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Community Newsletter

Penshurst's Got Talent a Resounding Success



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Penshurst's Got Talent

a resounding success

About a year ago three friends, Robert Coates, Rebecca Bailey and Robyn Hayes, got together and said, "Hey, why don't we have a concert in Penshurst?"

The whole idea, apart from bringing the community together, was to raise money to help restore our beautiful Memorial Hall.

We put the message out into the community asking for talent and were surprised at how much interest we got. We ended up with a lot of people wanting to perform.

One of the highlights of the evening was the classically trained tenor, Omar, who came down from Melbourne especially for the concert. He sang "The Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera. He received a standing ovation.

The stars of the show were Deb and John, performers from Tarrington, who stole the show with beautiful duets and solos.

Another highlight was a drag performance, by Marcel, of Whitney Houston performing, "I wanna dance with somebody". That brought the house down, with people stomping their feet and screaming for more.

Closing the night was local band Blue Gum who played beautiful music that everybody got up to and danced until 11 pm.

"We raised over \$4000 towards the Hall, which will go towards the kitchen, we sold 200 tickets and it was all sold out" Mr Coates said.

We look forward to next year ...



YEAR OF THE BIG SUN - 1914/1915

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Our local district diarist Keith Cameron (pictured right) of Greenwood, wrote: "Drought very bad, worst since Grandpa was a little boy, good hay very scarce." Keith was working as a boundary rider for J.S. Ross of North Gums and recorded the ongoing dry."



In 1913 rainfall in western Victoria was well below average for the normally wet April- July period. As the Victorian Meteorological Bureau (the Met) records: Timely rain in early Spring then saved the wheat crop and raised prospects. However there was to be no such respite the following year. Southern Victoria started off very hot, suffering from widespread bushfires in February and March.

Good rains fell over most of Eastern Australia in March April 1914 but extremely dry conditions then set in over most of the southern half of the country.

The Peshurst Free Press of 4 July 1914, reported that the long dry spell is causing uneasiness amongst the farmers whose dams are not yet full...in September, to make things worse, a plague of caterpillars descended on the district, doing great damage on the Gums and Blackwood Estates ... the caterpillars appeared to be increasing in numbers and if the present weather conditions continue much longer it will be a sad outlook for the whole district.

The Free Press also noted that grass is very short and the ground in most places is as hard as mid summer. The frosts have caused the grass on the sides of hills to wither and have had a trying effect on young trees and potato crops.

Except in coastal NSW, drought became widespread and severe from July to October. Across large areas of the southern states the period May through October 1914 remains the driest such period on record.

Locally, conditions only worsened as the weather heated up in October and the hot dusty days had a disheartening effect through out the district. The price of horse feed rose alarmingly.

Tom Johnson (Stock & Land Columnist, Diary of a Farmer) wrote that the Year of the Big Sun began well in the Western District but ended up with an almost rainless Spring and there was no grass until the following May. I was then very young however I don't think I'll forget the starving animals - the dead and dying sheep, cattle and horses. Tom's family was farming at Laanecoorie in the Bendigo district.

According to the Met rain in the eastern states in November and December did replenish farm dams and generated some grass growth, but dry weather returned early in 1915 to most eastern areas. It was not until April 1915 that the drought began to break in

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URGENT CALL FOR TOILETRY DONATIONS.

This month The Lions Clubs across Victoria are supporting vulnerable children and families to tackle child poverty. Working with The Big Group Hug organisation, we are collecting and collating essential toiletry items to be shared with those most in need.

We are accepting any of the following:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap / Bodywash
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Antiperspirant (Roll-on only)
- Drawstring or Toiletry Bags



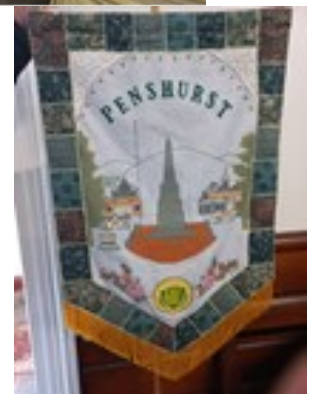
If you are able to help, please do! Drop off before 7/11/25 to the Penshurst Post Office collection box, just inside the door!



Historical Society hands over CWA banner to the new committee.

