

# *MT ROUSE News & Views*



*Community Newsletter*

## **Recognition for the heart of Penshurst Lions**



Sue Jellie,  
PDG Michelle  
Challis OAM,  
and Anna Watson  
receiving their  
well-deserved  
awards.

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FRIENDS OF YATMERONE & PENSURST VOLCANOES DISCOVERY CENTRE PRESENT



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# Stones, Springs & WILD THINGS COMMUNITY SEMINAR

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**10AM - 3.30 PM SATURDAY AUGUST 16 2025**

**PENSURST MEMORIAL HALL**

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**Dr James Driscoll *Monash Uni***

Enlightening us on the explosive origins of the Victorian Volcanic Plains.

**Dr Birgita Hansen *Federation Uni***

Sharing the latest research on the intercontinental migration of Latham's Snipe



**Dr Greg Kerr *Nature Glenelg Trust***

Explains what makes a wetland healthy and their importance in a drying climate.

**Dr John Webb *La Trobe University***

Talks about hydrogeology: the relationship between basalt and water - both above and below ground.



**Dr Inka Veltheim *TBC Arthur Rylah Institute***

With insights on SW Victoria's Brolga population

**Penshurst Historical Society**

Will share stories and historical maps and documents about local wetland and waterbirds



## LIONS CLUB OF PENSURST &amp; DISTRICT

**We Serve**

Six members of our club, John and Anna Watson, Donald Adamson, Judy Drane, Jeff and Sue Jellie attended the Lions 201V2 District Change over in Ararat where our cabinet representatives were inducted into their positions for the 2025/26 year. They had an enjoyable day catching up with Lions members from all over our district which encompasses Nhill to Horsham, Ararat, Altona, Geelong, Portland and all in between.

We were very proud when past District Governor Michelle Challis OAM and PDG Lee-Ann Anselmo, on behalf of the 201V2 district, presented two of our members, Anna Watson and Sue Jellie, with Melvin Jones awards.

The Melvin Jones Award, also known as the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), is a prestigious recognition awarded by Lions Clubs International. Established in honour of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, this award recognizes individuals for their outstanding humanitarian service and commitment to improving communities.

Anna joined Lions in 2008 and has held the position of cabinet treasurer 6 times and at club level has been Secretary, Secretary/Treasurer and held her current position of treasurer for 8 years. Sue joined Lions in 2010 and has held the position of Zone Chairperson four times, club president for 4 years and is our current secretary and held that position for 8 years. Their service to their community goes beyond Lions as they are members of other community organisations and their dedication to help others has been recognised with this award.



Judy Drane, Donald Adamson, Jeff Jellie

**Penshurst's  
Got  
Talent**

**SAVE THE DATE - 18th October**

**Be entertained by our  
Guest Band**

**BLUEGUM & Musicians Deb & John**

**More information next fortnight**

## Exploring our landscape at Penshurst's "Stones, Springs and Wild Things" Seminar

Nature lovers, history buffs, land managers and curious locals are invited to a free community seminar *Stones, Springs and Wild Things*, to be held at the Penshurst on Saturday 16 August 2025. Set amongst the iconic Victorian Volcanic Plains, the event will bring together leading scientists and storytellers to explore the region's unique ecology, geology, hydrology and cultural heritage. Attendees can expect a packed program of presentations, including:

Dr Birgita Hansen, *Federation University* will share the latest research on the migratory Latham's Snipe

Dr John Webb, *La Trobe University*, discusses hydrogeology and the relationship between ground and surface water

Dr James Driscoll, *Monash University*, presents on the distinctive volcanic landforms of the region

Dr Greg Kerr, *Nature Glenelg Trust*, explains the importance of wetlands in a drying climate

Adding a local perspective, the Mt Rouse Historical Society will showcase stories from their oral history project, also titled *Stones, Springs and Wild Things*. Participants will have the rare chance to view early colonial maps of the Penshurst district, offering a glimpse into how the landscape was seen and shaped by early European settlers.

The event will conclude with a panel session, where audience members can pose questions directly to the experts.

The event will be held from 10am-3.30pm at Penshurst Memorial Hall and a free BBQ lunch will be provided by Penshurst and District Lions Club. **Registration is essential by Saturday 9 August.** To register visit <https://events.humanitix.com/stones-springs-and-wild-things> or contact Alison Farrar 0436 693 463.

