

# MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS

*Wishing everyone a  
wonderful  
Christmas Season,  
full of joy, peace  
and love.*



*And a happy and bright New Year.  
From the Newsletter Crew 2023*

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

Good afternoon everyone,

At the end of another long year it is good to stop and reflect on the changes that have happened in our lives, and the changes we have been part of creating. There have certainly been some ups and downs for both myself and the PPA, but as I talk about them all year long in this report, I won't be repeating them here.

After the Christmas Market and the last newsletter for 2023 I tend to try and sit down for a while. I hope you do too. I know any number of people who are counting down their final activities as the year draws to a close, not yet thinking about what 2024 will bring. In the meantime, there are two last projects for now.

The **Penshurst Citizen of the Year** is a way to acknowledge someone that you feel deserves to be recognised for their service to others and our community. Have you been thinking about who to nominate? It is also open for an award to any of the volunteer groups in the town. There are so many good hearted people here who deserve the thanks. The form is attached to the back of this newsletter. The box to drop it in is at the Post Office. The closing date is the 3rd of January, 2024.

And then there is the **Christmas Lights**. Jacqui Tribe has included a street map and voting form in this newsletter to pinpoint the location of all the houses so that we don't miss any on the nights they are available. The entry box for the voting form is at the Post Office. The closing date is 11am on Friday 22nd December. The winners will be announced at 2pm. Thank you to Jacqui, everyone who has participated this year. You help to add to the joy to Christmas in Penshurst. Hmm ... and thank you Santa.



Wishing everyone a great month.

See you in the new year.

Ama Cooke, PPA.



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

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

We will see you then.



## *Penshurst Christmas Market and Party*



After an incredibly blustery and hot day, the Christmas Market and Party got off to a good start, with a lot of excited kids exploring the stalls with their parents while they awaited their Carols performance, and the visit of you-know-who. Parents gathered close to the stage to enjoy their children's Christmas Carols led by the choir teacher, Tara. We thank her for the work she put in to bring us that lovely show. Santa, delivered to the hall by his CFA helpers and their bright red fire truck, had a wonderful time immersed in a sea of children (see below).

Below: He arrives, escorted by angels.



Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, most particularly Lyn Torbet, Tom Cooke and Daryl Torbet. With the added assistance of Jacqui Tribe the bike competition was a success with prizes for Best Lights, Best Christmas Character and Best Decorations.

Thank you also to our schools, Penshurst Public School and St Jospeh's Primary School for their lovely combined choir.

Left:  
He's in  
there  
some-  
where.

Right:  
Some  
things for  
everyone.



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## *Penshurst Christmas Market and Party*

Our stallholders provided some lovely Christmas ideas.

Bruce Sutherland Bargains

Marie McDonald Quilts

Susan Miller Jewellery

Tom Cooke Photographs

Elizabeth Carmody First Aid Kits

Allan Ward Bric-a-brac

Orchard Family Woodwork

Natalie Morton Crafts & Pottery

Heaven Can't Wait massage

Suffoir Wines

Better together – party foods



Next year there are plans to bring the markets back to Penshurst. Are you interested?  
Watch this newsletter.

**MOUNT ROUSE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We preserve and celebrate our local History

A new piece of our local Mount Rouse & District History was added last night when Christmas lights went on at the Penshurst Court House for the first time. She looks suitably elegant for her age and standing in the town and district community. Thank you to President John Page and Volunteer Ron Doherty for their great ingenuity in hanging the lights.

The Court House will be open next on the first Saturday in the New Year, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9.30am – 12.30pm. If you have never been inside the doors, please come in and say hello and look around. You will enter a bygone justice/ legal era.

Thank you to all who have supported us throughout 2023 and we wish everyone a very merry and safe festive season and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!

Joy Doherty, Secretary.



## Stay safe this summer

Town water systems are only designed to cope with everyday drinking water needs so they can be under extreme load during a bushfire.

Our systems can be impacted by electrical failures, extra demand, burst mains or damaged infrastructure. That means we can't guarantee your water pressure or your water supply.



**Make sure your emergency kit has enough drinking water.**



**Consider an alternative water source for firefighting.**



'It had long come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.'

Leonardo da Vinci



Another touch of Christmas.



Have you visited the tree this Christmas?  
Once again the children have decorated it,  
this time with their starry artwork.



And at the end of the market, a little light music from Tony and Paul. Thank you guys.