Today, Nicole, our Vice-President officially received the original CWA Penshurst Branch banner from Rob Collins who is the President of the Penshurst Historical Society.

Thank you to the Penshurst Historical Society for giving us this banner to represent our new CWA Penshurst Branch.



YEAR OF THE BIG SUN (continued)

most of Victoria and for NSW, May. Even then the May rain was too late for strong pasture growth because of cold weather.

Keith's observations provide an insight into the daily tasks undertaken during the big dry. The following have been taken from his 1915 diary entries:

"Jan. 6 Cold showery weather, stock all tucked up.

Mare Kitty died in No 5 (paddock)

25 No 5 pulling necks ("rabbitting")

26 Putting netting around stables to stop rabbits there is a power of them about the buildings

28 Got 27 rabbits out of the woodheap (north Gums)

Cycled to Hawkesdale

Feb 1. Took 62 lbs of rabbit skins to Colin (brother)

Jim McNiece pulled up pump in No1 mill

Warracknabeal horses have fallen away terribly of late

Pulled a cow out of the creek (cleaning out dams)

15 Robin (brother) started work for Leslie Murray (Burnbrae)

23 Dave (horse) in the creek (Mustons)

20 Very cold - hard on the stock.

22 4 dams are nearly dry, too boggy for sheep.

30 Very cold again, the poor stock do feel it.

31 Shot my horse McKie bogged in the No 17 creek (paddock)

Apr 6 Drafting the worst sheep off to feed

(Continued next fortnight)



PENSHURST FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18th 2025

7:30pm - PFNC CLUBROOMS

THE ORDINARY BUSINESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM
2. To receive and consider the Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Association
3. To elect the members of the Board; positions declared vacant -
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Football Director
 - Social Director
4. To confirm or vary the amounts of the Annual Membership
5. Any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Model Rules.

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The openings and closings we call 'funerals.'

Even after 40 years, I still regard it as a poignant privilege to attend a funeral. Perhaps more so now that my own funeral draws ever closer. Frequently I'm the person up the front trying to make sure that it all goes smoothly, but at the same time not drawing attention to myself. It's not about me. It has never been about me.

Someone popped up once in the back row of the funeral who I didn't know. We got chatting at the wake over a couple of frothies and some sausage rolls.

In his own words he had come for 'closure' and what lay behind his comment I take to my own funeral and grave.

But he was right. Funerals are about closure. What is past and gone must now be commended to the past and gone. We may not forget about the person but we can never get them back again no matter how much we might ache to.

Funerals are also about opening. We are invited to a different, new, wonky, rocky pathway. One which, if we are honest, we would rather not have to stumble along. But we have no choice and pained and grumpy as we might be, this long and tortuous path is the one we must tread.

Some of us are crazy enough to believe that the one we think we have left behind, often walks with us. Encourages us, maybe even weeps with us and always cheers us on. For them too something has changed. There is closure on their past life but what if in dying to this world they live refreshed, liberated and renewed in another dimension where the distance between them and us is disconcertingly thin. Closure and opening coexist in the same place and at the same time.

My misspent college days

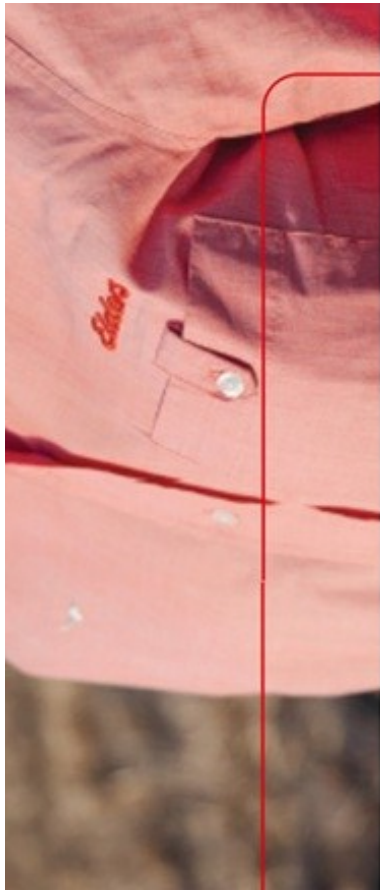
My college years were heady days of lectures, wine, song and prayer. We wrote essays, or tried and we used to have these things called tutorials. A hapless student would be asked to prepare a paper and the others would savagely tear it to pieces, arguing the toss and pointing out the flaws in the logic. I think today we would call it a healthy, robust debate but at the time it seemed cruel to those who were of a more sensitive nature. We spent a lot of time trying to figure out the theological niceties of the divine and proving that somehow we were the gatekeepers and guardians of the impeccable truth.