This seminar is a collaboration between the Friends of Yatmerone and the Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre and supported by the Victorian Government and Glenelg Hopkins CMA through Victorian Landcare Grants.

Whether you're a seasoned naturalist, a landholder interested in the movement of water or simply curious about the region's rich natural and cultural history, *Stones, Springs and Wild Things* promises an inspiring and informative day out in Penshurst.

Right: Swans at Yatmerone Reserve July 2025

Photographer: Thomas L Cooke



# **Caramut Garden Club** by Janet Shalders

**Watering.** Yes, watering even with the rain we have had although still not enough to break the drought. I appreciate that rainfall is not evenly spread over the south west and some areas have had more than others.

I was pulling out old pelargoniums and digging over the area which is light soil, and it was comparatively dry. In a container which I topped up with clay type soil, it was saturated and the plants in it died through being too wet. In other words, they drowned. I have seen this happen with indoor plants that were over watered and consequently died. A good test to check the amount of water in the soil is the finger. Poke it in the soil and it is possible to gauge whether or not the soil, in the ground or pot, is too wet or dry. Garden beds or pots under overhanging eaves can often miss out on the rain, so check for moisture there. With warmer weather and wind, the top soil dries out quickly so if you have planted seeds, the ground might need a light watering.



If you have early broad beans, pick them while they are small – then you can eat them pods and all. Broad bean seed can be planted out now along with quite a variety of other vegetable seeds or seedlings. There are many flower seeds or seedlings that can be planted at this time also.

**The next meeting of the Garden Club is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.** Note the later starting time as it is the AGM when there will be a new president and secretary elected. Prizes will also be given for the aggregate winners of the monthly competitions for the best bloom, produce and the special bloom of the month. The meeting is at the Penshurst Senior Citizens Rooms and a bring and share light luncheon will follow.

Visitors are always welcome.

Phone Marita on 0439 669 039 for more information.

Methought I'd grow a lilli pilli  
And there I'd sit, a frilly filly.  
But it has grown so willy nilly  
There is no room for silly Billy.

Dorothy Lockett

To forget how to dig the earth  
and to tend the soil  
is to forget ourselves.

Mahatma Gandhi

## **Penshurst Hair Design**



Update:

All is well and  
I am on the mend.

I'll post on Facebook  
and in the  
Newsletter!! with  
updates.

Thank you and I'll  
look forward to  
getting back to  
work.

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,  
YOUR COMMUNITY****RATE RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS FARMERS**

Southern Grampians Shire Council held an unscheduled meeting last night to approve a Drought Support Rate Relief Package which will provide much needed assistance for famers in the Southern Grampians Shire.

Earlier this month the State Government announced it would be allocating \$35.8m to selected south-west Victorian councils through the Primary Producer Support Payment program (PPSP). This program is a key component of a broader Drought Support Package. This funding saw \$4,345,544 million allocated for Southern Grampians Shire.

Council has calculated the amount to be distributed based on the criteria and have identified a shortfall in funding of \$111,903. This shortfall has been communicated to the State Government, with Council currently awaiting confirmation of whether this amount will be added to the total funding amount. Should the shortfall remain, the rate relief package will approximate to slightly below 40% promised by the State Government.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said Council welcomed the package, acknowledging many in the community were still doing it tough due to the ongoing drought.

"Council has identified over 3,000 rateable properties that will benefit from this discount to help our communities in their recovery for the ongoing drought," said Cr Heslin.

"This package should translate into approximately a 40% discount for properties classified as rural with the rate relief to be featured as a credit on the upcoming 2025/26 Council Rates Notice.

"Council has advocated hard over the past 12 months at all levels of government for adequate and appropriate drought support which has included our social media campaign championed by local farmers, conversations and letters to ministers, and most recently hosting a Farmer Forum with 21 local farmers feeding into an advocacy plan for the upcoming 12 months. "We've also introduced practical measures with laundromat vouchers, showers, and free waste disposal at outer transfer stations. Due to high demand, the free waste/recycling drop-off program has, as of last week, been extended to include weekdays as well as weekends.

"I'd like to thank all of the farmers who appeared in our videos to assist in this advocacy effort. This was an enormous ask and we're very grateful for your vulnerability and your support.

"We know that there is still a long way for our region's recovery with this rate relief package aimed to help out our primary producers, but we will continue to support our residents where we can, to help our communities back on their feet," concluded Cr Heslin.