**DAVID O'BRIEN TO TOUR IRELAND WITH AUSTRALIAN AFL MASTERS TEAM**

by Brian O'Brien

A former Penshurst footballer, David O'Brien, has been selected in an Australian AFL Masters over 50s side to tour Ireland next March.

David won a premiership with Penshurst seconds in 2003, along with brothers, Daniel, Peter and Matthew, and a second time with the reserves in 2016.

David, 53, has previously won selections in two Australian AFL Masters side - in 2017 playing in the over 45s in the midfield, and in 2022 in the over 50s in the back pocket.

But an international tour to Ireland takes his selection to a new level - one that delighted and surprised him.

"I was not the greatest footballer in my playing days at Penshurst and many other clubs, but you could say the competition has thinned out a bit," he joked.

"I have always said that Aussie Rules football played at a local level, is a great game involving all walks of life and body shapes. If my selection encourages a few more western Victorians to take up Masters football, or keep another couple of reserves sides on the park each Saturday, then that's a great goal achieved.

"I am just happy to spread the word about the terrific benefits of AFL Masters for older footballers, both men and women. Hopefully my selection may inspire others to think that if David O'Brien can make a national team, perhaps I can too."

Joining the Masters over 50 team in Ireland will be a under 40s AFL Masters team as well as a women's team. The 11-day tour will include two tests and a social game. The Irish games will be played under international rules and the Australian coaching staff is led by former AFL superstar, Jason Akermanis, who will also play in the over 40s division. There is also a social game of Aussie Rules against the British national side at the end of the tour.

**Western Victorian Masters team in 2025?**

David lives at Bellbrae near Torquay but still farms with his family as part of the Garrangreena Partnership north of Penshurst. He would like to see a Masters competition start in 2025 in the Western District.

"We have just formed a new Masters club "South Coast Sharks' in the Surf Coast area and we have applied to enter the Victorian Country League next year.

"A few of us are looking to start a Western Victorian club as well - maybe based at Penshurst - to try and enter the competition in 2025. We will be trying to host a trial (non contact) game next June or



Pic: David O'Brien getting the feel of a Gaelic football outside the house where his father grew up on a small farm four kms north of Penshurst on the Hamilton Rd.

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**DAVID O'BRIEN TO TOUR IRELAND WITH AUSTRALIAN AFL MASTERS TEAM**

(continued)

July on a Sunday at Penshurst.

"Interested players from the Hamilton, Warrnambool or Mininera areas can contact myself, Tony Lovell or Wayne Loader (Ballarat Masters), Brent Ali (Vic Country Masters president) or Leigh Uebergang (Penshurst legend) who will likely captain the West Vic side for the day."

"Ultimately if a club or clubs are formed, they can determine the location of the ground, name and jumpers and whether to play contact or non-contact Masters footy," David added.

He suggested the trail game at Penshurst in Winter because of personal knowledge of the ground. "It will be very soft in June or July and that certainly helps us older footballers," he laughed.

David has had to increase his sprints and endurance work and watch his diet and alcohol intake because competition to play in the two Tests will be fierce - 13 of the 21 players in the Masters 50s have won at least three All Australians honours. And there is only 15 players in a team.

"Although mainly a back pocket, I have played in all positions, including midfield, ruck and forward, over 45 years. I am happy to play anywhere the coaching staff decide," he added.

"There is also a goalie position in International rules, but at the moment I am getting my running and endurance skills up."

**Adjusting to International rules**

International rules is a combination of Aussie Rules and Gaelic football. Not leaving any stone unturned, David has already played Gaelic football with a Geelong league side, Western Bullcalves, who were Grand Finalists in the local Geelong Gaelic league this year.

Both sides think the other has an advantage - the Aussies think international football is more Gaelic football orientated, while the Irish think it favours Aussie Rules.

David explains: "Like many compromises, both sides have to give and take a bit. We get marking, easier ground ball pick-ups (not using your feet) and Aussie Rules tackling which they don't have in Gaelic football.

"The Irish get the round Gaelic ball, soccer goals, and 'soloing' which we don't have. We also get behinds for a missed shot which may come in handy in my case," David said.

"I have played Gaelic football and it's a fast running game with the bumping and dispossession skills of Aussie Rules. I encourage both men and women to get in touch with their local Gaelic teams. The Irish are fast and hard to tackle, especially when they "solo".

**Veteran of 400 games plus**

Although only 53, David has been playing Aussie Rules for an incredible 45 years. He went to Monash University and played about 180 games for Monash Whites, winning a flag in 1998 and being awarded life membership. He estimates he has played around another 180 games with the Penshurst Football Netball Club, winning reserve flags in 2003 and 2016. He also won best and fairest in 2003.