It was not until I heard a line from a colleague some 40+ years later that I began to see things from a much healthier perspective. My friend said something like this.

'What if, it is *not* about what we think about God on any given day, but rather it *is* about what God thinks of us each and every day. Maybe if I had heard those words, grasped them, clutched them to myself and integrated them into my soul, the last few decades may not have been so tortuous.

For the truth that I have come to understand, nearly too late is that I can argue the toss and ponder and panic about the unfathomable God, but my energy would be more fruitfully expended in just allowing the delicious reality that the Master adores me and wants to continue to engage with me, even when and especially, when I have been at my most ghastly and shabbiest.

It is *not* about what I think of God on any given day. It *IS* about what God thinks about me (and you) each and every day.



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COMMUNITY BBQ

BBQ in the Park

Sunday 16 Nov 2025 - 12 noon in the Botanic Gardens

Everyone Welcome – Please Come Along

Come along to our fourth Community Connection Event and catch up with old friends, make new friends, listen to some live music and have a chat and a laugh.

Games for the kids (& adults) – Big Chess, Checkers, Connect 4, Jenga, Tug-O-War, Skittles, Quoits, Corn Hole and lots more.



BBQ lunch by the Penshurst Lions Club – Gold Coin Donation

BYO a bottle of wine or a beer or two, and chairs.

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



See you there to connect, share and have some fun!

Supported by a Southern Grampians Shire Council community connections grant.



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL



Caramut and District Garden Club

We did not attend a meeting this month, instead on the 14th of October we participated in a delightful bus trip, boardings were at Warrnambool and Mortlake with all members on time and no delays. We then proceeded to Ballarat Botanical Gardens for a lovely morning tea and a wander through the gardens, with several of us meeting at the Glass House/conservatory which was quite spectacular with it's presentation and array of flowers. There was also a plant stall at the front of the entry. We then proceeded to Shirley Minsters garden outside Creswick which was a devotion in love of gardening of over 30yrs , the grounds were beautifully displayed inclusive of ornamental ironwork that had been made by their son Jordan, who's business name is Demarli - contact Jordan.minster23@gmail.com for those who may want to look at Jordan's work . We were lucky enough to also be able to purchase pieces of his iron work. From Shirley's garden we travelled to the Creswick Seniors Club where a lunch was prepared for us by the Creswick Garden Club ladies we thank these ladies very much for their time and effort. From lunch we then proceeded to Lambley Nursery, you could say there was a frenzy of buying and much organising by our bus driver Steve in packing all the ironwork and plants purchased, we extend our thanks to you Steve, we also send our thanks to those who generously donated prizes for the trip Vanessa - Deck out on banks, Port Fairy, Kim - All Seasons Nursery Warrnambool, Kristy - Nextra Warrnambool, Private donation - club member you know who you are, Sandra - club member, thank you to Marita for all the collections, and a big thank you to Margie, Dzintra, Sue and Nicole for the considerable time and effort put into arranging the bus trip. A special thank you to everyone who came along and made the trip a wonderful day arriving home safely and very tired.

Our next meeting is on the 11th November at the home of Lorraine Schefferle's in Koroit the special bloom is a rose. New members welcome contact Gail mobile 0419510364.

It's time to think about putting your tomato plants in (Melbourne Cup) hopefully the frosts are gone. The early bulbs daffodils, Tulips are nearly finished and their leaves can be tied together to die down. Dahlias can be planted and staked. Lupins make a bold statement in the back of a border and give colour and height. To keep cut flowers fresh and stop them going slimy add a dash of bleach to the water.

Happy Gardening

**NOTICE OF AGM**

Volcanoes
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**SATURDAY, NOV 29 - 12 MIDDAY
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**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW
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SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,
YOUR COMMUNITY****WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE THIS FIRE SEASON**

As the warmer months approach, Southern Grampians Shire Council is encouraging all residents to start preparing their properties ahead of the upcoming Fire Danger Period.