Several options were considered by Council for the distribution of the funding with the overarching objective of ensuring the intended recipients, being drought affected primary producers, are the targeted recipients of the rate relief.

The relief will be provided in the form of a credit applied to the general rates and municipal charge for properties classified as rural as shown on their rates notice.

Please note the rebate will only apply to General Rates and Municipal Charges (not waste or Emergency Services Volunteer Fund levies).

Ratepayers seeking clarification on property rating category can contact Southern Grampians Shire Council Rates Administration Officer on 5573 0444.

If you are not eligible for the drought support rate relief and are experiencing financial hardship that may prevent you from paying your rates and charges by the

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### Their potential lies hidden from us

At this time of the year, particularly at morning prayer, the stain glass windows are just a cold slab of black glass. I can sort of make out some of the outlines but that's just about it. The detail is missing and the colours are non-existent.

I sort of remember the picture but the more I look at this sheet of black glass, the more I forget and the more it all seems drab, almost hard and uncaring instead of bright and engaging.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have lived 65 years of great quality life. I look back on the odd childhood photo and reflect that the wonder of my life and how it all turned out and the places I've been to and the people I have encountered, could not have been foreseen or predicted 64 and half years ago with my incontinence, inability to walk or compose this article.

It seems that as the sun has gotten higher and the 'day' of my life has unfolded, all that was obscured and concealed has gradually come to light and been available and accessible to those around me. And while I have been slow to glimpse it in myself, others have frequently seen remarkable things in me that I have not been able to see myself. Why is that?

But it works the other way as well. Over the years I have been privileged to watch others develop and change and grow and mature and shine in ways no-one could ever have dreamed of.

The potential in friend and in the total stranger is always there and in ourselves. Sometimes we just need to wait a little while and open those 'other eyes' to see the potential that is all around and within.

### When silence speaks loudly

Some of you might recall an incident like this.

You and a 'special friend' have been invited over to babysit the neighbours children. Everything is laid out, the food is prepared for them and for you. The youngsters are amenable and go to bed on the second time of asking, which is pretty good actually.

Which just leaves you and your 'special friend' to watch some TV and wait for the neighbours to get home. You're young, perhaps in your teenage years and you both feel things pretty strongly. Surely a quick snog wouldn't go astray. I mean it's not like you're actually hurting anyone, right?

And so by entirely mutual consent, with a racing heart and a little clumsily...

And then all of a sudden there is the swing of headlights up the driveway. Two car doors shut, the front door opens and you and your friend are now at opposite ends of the settee, furiously, studiously, watching an absolutely fascinating documentary on the mating habits of the praying mantis in deepest darkest Africa. Riveting and compelling viewing!

Your hosts aren't fooled for a moment. The frisson in the room is grabbable. Once upon a time they too were teenagers. This is why they have kids for you to babysit.

But bless em, they don't say anything about the obvious and instead politely ask if the children ate all their vegetables.

It occurs to me that some of the finest things are said loudly in silence. Looks of forgiveness, looks of longing, the firm handshake, the blushing baby sitters at opposite ends of the couch.

Why do we feel that we have to fill up silence with words and shrieks and chatter? Silence has always been far more articulate and effective in her 'speech' than noisy words. May silence continue to speak loudly.

## MEDIA RELEASE

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due date, you can apply for a payment plan. This arrangement will enable you to pay your rates on a manageable plan on either a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

Visit the Council website for more details - If you're having difficulty paying Southern Grampians Shire Council or contact the Council Rates Team on 5573 0444 for a confidential conversation.

### VARIETY VICTORIA BASH SET TO START IN HAMILTON

This year marks 50 years for the longest running most iconic charity motoring event – Variety Victoria Bash, and we are pleased to announce the journey will begin right here in Hamilton on Friday 8 August 2025.

More than 100 colourful, quirky and classic cars will be on display at Campes Motor Museum from 6:45am before departing at 9:30am. Breakfast will be on offer for all car enthusiast and community members wishing to soak up the action and Campes Motor Museum will be open for business while this event is running.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the event was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Hamilton's hospitality and heart.

"We're excited to welcome the Variety Bash to Hamilton. Not only does it give our local economy a great boost, but it's also a feel-good event that brings colour, character and community spirit – all for an incredibly worthy cause.

"While this is not a Council ran event, it is fantastic to see Hamilton chosen as its starting point for this milestone year. The event will bring crews, support teams and visitors to town – many arriving the night before and staying in local accommodation, dining in our restaurants, and supporting our businesses," Cr Heslin concluded.