He also played 45 games for Angelsea Football Netball Club and currently has played AFL Masters football for about 10 years for Moorabool Valley Crocs in the Vic

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### “Dooga Dooga Dooo” A Christmass message from Fr. David.

There is a special moment when a mother sees the face of her child for the very first time. The intimacy, the tenderness, the love, which is so powerful and so tremendous that our cloudy language, our flimsy vocabulary dare not, can not contain it. Our futile words can only make rash guesses, fallible attempts, half truths. Adequacy and encapsulation are never going to happen.

“Dooga Dooga Dooo” comes just as close to describing this moment as “How stupendous”. What is it about the face of a new born child?

In part, it is the fresh hope that has come into the world. Here is a new life with no mistakes in it. Maybe, just maybe, through the tortuous and joyous life that is about to unfold, a new world, a better world may become a reality, especially when we admit that we have not left this world the place we had hoped for.

What is it about the face of a new born child?

That as parents we glimpse something of ourselves. Through this infant, we shall leave a tiny imprint on this planet, All is not lost. Part of us, if only through our DNA, will live on even after we have drawn our last breath, just as surely as this child has taken their first breath. In that first moment when Mother sees the face of her child, a threshold is crossed and we can never go back to the way it was. You can't put a child back into the womb and somehow reverse a birth. And when we see that face we are changed. Even our language is different. You see it yourselves and you've probably done it yourselves. In the googly mess of exploding waves of joy, child speak is the only language that is appropriate. We are made children again. Gibbering idiots, wanting to reclaim our innocence and naivety. We know that as a child we can trust and love and skip and giggle and burble. 'Unless you turn and become like little children.'

'Dooga dooga Dooo' becomes our new / old mantra.

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### DAVID O'BRIEN TO TOUR IRELAND WITH AUSTRALIAN AFL MASTERS TEAM

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Country league, and six years playing for Geelong AFL Masters in the Metro league. Add on two years playing Gaelic footy and about eight years playing non-contact footy with the Surf Coast AMC on a Tuesday night and it's quite clear how much he loves his footy.

David readily admits he's never been a great kick but enjoys the physical side of footy.

“I didn't learn to kick properly until around 2005 at Penshurst when Mick Ross started to correct my ball drop at training! I have always enjoyed the bumping and tackling side of Aussie Rules and some would say the Masters is a league full of back pocket players who enjoy the physical side of football.

“But somehow I have made the Aussie over 50s team so it's never too late for the more talented Western Victorian footballers to put the boots back on and get out for at least one more kick of the leather.”



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MEDIA RELEASE Friday 8 December 2023

**RARE AND ICONIC ARTWORKS BY BAROQUE MASTERS UNVEILED TOGETHER IN WORLD PREMIERE EXHIBITION**

Hamilton Gallery today unveils the world premiere exhibition *Emerging From Darkness: Faith, Emotion and The Body in the Baroque*, presenting over 70 important works by world-renowned baroque masters, including several never-before-seen in Australia.

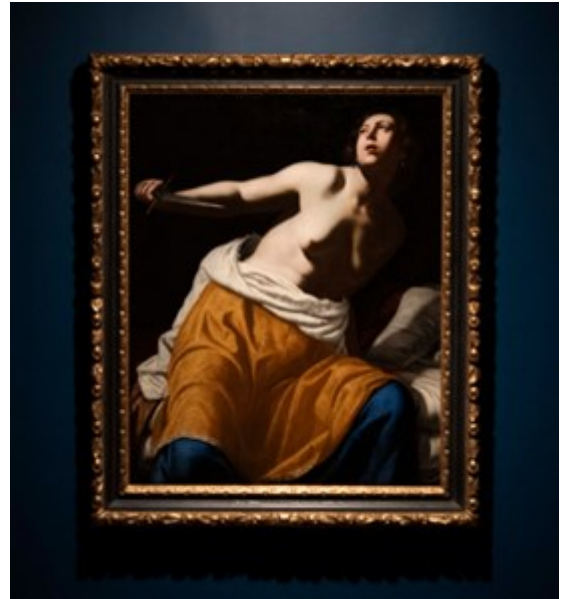
Drawn from the partnership with the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), as well as loans from the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) and private lenders from across the country, *Emerging from Darkness* will showcase rare and iconic works by the world's most significant baroque artists including Artemisia Gentileschi, Peter Paul Rubens, Bartolomeo Manfredi, Guercino, Lavinia Fontana, Sofonisba Anguissola and Valentin de Boulogne. This collection of historical pieces, displayed together for the first time, will be exhibited alongside works by contemporary artists, Robyn Stacey and Angela Tiatia, who are active in the baroque style today.