Over the coming weeks, Council's Fire Prevention Officers will begin inspecting properties across the Shire to identify potential fire hazards. These inspections are a key part of keeping our community safe and reducing the risk of bushfires this summer.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said if a property is identified as needing hazard reduction work, the owner will receive a Fire Prevention Notice.

"If you receive a Fire Prevention Notice, it will outline required hazard reduction work with the due date, helping to improve the safety of your property and the community."

"To help residents get their properties fire ready, Council is offering free green waste drop-off at all its Transfer Stations from Monday 3 November to Sunday 9 November."

"This is a great opportunity to remove fine fuels such as long grass, leaves and loose bark from around your home".

Conditions apply for the free green waste drop off:

- Limit of 2m³ per customer, per day
- Only green waste and small tree branches will be accepted, (nothing bigger than 200mm accepted)
- No stumps, treated timber or other garden waste e.g soil, fencing wire, plastic strapping
- Loads will be inspected on arrival and any contaminated loads will be rejected
- Commercial loads are not accepted for free under this arrangement

Now is the perfect time to get started on cleaning up your property, here are a few simple steps you can take today:

- Keep grass short and gardens tidy,
- Trim overhanging branches and clear away leaves, bark and twigs,
- Use your FOGO bin and take advantage of the weekly spring collection which continues until the end of November before returning to a fortnightly collection in December.

Acting now will help ensure you're ready when the CFA Fire Danger Period begins in the coming weeks.

If you'd like more information about Fire Prevention Notices or want to report a potential fire hazard, please contact Council on 5573 0444 or visit our website Preparing for an emergency Southern Grampians Shire Council.

Resources to help prepare properties for the upcoming Fire Danger Period can be found via the CFA website "How to Prepare Your Property | CFA (Country Fire Authority)".

If you fail to complete the required work by the due date, you run the risk of receiving an infringement notice for non-compliance, and your property compulsory cleared by a contractor.

"Fire prevention is not a one-time job - it's something we all need to stay on top of throughout the summer months.

By working together, we can reduce fire risk and help keep our community safe this season," concluded Cr Heslin.

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,
YOUR COMMUNITY****COUNCIL ADOPTS 10-YEAR ASSET PLAN TO GUIDE FUTURE INVESTMENT**

Southern Grampians Shire Council adopted its Asset Plan 2025–2035, setting a clear direction for how the Shire’s infrastructure will be managed, maintained and renewed over the next decade. Developed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, the Plan outlines the condition, value and long-term needs of Council’s roads, buildings, parks, drainage, bridges and other key community assets. It provides a transparent framework to ensure that future investment decisions are sustainable, data-driven and aligned with community priorities.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin called it a vital piece of Council’s long-term planning framework.

“Our infrastructure is what allows us to make the most of our towns, from roads and footpaths to playgrounds, footy ovals and community centres,” Cr Heslin said. “This Plan ensures we’re managing those assets responsibly, planning for the future, and maintaining the high level of service and transparency our community expects.”

The Asset Plan 2025–2035 aligns with Council’s Community Vision, Council Plan 2025–2029, and Long-Term Financial Plan, ensuring a coordinated approach to planning and investment across all asset classes.

Community feedback played an important role in shaping the final document. The draft Plan was publicly exhibited between 19 September and 6 October 2025, with submissions helping to strengthen sections on playgrounds and sporting facilities and clarify the Plan’s review cycle.

“We’re grateful to everyone who took the time to provide feedback,” Cr Heslin said. “Direct insight from the community helps us make sure our planning reflects local priorities and focuses on the assets that matter most.”

In recent years, Council has strengthened its asset knowledge through detailed road and footpath assessments and an updated Road Management Plan, helping to ensure the right investment decisions are made at the right time.

“This Plan reflects the progress we’ve made in improving asset management and provides a strong foundation for the future,” said Cr Heslin. “By maintaining up to date data and a long-term focus, we can make the best use of every dollar invested in community infrastructure.”

The Asset Plan 2025–2035 is available on Council’s website. To stay up to date with everything Council, consider signing up to our monthly newsletter.

**COUNCIL ADOPTS UPDATED AQUATIC CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY
TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Southern Grampians Shire Council has adopted a new Child Supervision Policy for all Council-operated outdoor swimming pools, highlighting its commitment to the safety of children, families and staff.

