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## Caramut and District Garden Club

The Garden Club held their Annual Meeting on the 12th August at the Penshurst Senior Citizens club, what a great meeting and lunch we had and congratulations to all that have taken on the different roles.

President Marion Starkie  
 Secretary Gail Makewitsch  
 Treasurer Mary Underwood

### Competition Aggregate Awards

Bloom 1st Brenda Uebergang & Margaret Humphrys  
 2nd Joan Taggart  
 Special Bloom 1st Joan Taggart & Mary Underwood  
 2nd Brenda Uebergang  
 Produce 1st Gill Hiscock  
 2nd Jan Street



Congratulations to all winners. Our club just keeps on getting stronger and new members welcome.

Our next meeting is on the 9th of September meeting at Jan Hetherington's home in Rosebrook at 10am. The special bloom is a Daffodil.

Spring is just around the corner and now is a good time to feed & weed the lawn ready for the Spring growth. Roses to be pruned if not already done. Beetroot & Carrots can be sown this month.

Happy Gardening



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*A transcendent moment. What is really going on here?*

It happened on a Saturday. I wasn't really expecting it and certainly didn't plan it, but as with all the finest and exciting moments, it found me.

I found myself watching with rapture as a magnificent pelican glided gently over our lake, slowed, almost hovered and then calmly settled onto the water.

Now outwardly there is nothing remarkable about this. Pelicans pull this trick all the time but walking along I had time to ponder. I began to turn my rusty, creaky decrepit mind to the logistics of it all. An adult pelican (the screen reliably tells me) is about 10 kilograms for round figures. Some weigh more some less. That's just over 22 pounds for old fogeys like me.

You see where this is going right? If a young human being who was 22 kilos tried to land graciously and gracefully on Lake Hamilton, they must inevitably sink straight to the murky bottom. And if I at a nimble 69 kilos tried to confidently stride onto Lake Hamilton then I would become embarrassed, humiliated and very wet.

So how come this magnificent creature can skim the water and rest comfortably on the surface of the water with all the ease of me settling into my easy chair complete with fluffy slippers on my feet and a glass of something heart warming in my hand?

I'm sure that a veterinary/zoology/physicist type person could explain it to me, but I would need a rather simple explanation with some stick figure diagrams and finger puppets and even then it's doubtful I wouldn't get it.

Perhaps it's better not to understand but to simply enjoy being enthralled by these precious opportunities. The transcendent moments where you find yourself asking 'What is *really* going on here?'

Recently Jeanine and I went to see a very light movie called 'Jane Austin ruined my life'. In fact, the story line is so thin it was almost transparent. A young woman must choose between two possible suitors. Like that's never happened before. Hmmp! A good friend who has always been there and the dashing rebel, impossibly good looking guy, she meets on a writer's retreat.

Within all the froth and turmoil of this love triangle there are some provoking lines and important lessons to be (re) learned.

Towards the end the young lady reflects that she is quick to blame others for her own lack of a happy ending when ultimately this is up to our own very selves, the person in the mirror.

That in today's world of the 'quick click on the computer' we look for the instant relationship/partnership. Someone who will fix everything instantly from a leaky tap to a broken heart. Over the years we learn the most excellent of bonds are painfully constructed over a lifetime and the people who we enjoy most are also those who stretch us and challenge us to be the very best we can be. And while I squirm, this is what I see every time I look at the squashed guy on the cross. But I'll let the gifted Beth Pattillo (script writer) have the last word.

"I could blame my lack of a happy ending on Edward all day long but the truth was that my own dissatisfaction with my life wasn't anybody's fault but mine. I'd been looking for a man to sweep me off my feet when I should have been looking for one who was willing to pick up the pieces. Not some fictional hero, but a real flesh-and-blood man. Someone who would love me for the long haul."

**From the Editor.**

Seven years! This newsletter has grown from a dream shared with friends, to a useful and appreciated tool of the community. It has gone from straight black and white into a touch of colour. Before we drop into the eighth year the committee and I would like to thank our front-page sponsors, including some anonymous ones -

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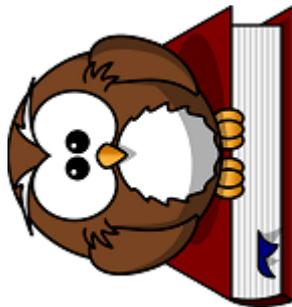
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their generous donation helps our newsletter shine, both here in town, in towns around, and in the shire, as an example to others who are looking for ideas for theirs.

We would also like to thank our advertisers whose continuing support provide each fortnightly edition.

I would also like to thank my committee of management whose ideas and solutions continue to amuse (and sometimes amaze) me. With everyone's help we prosper.

Here's to our continuing success in Year 8. Ama Cooke, Editor.