One of the most ambitious exhibitions ever held in regional Australia, *Emerging from Darkness* explores the international movement that changed the course of art at the beginning of the 17th Century, unveiling new insights into the artists and how Baroque continues to influence contemporary art. The exhibition has been curated by Laurie Benson, Curator of International Art, NGV, Dr David Marshall, Assoc. Prof., University of Melbourne Culture & Communications, Dr Lisa Beaven, Senior Research Fellow, La Trobe University and Ian Brilley, Exhibitions and Collections Coordinator, Hamilton Gallery.

Highlights of the show include several paintings by 17th Century female artists who cathartically reinterpret experiences of violence and turmoil while simultaneously voicing strong, feminist messages of empowerment. Featured among these is the *Lucretia* (1630-5, Italy) by Artemisia Gentileschi, presented to the public for the first time in Australia. On loan from the NGA is the *Self-portrait* (1623, Belgium) by Peter Paul Rubens. Arguably the most influential baroque artist working in Europe in the 17th Century and regarded as one of the greatest artists of all time, Rubens' masterpieces include religious and mythological paintings, royal portraits, eroticism, evocative landscapes and brutal battles scenes. Featured among the loans from the NGV is *The Martyrdom of St Lawrence* by Spanish painter Jusepe de Ribera, whose unfettered naturalistic approach epitomises how baroque artists treated Christian art.

*Emerging From Darkness* is a once in a lifetime opportunity for local residents and visitors to the Southern Grampians region to experience these and many other world-renowned baroque works, supported by the Victoria Government's Regional Events Fund through Visit Victoria.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Steve Dimopoulos, says, "We're proud to support



Lucretia by Artemisia Gentileschi, as part of *Emerging From Darkness: Faith, Emotion and The Body in the Baroque* at Hamilton Gallery,

Photographer credit: Madi Whyte

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Hamilton Gallery in this remarkable exhibition of baroque masterpieces, which is set to attract thousands of visitors to Hamilton and the region over the summer and school holidays."

Minister for Creative Industries, Colin Brooks, adds, "For more than 60 years Hamilton Gallery has been supporting the creative and cultural life of the region. This latest exhibition is a great example of how our regional galleries punch above their weight and collaborate with others to present world-class exhibitions and activities."

Tony Ellwood AM, NGV says, "Seen in the context of a sizable and thematic exhibition, this unprecedented loan of more than forty major works from the NGV's Collection will provide visitors with fresh perspectives on this influential period of art history."

Robyn Stacey, whose contemporary art is featured in the exhibition states, "In a bold curatorial gesture, the design of the exhibition showcases international baroque masters alongside a contemporary photographic interpretation of significant Australian objects and histories."

Emerging From Darkness will be complemented by a symposium, a series of talks, tourism packages involving regional accommodation and food and wine experiences, and bespoke products including a coffee table publication. The publication, which includes a series of essays delving into the artists and their work, is available to purchase from the gallery.

For further information, please visit <https://darkness.hamiltongallery.org/>

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INSTALLATION IMAGES: Available to download (see above picture).

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18gPHI9qsKq3EzsRLD37a5SumonFlaqu7>

About Hamilton Gallery - Hamilton Gallery is a public art gallery located in the city of Hamilton in South West Victoria. It was opened in 1961, following a generous act of local philanthropy, with a donation of 781 works of art. This gift provided the foundation and inspiration of today's collection, now numbering over 9,000 objects with unique strengths in Decorative Arts, European, Australian, Chinese and Japanese Art. The Hamilton Gallery Trust is one of the oldest and most successful trusts in Australia, contributing over 600 works of art to the Gallery's internationally renowned collection over a period of six decades, further establishing Hamilton Gallery as one of the most important in regional Australia.



Lavinia Fontana Mystic Marriage  
of St Catherine 1574 - 77.