The updated policy, endorsed at the October Council Meeting, will take effect from the beginning of the 2025/26 Outdoor Pool Season. It replaces the Watch Around Water accreditation currently in place at outdoor pools, which will continue to apply at the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC).

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MEDIA RELEASE
SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



**YOUR COUNCIL,
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the adoption of this policy enables a more efficient and effective response for all Council employed lifeguards, allowing Council to tailor the policy to meet service needs while ensuring the safety of all pool users and staff.

“The policy remains in alignment with the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations (GSPO), which reference national industry standards that are enforced by state and local governments. It includes and extends on current Watch Around Water policies to provide increased clarity on facility entry for minors and education for large group entry.”

The policy will remain unchanged for children five (5) years and under with no entry permitted without an appropriate parent or guardian (aged 16 or over) willing to swim with the child and remain within arm’s reach.

Children aged 11 years and under will require active supervision by a parent or guardian while at the pool. This is an increase from the previous age limit of 10 years.

“Raising the supervision age reflects research showing that incidents often occur among children aged 0-14. Our goal is to reduce the risk to potential injuries and drowning in public aquatic facilities,” Cr Heslin explained.

In line with the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations to ensure safe supervision levels, groups / families will not be permitted entry where the number of Parent / Guardian’s supervising a group of children under 10 years exceeds the ratio of 1:4. Larger informal groups of children arriving at an aquatic facility may also be required to participate in a short safety briefing to the entry policies and may be refused entry.

“This policy builds on the Watch Around Water policies with a view to reduce the number of youth related behavioural incidents encountered at all Council Outdoor Aquatic Facilities.

“Through implementation of this policy and associated actions staff will have clear age-related guidelines on facility entry for minors and education for large group entries,” concluded Cr Heslin. Council encourages all parents, guardians, and community groups to familiarise themselves with the new policy ahead of the upcoming pool season.

For more information visit Pools Southern Grampians Shire Council.

<https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Sport-and-Recreation/Pools>

Jokes with bite

- **What’s the secret to having a smoking hot body in old age?**

Cremation.

- **What is a prize old people can win for aging?**

Atrophy.

- **What’s the best part of old age?**

That it doesn’t last very long.

- **Why do old people love English muffins so much?**

Because of the nooks and grannies.

- **How is the moon like dentures?**

Both come out at night.

- **What goes up but never comes down?**

Your age!

- **Why should you marry someone older than you?**

As your looks fade, so will their eyesight.

- **Why do retirees smile so much?**

Because they can’t hear a word you’re saying.

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The missing Clue 23: To lay open to view.

Answers from last fortnight: Across: 4 install, 6 incident, 7 radiation, 8 refuse, 12 application, 16 country, 17 affair, 18 creative, 20 remark, 21 stop, 22 virtue, 24 sugar. **Down:** 1 reject, 2 constraint, 3 decision, 5 tower, 9 second, 10 raw, interactive, 13 courtship, 14 flowers, 15 writer, 18 complete, 19 cross, 23 expose.

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Delicious & Simple Savoury Mince

Prep Time 10 mins Cook 40 mins Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 tbsp olive oil | 400g red royale potatoes, peeled, diced |
| 1 brown onion, finely chopped | 300g carrots, peeled, diced |
| 500 grams beef mince | 200g button mushrooms, quartered |
| 2 tbsp instant beef gravy powder | 150g (1 cup) of frozen peas and corn |
| 1 cup tomato puree | Steamed white rice, to serve |
| 1 cup cold water | |

Step 1

Heat oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and mince. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up mince, for 6 to 8 minutes or until browned. Add gravy powder, tomato puree and cold water. Stir to combine.

Step 2

Add potato and carrot. Season with salt and pepper. Cover. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes or until potato is just tender. Add mushrooms and pea mixture. Cook for 5 minutes or until heated through. Serve with rice.

**Healthier chocolate cookies**

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| 10 dates, pitted, finely chopped | 75g (1/3 cup) solidified coconut oil, melted, cooled |
| 60ml (1/4 cup) boiling water | 2 tbsp cocoa powder, plus extra to flatten |
| 90g (1 cup) rolled oats | 1 tsp baking powder |
| 400g can Coles Chickpeas, drained, rinsed | 1 egg |
| 45g (1/2 cup) desiccated coconut | 1 tsp vanilla extract |



Step 1— Preheat oven to 180C /160C fan forced and line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Place the dates in a heatproof bowl and cover with water. Set aside for 2 minutes to soften. Use a fork to coarsely mash

Step 2— Process the oats in a food processor and until chopped. Add the dates, chickpeas, coconut, coconut oil, cocoa powder, baking powder, egg and vanilla. Process to combine. Transfer to a bowl and set aside for 30 minutes to allow to thicken.