An unofficial welcome dinner has been organised for the Thursday 7 August where local businesses are stepping in to support the participants.

The Variety Bash is the longest running most iconic charity motoring event, featuring a colourful convoy of creatively themed cars that takes participants through some of Australia's most stunning landscapes. The event runs from 8 August - 17 August and aims to raise funds for Victorian children living with disabilities, illness, or experiencing disadvantage - a cause that sits at the heart of the variety mission.

This year's event marked as the most iconic yet will run from Hamilton heading



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**Sunday 24 August 2025 at 12 noon at the Memorial Hall**

**Everyone Welcome – Please Come Along**

Come along to our second Community Connection Event and catch up with old friends, make new friends and have a chat and a laugh.

Cook and bring your favourite main dish to share with everyone for lunch and the Penshurst3289 Committee (the PPA) will shout bread, deserts and drinks (tea, coffee, hot chocolate, juice, sugar & milk).

Please bring a list of ingredients for your dish with you for people with allergies.



Rug up too as the hall can be chilly, BYO a bottle of wine or a beer or two to warm you up.

Please have a Designated Driver – if drinking – NO DRINK DRIVING!

The Penshurst3289 Committee will be holding community connection events every month or so when you can get together with other locals and connect.

All of the new Penshurst3289 Committee will be there if you haven't met us already.



**See you there to connect and share!**

**Penshurst3289 (PPA) Save the Dates**

**Put this on your fridge so you don't forget!**

**Community Connection Event – Community Lunch**



**Sunday 24 Aug 25 at 12 noon at the Memorial Hall**

**All Welcome – Please Come Along!**

Come along to our second Community Connection Event and catch up with old friends, make new friends and have a chat and a laugh.

Cook and bring your favourite main dish to share with everyone for lunch and the Penshurst3289 Committee (the PPA) will shout bread, deserts and drinks (tea, coffee, hot chocolate, juice, sugar & milk). Please bring a list of ingredients for your dish with you for people with allergies.

Supported by a Southern Grampians Shire Council Community Grant



**Look Over the Farm Gate - Farmer Mental Health – Free Lunch**

**Saturday 4 Oct 25 at 1pm at a venue to be advised**

**All Farmers Welcome – Please Come Along!**

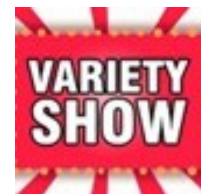
Guest Speakers, mental health advice & resources – more info in coming weeks!



This event is supported by the  
Look Over the Farm Gate Community Grant  
provided by the National Centre  
for Farmer Health under the  
Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package

**Penshurst's GOT Talent – All Welcome**

**Saturday 18 Oct 25 from 6pm to late  
at the Memorial Hall**



Join us for a fun event to bring our local community together. Guest musicians Blue Gum and Deb&John will entertain us as well as lots of surprises. BYO food and drinks.

Book a table for the whole family – email: [Penshurstsgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:Penshurstsgottalent@gmail.com)

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## Penshurst Senior Citizen Club



### **Annual General Meeting**

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north through Adelaide, Coober Pedy and Alice Springs to where it will finish in Darwin. There are currently over 100 cars already registered with several of them local participants.

The event is open to the public and is a must-see for families, car lovers and anyone who enjoys a great story on wheels.

For more information on this event, visit: <https://fundraise.variety.org.au>

**TIM ROSS EXPLORES THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM AT HAMILTON LIBRARY**

From groovy conversation pits to wildly winding staircases, decadent decks to lavish libraries, comedian, host, writer and design guru Tim Ross unpacks Australia's housing obsession in a one-night-only live event in Hamilton.

Hamilton Library are delighted to welcome beloved Aussie voice Tim Ross to perform a one-of-a-kind live performance of his acclaimed live show, *The Australian Dream?* at 7:00pm on Thursday 9 October at the Hamilton Cinema.

More than just a talk, Tim will take you through an immersive evening of storytelling, cinema and ingenious insight as he takes a dive into Australia's deep and sometimes complicated love affair with the idea of home ownership. A lifelong design and architecture aficionado, he uses a blend of wit, warmth and hard research to bring an unlikely story to life.

"We are so pleased to have secured Tim," said Hamilton Library Services Senior Coordinator Kelly Pitt-Lancaster.

