had a previous owner.

17: To twist from side to side with small quick movements like a worm.

18: Pleasant, friendly and easy to connect to.

20: Having young cats.

22: A person employed to carry luggage.

23: A shirt that has no sleeves or collar.

24: Covered with paper or other material.

Down:

1: To stay on the surface of a liquid and not sink.

3: Done with, or showing, thought and attention.

4: To look at or see something or someone for a very short time.

6: An action in which a bicycle, motorcycle, etc. is balanced for a short time on its rear wheel.

7: A key that is pressed on a typewriter or computer keyboard to move back toward the beginning of a line of text.

9: The combination of characteristics or qualities that form an individual's distinctive character.

11: Having a relaxed, friendly, unofficial style.

12: Of or relating to the countryside or to the lives of people who live in the country.

15: A musical composition for the Mass of someone deceased.

16: Able to make choices quickly and confidently.

19: To like someone or something better than someone or something else.

21: Not quite dirty.

22: Very pale in a way that suggests poor health.

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Penshurst Christmas Light Competition!

Thanks to generous sponsorships from the Penshurst Lions Club and Penshurst Progress Association we're excited to announce the return of the Christmas Lights Competition in the township!

This year, there will be three categories:

- * Best Lights
- * Best Christmas characters
- * Best Nativity scene



There will be a \$100 cash prize for the address that receives the most votes for each category.

Entries are open NOW! Fill in this form below and drop it in the entry box at the Penshurst Post Office. Extra forms are also available at the PO.

Entries close 5pm Friday December 1st.

Once all entries are in, a map and list of addresses will be prepared for everyone to vote on your favourite in each category. The map and list of addresses will be available from the Penshurst Post Office from Dec 8th and printed in this newsletter on Dec 13th.

***** Lights MUST be up by DUSK ON FRIDAY DEC 8th *****

VOTING OPENS - DUSK Friday December 8th

VOTING CLOSES - all votes must be in the box at the Post Office by 11am Friday December 22nd

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The votes will be counted, and winners announced at the Penshurst Post Office - 2pm Friday December 22nd

Results will also be published in the first newsletter in 2024

One vote per category per family please.

Let's light up Penshurst for Christmas! Enter NOW for your chance to win!

Penshurst Christmas Light Competition Entry Form

Fill in your details below to enter Penshurst Christmas Lights Competition! Your address will be included on the map and address list for people to use to view all the entries and vote for their favourites. This map and list will be available at the Penshurst Post Office and printed in the Mt. Rouse News & Views newsletter. No names will be printed.

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2023