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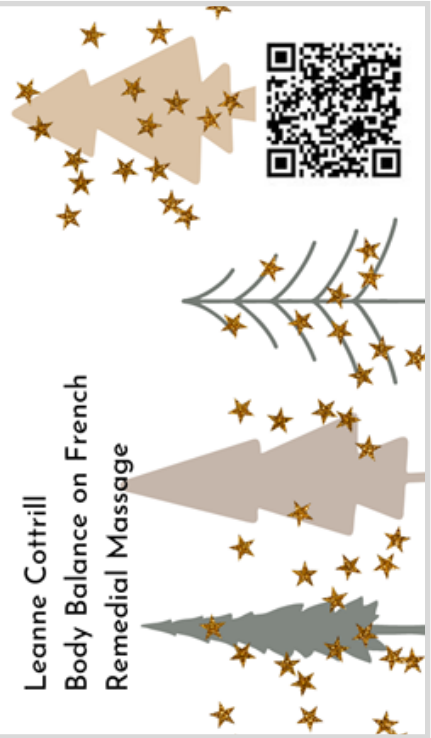
# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you to all my wonderful clients for your valued and ongoing support in 2023

The clinic will be closed during the festive season re-opening on January 2  
See you in 2024!!

Stay safe and enjoy !

Leanne Cottrill  
Body Balance on French  
Remedial Massage





## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

**Passionfruit Charlotte**

Prep Time 45mins      Serves 12

## INGREDIENTS

From Taste.com.au

2 x 9g packet Jelly Mango Passionfruit  
jelly crystals  
250ml (1 cup) boiling water  
300g packet savoiardi (sponge finger  
biscuits)

750ml (3 cups) thickened cream  
180g (2/3 cup) passionfruit curd  
Passionfruit pulp, to serve

## METHOD

## • Step 1

Place the jelly crystals in a heatproof bowl. Pour over boiling water. Stir until dissolved. Set aside, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until cooled slightly. Place in the fridge for 1 hour or until chilled but not set.

## • Step 2

Meanwhile, line the base of a 7cm-deep, 20cm (base size) springform pan with baking paper. Trim 14 biscuits to 7cm lengths (reserve offcuts). Arrange upright around the side of prepared pan. Arrange remaining biscuits and reserved offcuts over the base of the pan.

## • Step 3

Use electric beaters to beat 375ml (1 1/2 cups) cream in a large bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually add the jelly mixture, beating constantly, until firm peaks form (do not overbeat).

## • Step 4

Spread half the cream mixture over the biscuit base. Top with half the passionfruit curd. Use a skewer to create a swirled effect. Top with remaining cream mixture. Place in the fridge for 6 hours or overnight until set.

## • Step 5

Use electric beaters to beat the remaining cream in a bowl until firm peaks form. Use a large metal spoon to fold the remaining curd into the cream until just combined. Top the cheese-cake with the curd mixture then drizzle over the passionfruit pulp.



Santa jokes to make you ho-ho-ho (or groan).

How much did Santa's sleigh cost? It was on the house.  
Which of Santa's reindeer are dinosaurs afraid of? Comet.  
Why is Santa scared of chimneys? Because he's claus-trophobic.  
How you can tell that Santa is real? You can always sense his presents.  
Why did Mrs. Claus get mad at Santa? Because her husband was a flake.  
What's Santa's favorite type of music? Wrap.  
Why is Santa so good at karate? He has a black belt.  
Why does Santa go through the chimney? Because it soots him.



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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.

Return it to the box at the Post Office by  
3rd January 2024 .

*Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 2 satisfy,  
7 others, 8 town, 11 diversions, 12 caused,  
14 available, 15 brought, 18 famous,  
19 opportunity, 23 brief, 24 friendly, 25 meet.  
Down: 1 divide, 3 again, 4 footpads, 5 results,  
6 self, 9 which, 10 particularly, 13 difficult,  
16 seldom, 17 unexpected, 20 together,  
21 from, 22 horses.*



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## Christmas Candles



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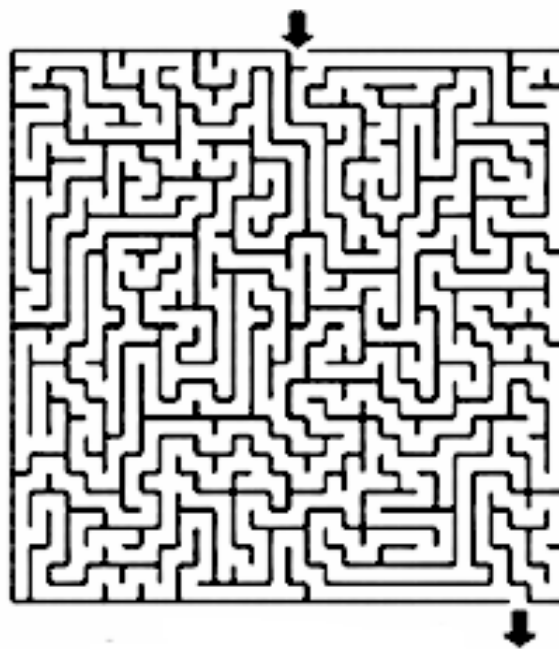
Hang up the stockings.  
Decorate the tree.  
Presents placed perfectly.  
What a sight to see!