"He's an extraordinary storyteller with the power to make very big stories feel intimate and relatable. His perspective on housing and living spaces is fresh, funny and utterly fascinating. We all loved him as half of Merrick and Rosso and we're very excited to see him perform in person."

Developed over 18 months of ambitious research and supported by a selection of new cinematic films produced specifically for this project, *The Australian Dream?* explores how the humble goal of owning a home transformed into one of the biggest challenges facing modern Australians.

Join us as we explore the tangles of modern home ownership, something that has gone from rite of passage to unattainable idea and listen as Tim asks what we can learn from the past to help solve the problems of the future.

*The Australian Dream?* is presented in partnership with the National Library of Australia, State Library of Queensland, State Library Victoria, State Library of New South Wales and State Library of Western Australia.

The *Australian Dream?* tour is largely showing in major regional cities, making this is a unique chance for our community to see a show designed for large crowds in a local environment.

The event will take place from 7:00pm to 8:15pm on Thursday 9 October 2025, at the Hamilton Cinema. This event is for over 18's only.

Please note that this event is free, but that bookings are required. For more information on this and other library events, please visit the library website.

## PENSURST HOTEL – DAY BOOK 1888

*Continued from last fortnight .. a little history. Used with permission from the Historical Society and Phil Doherty.*

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 you could hire a man (driver) to show you around the district, for example, on 25 February 1889 Richard Elijah hired horses and a man for one pound six shillings for three days.



Board at the hotel was offered with different rates depending on the room and service. It was noted in the Day Book that David Bird, Dealer from Melbourne paid for his account (fourteen shillings/week) *with bad grace*. Top rate of twenty five shillings per week was paid by Hugh Sherwin, Engineer.

The Hotel had an attached store which sold oats, yeast, bran straw, chaff, potatoes and tomatoes. You could also hire a buggy for five shillings a day plus stock up with horse feed.

The Tilley's also had a farm as they sold forty sheep to William Coleman, butcher at nine shillings each and a cow to George Cook for four pounds. They also leased a house out for ten shillings a week (this could have been the farm house). Another income stream for the hotel was a billiard room and sending and receiving telegrams.

The Penshurst Hotel was a favorite pub for the landed gentry with the Twomeys - John (Stonefield), Daniel (Kolor), Timothy (Banemore), Edward (Langulac) as customers. The Ritchies of Blackwood and John and Thomas Hutton, Cheviot Hills, also frequented the hotel.

Councillor John Moffat, Chatsworth House visited the hotel, no doubt on council business. William Ross, The Gums used the hotel to stable his horses while in town. He also hired a servant on several occasions for seven shillings.

Dr Woodford was a regular as was Gaston Kemp, State School Master who daily had two drinks. Dr Sweetman only collected parcels as did the Reverends M. Lelean and J. R. Anderson.

The Cricket Reserve Trustees, Race Club and Coursing Club all made use of the different services offered by the hotel. Cobb and Co. driver, C. Byrne booked up a dinner and tea for two shillings. Another coach driver who booked up goods and services was Hector Armstrong.

Snobbery was alive and well as some of the working classes weren't even given their formal names in the Day Book. Workers were simply noted as Old Sutton, Kolor; Alec at Twomeys; Man from Gums; Maxwell, old man (Twomey's gardener) and one customer was written down as Crow Eater.

The most popular drink was whiskey with 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.

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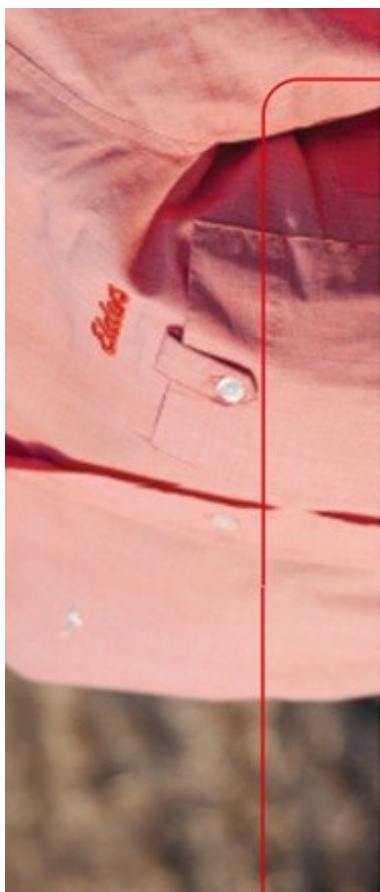