Step 3— Roll level tablespoons of the mixture into balls and place on the prepared trays. Dip the tines of a fork in cocoa to prevent sticking, and press into each cookie first one way and then the other (biscuits should be 1cm thick). Keep dipping the fork into cocoa as needed.

Step 4— Bake cookies for 12 minutes. Cool on the tray for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 4 days, (biscuits will become softer).

Community Calendar & Contacts

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. Venue TBA penshurst.vic@lions.org.au

Penshurst Progress Association (PPA)

- See back page

18 Oct 25 – Penshurst's Got Talent at Memorial Hall - starting at 6pm



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/>

If you would like to chat to a local ACO, please email penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au

Penshurst Senior Citizens

- See back page

Penshurst Book Club - meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm. Contact Ruth Pihl on 0490418313

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. Contact Jenni 0409 962 969

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 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 5pm

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 5pm

5th Sunday No Service

The Pet Race

Four children (Jay, Kay, Leon, and Mark) enter their pets (rabbit, frog, turtle, and puppy) into a race. Use the clues below to figure out which child has each pet and what place each pet finished in the race.



	Rabbit	Frog	Turtle	Puppy	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Jay								
Kay								
Leon								
Mark								
First								
Second								
Third								
Fourth								



CLUES:

- Jay's rabbit did not win the race.
- Kay finished right after Jay.
- Leon does not have a frog and did not finish second.
- Mark's pet finished right after the puppy.
- Kay does not own a reptile or amphibian. Her pet finished in 3rd place.



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Some puzzles to test your friends

1. What has a heart that doesn't beat?
Answer: An artichoke

2. What has a spine but no bones?
Answer: A book

3. What has cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and rivers but no water?
Answer: A map

4. I'm made of sand, and I might have a moat. Build me near water, but I'm not a boat. What am I?
Answer: A sandcastle

5. I have a sail but no captain or crew. I fly in the sky, and kids love me too. What am I? Answer: A kite

6. I buzz and I hum and I fly all around. In the summer, you'll hear me; my wings make the sound.

Sum Sudoku

Complete the puzzle by filling the empty squares.

The rules are:

- The numbers you can use are from 1 to 9.
- In each row and in each column each number can appear only once just like in a normal Sudoku.
- In a region (an area of 3x3 fields see the bold lines) each number can only appears once.
- The numbers that are printed around the sudoku puzzle in the bold lines are the sum of the first 3 fields next to the sum. The sums in the corners are the sum of the 3 diagonal fields in the region.

10	13	13	19	13	16	16	14	12	19	14
10	1	6		5						19
19	8	2		6		3				16
16			7		8	9	1			10
6					5	6		7	4	20
22	7		6				2		8	15
17					2	7	3	1		10
13			4	1		2			5	20
14	2	7				8			1	16
18	9	8		7					2	9
20	17	18	10	12	18	15	17	20	8	18