Milk and cookies are out,  
Kids are tucked in tight.  
There's so much to do  
On Christmas Eve night!

Before you take a snooze  
And dream of the next day,  
Don't forget some food  
For the friends who pull the sleigh!

You see, reindeer need snacks, too  
A little love and fun  
To help Santa through the night,  
And get the important job done!

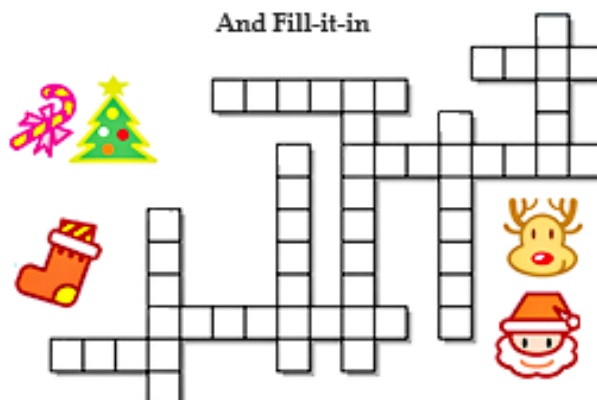
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## CHRISTMAS

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

And Fill-it-in



Across:

- 2 What's on top of the tree?
- 3 Who stole Christmas?
- 7 Another name for Santa?
- 9 He sees you when you're ...
- 10 Better not

Down:

- 1 Who's coming to town?
- 4 What has red and white stripes?
- 5 What does Santa come down?
- 6 Reindeer with a red nose?
- 8 Snowman's name?

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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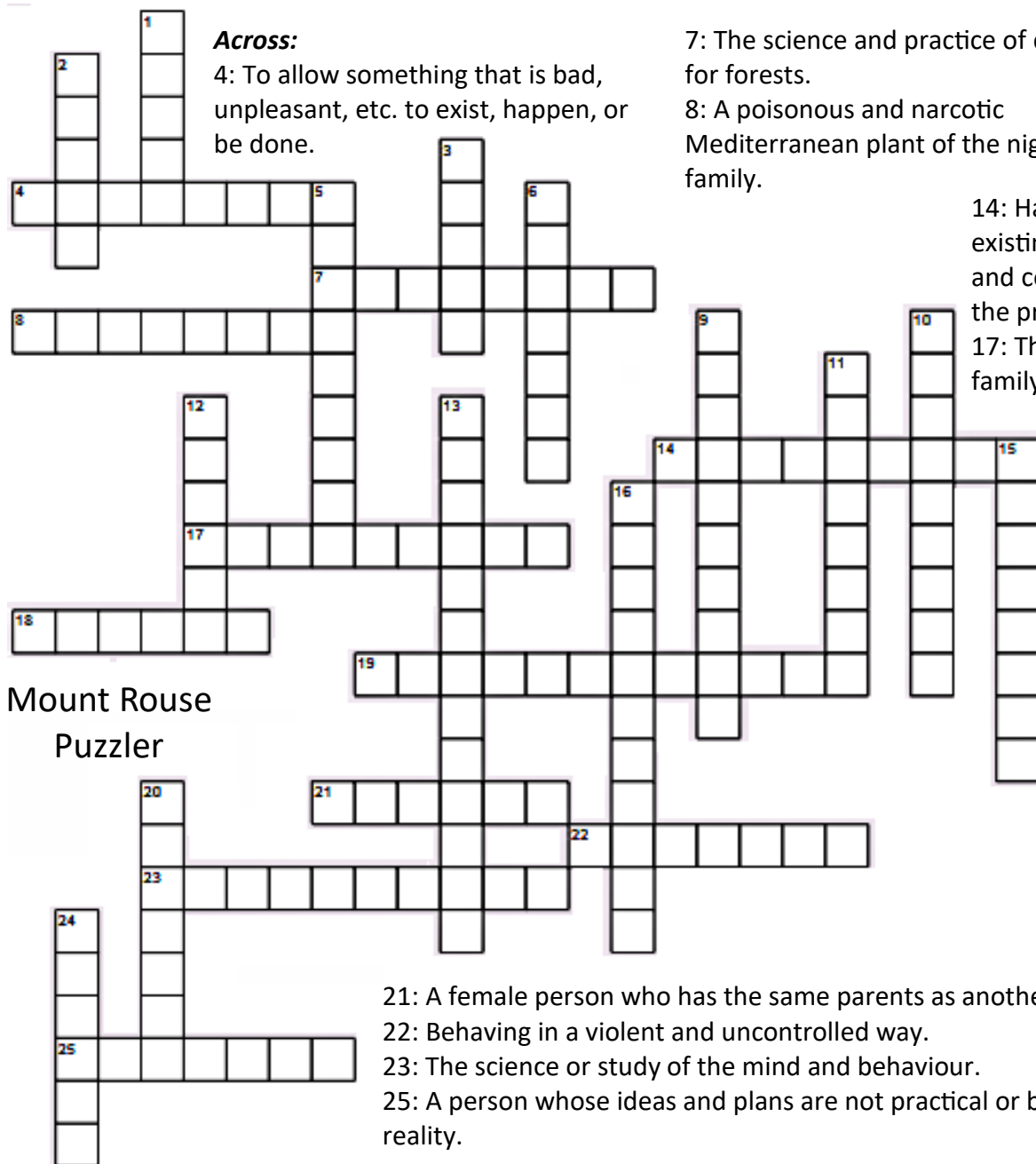
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**Across:**