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## 21 Everyday Things You Never Knew Had Names

1. Rasceta - The lines on the inside of your wrist.
2. Ferrule - The metal part at the end of a pencil.
3. Punt - The bottom of a wine bottle.
4. Keeper - The loop on a belt that keeps the end in place after it has passed through the buckle.
5. Lemniscate - The infinity symbol.
6. Desire path - A path created by natural means, simply because it is the "shortest or most easily navigated" way.
7. Nibling - The non-gender-specific term for a niece or nephew — like sibling.
8. Defenestrate - To throw out a window.
9. Muntin - The strip separating window panes.
10. Philtrum - The groove located just below the nose and above the middle of the lips.
11. Snood - The fleshy thing around the neck of a turkey.
12. Morton's toe - When your second toe is bigger than your big toe.
13. Snellen chart - The chart you look at when you take an eye exam.
14. Obelus - The division sign (÷).
15. Phloem bundles - Those long stringy things you see when peeling a banana.
16. Semantic satiation - What happens when you say a word so long it loses meaning.
17. Octothorpe - The pound (#) button on a telephone.
18. Gynecomastia - Man-boobs.
19. Mondegreen - Misheard song lyrics.
20. Scurryfunge - The time you run around cleaning frantically right before company comes over.
21. Aphthongs - Silent letters.

The English language can be very strange.



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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

***Smashed potato with tomato & chorizo***

Prep Time 10 mins

Cook 1 hour 20 mins

Serves 4

## INGREDIENTS

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500g baby white potatoes  
250g baby Red Royale potatoes  
1 tbsp olive oil  
1 tsp cumin seeds  
1 1/2 tsp ground paprika

2 chorizo sausages, thickly sliced diagonally  
250g cherry truss tomatoes  
1/2 cup (120g) sour cream  
1 lemon, zested, juiced  
1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves

## • Step 1

Preheat oven to 200C. Place the combined potatoes in a roasting pan. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with cumin and half the paprika. Season. Toss to combine. Roast for 40 mins or until tender.

## • Step 2

Meanwhile, cook the chorizo in a large frying pan over high heat for 1 min each side or until golden brown.

## • Step 3

Use a tea towel to squash the potatoes. Roast for a further 20 mins or until crisp.

## • Step 4

Add the chorizo and tomatoes to the roasting pan. Roast for a further 20 mins or until tomatoes begin to collapse.

## • Step 5

While the potato mixture is roasting, combine sour cream, 2 tsp lemon juice and remaining paprika in a small bowl.

## • Step 6

Sprinkle the parsley and lemon zest over the potato mixture. Serve immediately with sour cream mixture.



Part of the secret of a success in life is to eat what you like  
and let the food fight it out inside.

Mark Twain

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think  
you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I  
stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

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**PENSHURST HOTEL – DAY BOOK 1888 (continued)**

On Tuesday 25 September 1888, Charlie Mibus, farmer, pulled in to collect the drinks for a family celebration (we hope). He purchased two cases of brandy, one case of whiskey, one case of tokay wine, one dozen English ale and a gallon of rum. The total cost was ten pound and eighteen shillings which is a great deal of money considering that Lottie Wilsher, cook, commenced work at the Hotel



for fifteen shillings per week - or the equivalent of three bottles of whiskey. Lottie departed after a week. Nellie and Jennie Trotter, waitresses, started at twelve shillings per week on 20 December 1890 - just before the Christmas rush.

At one stage Penshurst had five hotels: The Shearers Arms, Penshurst Hotel, Prince of Wales, the Victoria and the Cricketers Arms. Also close by was the Mount Rouse Inn at Boram Boram, the Halfway Hotel at Purdeet and the Union Hotel at Croxton East (foot of Berridale Hill).

Interesting Items from the Penshurst Hotel Day Book

The Penshurst Hotel Day Book documents the comings and goings of daily life in Penshurst. It records hundreds of names, reveals peoples occupations, the various sporting clubs that existed, and the types of supplies bought in and out of the township. It also provides a glimpse of peoples social lives and the constant movement of people through Penshurst.

A number of interesting items were noted in the Day Book. For example:

William Tobin, publican, collected a coffin from the coach for twenty shillings.