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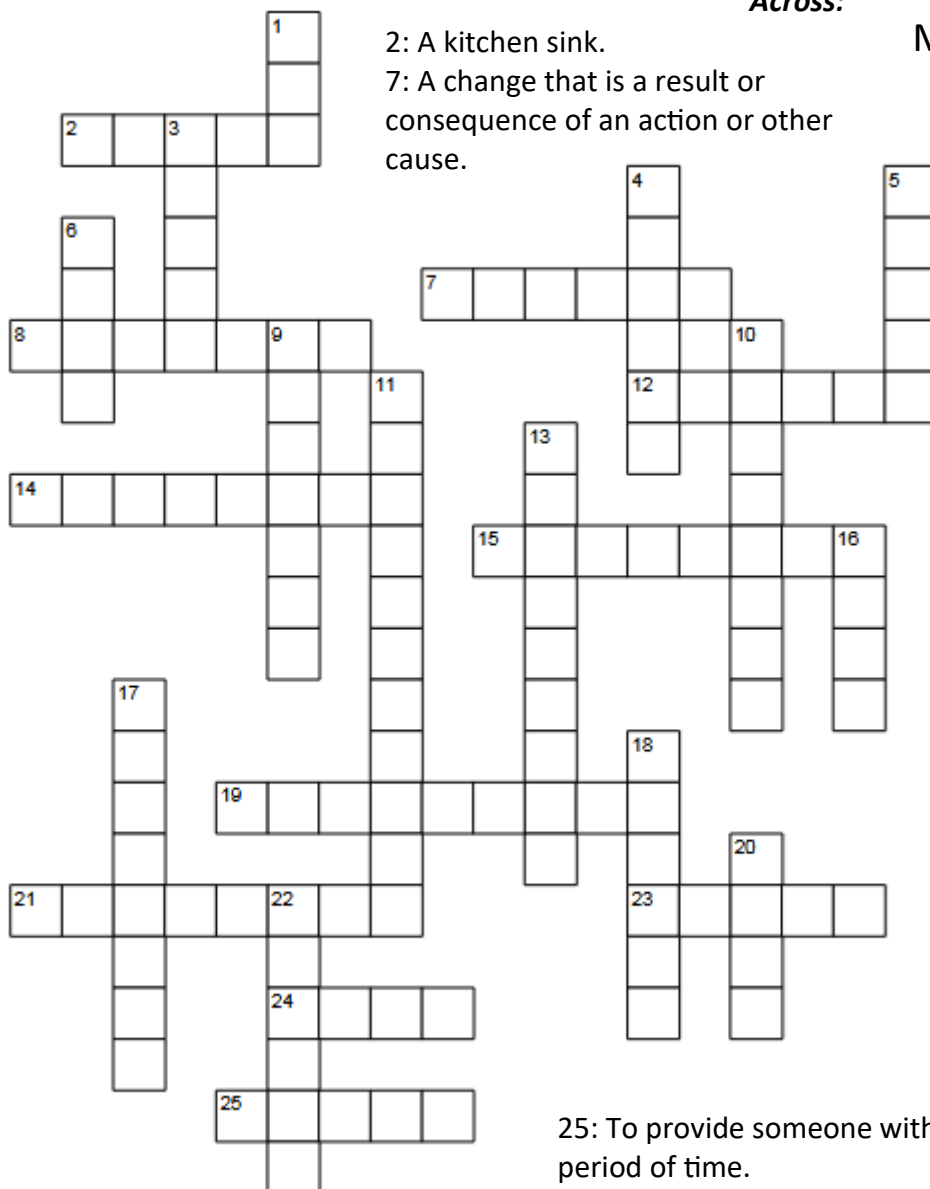
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Across:

Mount Rouse Puzzler



2: A kitchen sink.

7: A change that is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.

8: The quality of a person who understands what is real and possible in a particular situation and is able to deal with problems in an effective and practical way.

12: A serious promise or agreement.

14: The act or process of adopting someone or something.

15: The top of some high mountains.

19: All of the facts, conditions, and events that affect someone or something at a particular time and in a particular place.

21: Something that makes it difficult to do something.

23: A quality that makes one person or thing different from another.

24: The one(s) belonging to or connected with me.

25: To provide someone with a place to stay for a short period of time.

Down:

1: To achieve first position and or get a prize in a competition, election, fight, etc.

3: To have a bad effect on (something).

4: To live in.

5: A book that gives you the most important information about a particular subject.

6: To appear to be something or to do something.

9: People in general thought of as living together in organized communities with shared laws, traditions, and values.

10: The way someone acts or feels in response to something that happens, is said, etc.

11: To produce goods in large numbers, usually

in a factory using machines.

13: The crime of threatening to tell secret information about someone unless the person being threatened gives you money or does what you want.

16: A piece of writing that usually has figurative language and that is written in separate lines that often have a repeated rhythm and sometimes rhyme.

17: The science and practice of caring for forests.

18: To take (something) quickly or eagerly.

20: To move with your legs at a speed that is slower than running.

22: Happening often or in large number.

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- **PPA**
4th Wednesday of every second month at 7pm (Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May) – community meeting at the Memorial Hall
Committee meetings – as required
- **CWA**
4th Tuesday of each month at Senior Citizen's Club – 7pm in Jun, Jul & Aug – 7.00pm other months – not Dec pm
At Senior Citizen's Club



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