4: To allow something that is bad, unpleasant, etc. to exist, happen, or be done.

7: The science and practice of caring for forests.

8: A poisonous and narcotic Mediterranean plant of the nightshade family.

14: Happening or existing before now and continuing into the present.

17: The study of family history.

18: The period of time that will come after the present time.

19: The act of making a person known to others by name.

21: A female person who has the same parents as another person.

22: Behaving in a violent and uncontrolled way.

23: The science or study of the mind and behaviour.

25: A person whose ideas and plans are not practical or based in reality.

**Down:**

1: To move easily without stopping and without effort or noise.

2: An area of water in the southern U.S. in which the water moves very slowly and is filled with many plants.

3: A smooth surface as of a bone or cut gemstone.

5: Producing a result that is wanted.

6: Someone who fought in a war as a soldier, sailor, etc.

9: To give something, such as money, goods, or time to help a person, group, cause, or organisation.

10: Interfere with action or speech.

11: Something that looks or seems different from what it is.

12: A usually curved piece of metal, plastic, or wood that is used for clothing.

13: An act of showing someone how something is used or done.

15: A level of quality, achievement, etc., that is considered acceptable or desirable.

16: To make something more active.

20: To make something better.

24: Knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life.

Mount Rouse  
Puzzler

**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



**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**

- 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



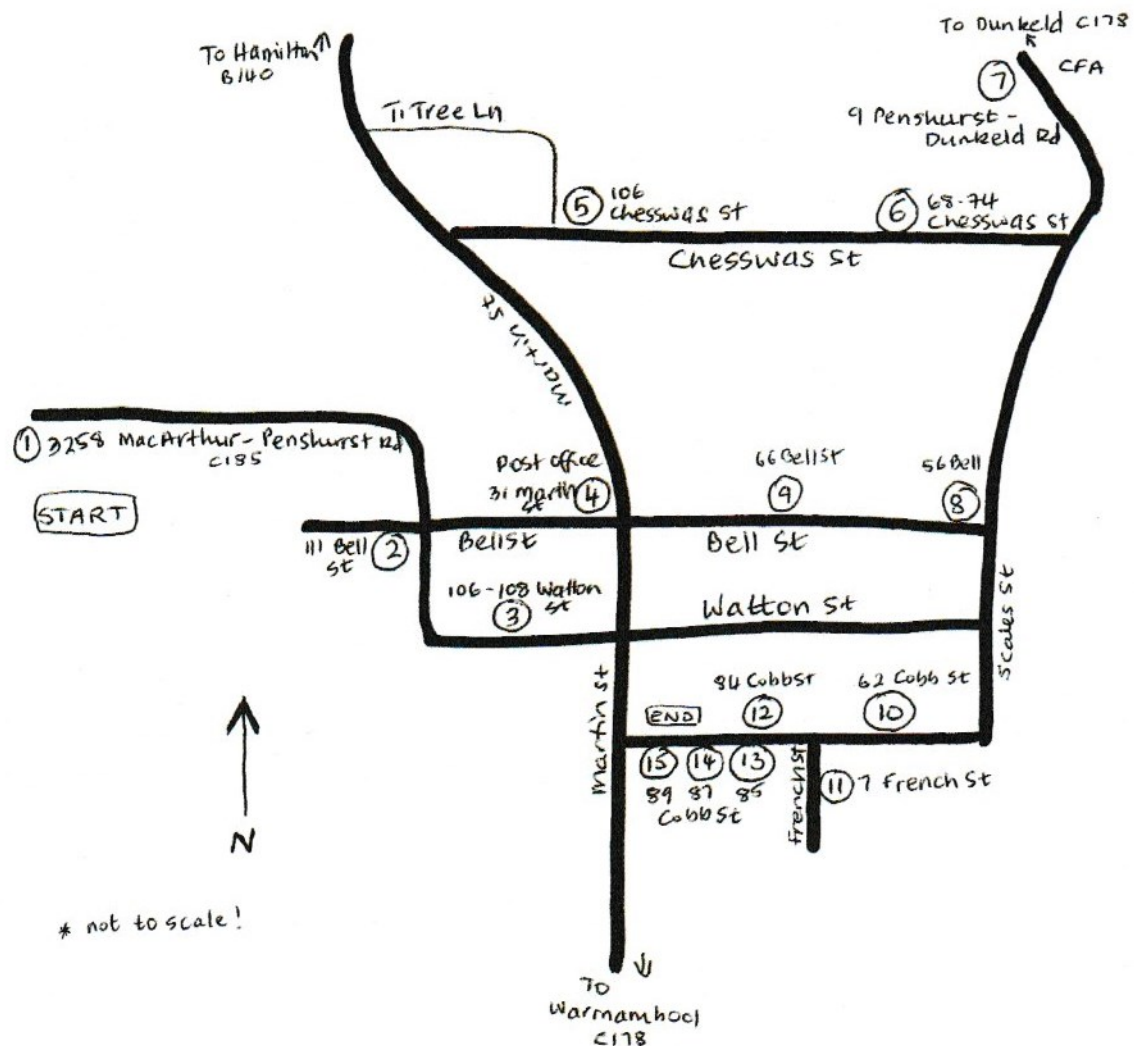
# Penshurst Christmas Lights Competition

Please find the map and list of entries for the Penshurst Christmas Lights Competition below. The addresses are listed in order of a *suggested* route to travel to see them all.