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

Neil McNeil and Co, who were building the spur line (railway) to the quarry at the back of Mt Rouse, were charged for Mr. Butler's for breakfast, dinner, tea bed and a horse for eleven shillings per day - presumably Mr. Butler (engineer) was managing the project.

Charlie Salter, mason, boarded at the pub for two years with his offsider Harris. They ran up an account for over 250 pounds which was paid off by contra, which presumably means they undertook building work for the Hotel.

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

When Jim Egan Esq, donkey engine pumper, paid his bill the Tilleys wrote thank God next to the account.

30 September 1889 Miss E. M. Archibald commenced work at the Hotel for eight shillings per week.

Mr Miller, policeman OHMS, 9 June 1890 booked up two flasks of whiskey (paid the next day). Must have been cold work riding around the region.

17 October 1890, Neil McNeil & Co. booked up forty pounds worth of drinks and luncheon. (This may have been a celebration of the completion of a section of the railway).

Chris Milligan eventually paid his account by shearing Tilley's sheep.

Patrick Kelly, blacksmith paid most of his account by contra work.

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Left:

For the young and young at heart.

Imagine you're a knight in chess. Knights move in a special way; first two steps in one direction (up, down, left, or right) and then one step in a different direction. Just like a L-shape. Your mission is to find the word in the puzzle. Choose a square in the puzzle, then you 'jump as a knight' to the next tile to find the next letter of the word. You can step only 1 time on a square. If you can't make a word, choose another square as starting point.

The clues for the word search are below:

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e	l	e	p	h	a	n	t	i
t	r	i	o	e	g	o	u	w
h	e	z	a	d	e	b	a	o

*To surprise or frighten suddenly and usually not seriously.*

A young male horse.

*A piece of information that is sent or given to someone.*

To draw out and twist into thread.

*Easy to press, bend, cut etc.*

A very large grey animal with a long nose.

*To produce a pattern or design by using powerful liquid to cut surface of metal or glass.*

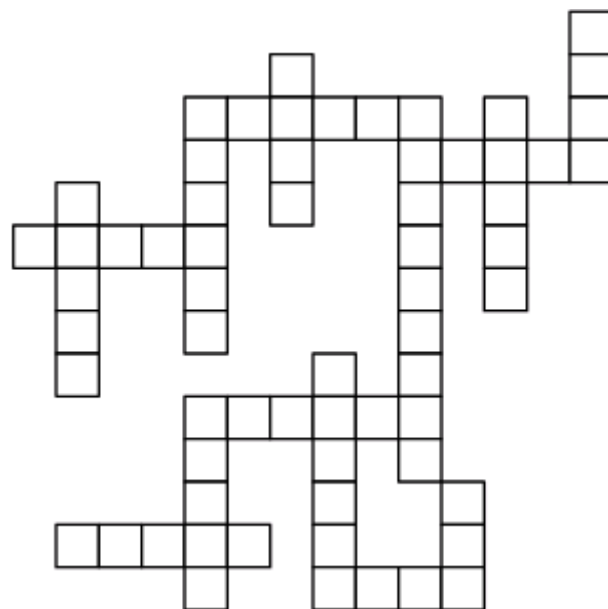
A soft yellow chemical element used for making things.

*To want something to happen or be true.*

The season before the cold.

*Showing a belief that sometime will happen or succeed even though unlikely.*

With each other.



3 Letters  
run

spin

phone  
stock  
water

blinds  
bricks  
secret

Fit these words into the word-fit above.

4 Letters  
free  
sing

5 Letters  
boxes  
dance  
laugh

6 Letters  
barrow

9 Letters  
spaghetti

**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 or contact Marita 0439 669 839

**Penshurst Hospital**

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- 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 the Social Support Group Coordinator on 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 the Secretary 0418 141 301. The Court House open for Visitors 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

**Friends Yatmerone Reserve**

- 7.30 pm Community Room behind the Volcano Discovery Centre 11 March, 13 May, 8 July, 9 Sept, 11 Nov and 9 Dec. New members welcome.

**Lions Club of Penshurst & District**

- 1st Friday dinner meeting. 3rd Tuesday business meeting, each month at 8 pm.  
[penshurst.vic@lions.org.au](mailto:penshurst.vic@lions.org.au)

**Penshurst Progress Association (PPA)**

- Last Wednesday - bi-monthly - from July 2025  
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**Penshurst Senior Citizens**

- Meets at the club rooms in Bell Street.  
Bingo last Tuesday each month. 2pm.

**AmbulanceVictoria**

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Alaister 0427 555 973
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Contact Jenni 0409 962 969

**Penshurst CWA**

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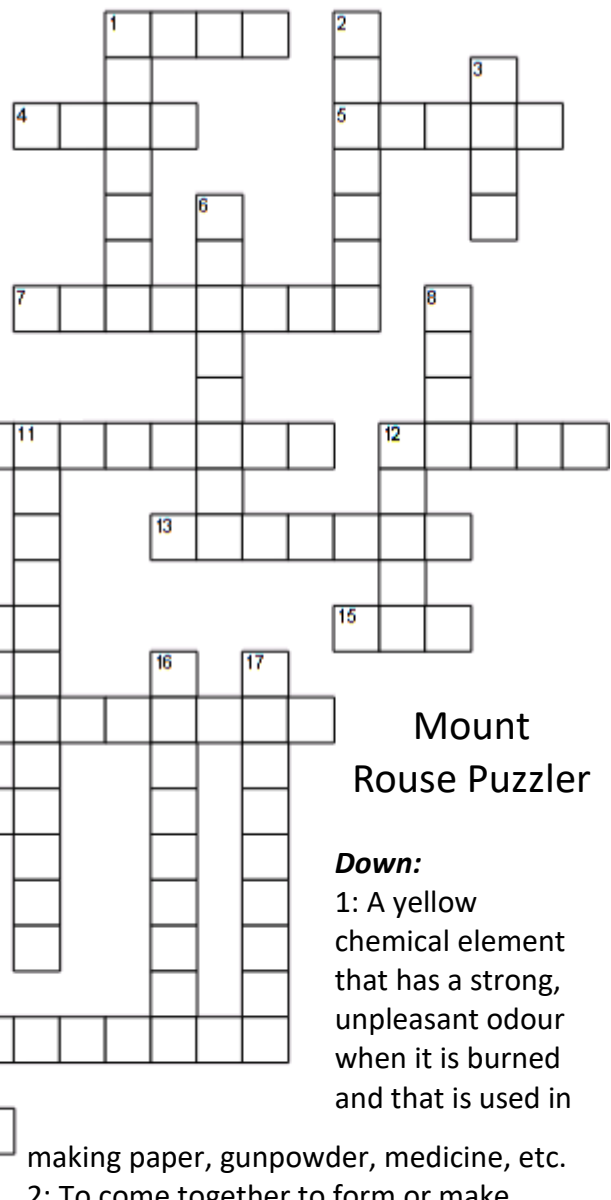
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11am Service

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1st Sunday No Service  
2nd Sunday Mass 5pm  
3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am  
4th Sunday Mass 5pm  
5th Sunday No Service

**Across:**

- 1: To examine something carefully.  
 4: At a low temperature.  
 5: Something used as a way to pay for goods and services and to pay people for their work.  
 7: A large vehicle with four wheels that is pulled by a horse and that carries people.  
 10: Not shared.  
 12: A book with blank pages in which you put a collection of photographs, stamps, etc.  
 13: An inadequacy or insufficiency.  
 14: Used to say that a particular thing can or will happen only after something else happens.  
 15: A network of fine threads.  
 18: Using or involving several forms of communication or expression.  
 19: An opinion or decision that is based on careful thought.  
 22: Someone who is officially in charge of the money that is taken in and paid out by a government, business, organization, etc.  
 23: A room or space that is just below the roof of a building and that is often used to store things.  
 25: To show or make a connection between two or more things.



**Mount  
Rouse Puzzler**

**Down:**

- 1: A yellow chemical element that has a strong, unpleasant odour when it is burned and that is used in making paper, gunpowder, medicine, etc.  
 2: To come together to form or make something.  
 3: To appear to be something or to do something.

- 6: To happen at the same time as something else.  
 8: A usually round object that is used in a game or sport or as a toy.  
 9: An animal with a thick woolly coat that is often raised for meat or for its wool and skin.  
 11: The system of beliefs and laws by which a country, state, or organization is governed.  
 12: Living, not dead.  
 16: A person who acts, sings, dances, etc., for an audience.  
 17: The trait of resolutely controlling your own behaviour.  
 20: Made or done with great care or with much detail.  
 21: The part of almost all plants that grows underground and is responsible for taking in the water and nutrients.  
 24: A decorative object that is shaped like a circle and worn on the head of a king or queen for special ceremonies.

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