There is ONE PRIZE PER CATEGORY (3 prizes in total) for the Best Lights, Best Christmas Characters and Best Nativity Scene.

**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE ADDRESS PER CATEGORY - PUT A TICK IN THE BOX FOR YOUR VOTE** (i.e. you will tick only 3 boxes in total)

**You CAN vote for the same address in multiple categories.  
You CANNOT vote for multiple addresses in the same category.**



		Best Lights	Best Christmas Characters	Best Nativity Scene
#	Address	CHOOSE 1 ADDRESS IN THIS CATEGORY	CHOOSE 1 ADDRESS IN THIS CATEGORY	CHOOSE 1 ADDRESS IN THIS CATEGORY
1	3258 MacArthur-Penshurst Rd			
2	111 Bell St			
3	106 - 108 Watton St			
4	31 Martin St			
5	106 Chesswas St			
6	68-74 Chesswas St			
7	9 Penshurst-Dunkeld Rd			
8	56 Bell St			
9	66 Bell St			
10	62 Cobb St			
11	4 French St			
12	84 Cobb St (North Side of Cobb St)			
13	85 Cobb St (Sth side of Cobb St)			
14	87 Cobb St (Sth side - middle house)			
15	89 Cobb St (Sth side - closest to corner)			

**One vote per person please. Drop this form into the box in the Post Office by 11am Fri Dec 22. Winners announced 2pm.** If there is a draw, the prize money will be split between the winning entries. If there are insufficient votes or inconclusive results for any reason, an independent judge will select the winner(s). **Thank you to the Penshurst Progress Association & the Penshurst Lions Club for their sponsorship. Thank you for participating! We hope you've enjoyed it. Happy Christmas!**





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**Date for January TBA**

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Australia Day

## Australia Day Nomination Form

### Penshurst Citizen of the Year 2023

Name of Nominee: .....

Reason why you nominated him or her (or group):

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Your name: .....

All Nominee names are kept confidential

Contact no: .....

Thank you for submitting your nomination

Date: .....

Please return by email or drop in the Red box at the Post Office by  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Thank you.