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***Creative***The Lone Scotsman

Down into the glen rode the army of the great southern land,  
And upon the hill above appeared a highlander with his sword  
in his hand,  
He called a challenge to the best of the English lot,  
Cursing their mothers, lifting his kilt and making their tempers  
very hot,  
The captain sent his five best men to dispatch this arrogant  
Scot,  
They thought it would be an easy task, it certainly was not,  
Screams and shouts came from over the hill, then suddenly  
there was calm,  
And again, appeared the lone Scotsman with an English shield upon his arm,  
The captain was so shocked, so he sent twenty more men to kill the kilted man,  
And they gallantly marched forward believing they surely can,  
Again, came screams and shouts and once again calm, just as quick,  
And when the Scotsman reappeared the captain felt quite sick,  
So, with his temper wild he sent the whole battalion into the fray,  
And a great battle ensued for the remainder of the day,  
Then at dusk a single soldier came crawling back over the rise,  
He reached the captain all covered in blood and much to the captain's surprise,  
'Sir' he said, 'you had better run for your life if you will',  
'The whole battalion is dead, it was a trap',  
and with his dying breath the poor man said, 'there are two of them over the hill'.

Robert R. Allan

*Robert R Allan (known as Ray and a new community member) has been writing poetry on a wide range of subjects for almost 50 years and hopes you have enjoyed his first and is going to send one in each fortnight. If you also write poetry please send in to start an ongoing poetry page in the newsletter.*

***Poetry is ...***

... is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn. - Thomas Gray  
... is language at its most distilled and most powerful. - Rita Dove  
... the art of creating imaginary gardens with real toads. - Marianne Moore



**MEDIA RELEASE**

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,  
YOUR COMMUNITY****COUNCIL MAKES WASTE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

Southern Grampians Shire Council acknowledges there are a number of properties within the Shire that do not have access to kerbside waste collection services.

From 1 September, two new initiatives will roll out across the Shire, providing more flexibility, better value, and greater access to essential waste and recycling services.

The first program - the new **Out of Zone Combined Two Bin Service** will give residents the ability to manage their household waste and recycling affordably and conveniently.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said this program gives households outside the kerbside collection zone the same value and access as those on a regular kerbside service, with the added bonus of double the general waste capacity.

"This service offers a fair, flexible and affordable option for managing household waste and recycling for all residents," Cr Heslin said.

Here's how it works:

Residents outside the town kerbside collection zone will be able to pre-purchase credits to the value of \$430 which includes:

**26 x 240 litre equivalent recycling drop-offs**

**104 x 120 litre equivalent waste drop-offs**

The new drop-off service will be available at any transfer station within the shire and credits are valid for 12 months, expiring **31 August 2026**.

Sign up online <https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Waste-Recycling> or visit Brown Street Customer Service. You'll receive an electronic or physical card to present your card on arrival at any transfer station. Credits will be removed at each visit.

"Whether you're clearing out recyclables or tackling regular household rubbish, this flexible service is designed to work around your schedule and location," Cr Heslin said.

**Extra Help for Green Waste Disposal**

We're also giving all Southern Grampians ratepayers a hand in keeping their gardens trimmed and tidy. As part of our ongoing waste reduction efforts, Council will introduce a **Green Waste Voucher Program** to help households responsibly dispose of garden clippings and organic material.

"This program will be in addition to the kerbside FOGO collection service and will allow all households two free green waste drop-offs at any transfer station within the shire," Cr Heslin said.

"Each voucher covers up to one cubic metre or a small trailer load, there will be a limit of one voucher per visit with vouchers expiring 31 August 2026."

To redeem the vouchers, simply present your rates notice or assessment number at the transfer station of your choice.

Council is pleased to offer these initiatives as part of our broader sustainability goals and our commitment to making waste services easier and more affordable for all residents across the region.

"These programs are designed to remove barriers, reduce costs and support residents in doing the right thing for their homes and the environment by ensuring no one in our community misses out on access to essential waste services," Cr Heslin Concluded.

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## **COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY REFLECTS CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

The results of the 2025 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey are in, offering a snapshot of Council's performance over the past year and providing valuable insights into community perceptions of Southern Grampians Shire Council's services.

Conducted independently by JWS Research on behalf of the Victorian Government, the annual survey captures the views of residents across key areas. As part of their methodology, JWS interview 400 people to gather the necessary data. This year, around 2100 people in the Shire were contacted in order to complete the required 400 interviews. This year's results reflect a stable performance overall, with some notable advancements and identified areas for future improvement.

Council marked the biggest improvement in overall direction, up six points from 2024. Other areas showing modest improvements included consultation and engagement up three points from last year, sealed local roads up three points, value for money up two points and community decisions up one point from 2024. Remaining unchanged from the 2024 scores were waste management 59 and overall performance 44, with the only declining score being customer service dropping two points to 58.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said while it was pleasing to see most results steadily improving from previous years lows, Council acknowledges there is a long way to go to increase the scores to the State-wide averages.

"This has been a very big year for Council which has given us all some very distinct highs and lows with bushfires, droughts and the completion and progression of large milestone projects," said Cr Heslin.

"Given the challenges faced within our community, the fact that the overall performance ratings have held steady with Council direction moving upwards is encouraging. Council have worked hard to be transparent and more accessible to the community we represent which is a desire we've heard loud and clear from residents."

"What's most clear to us from the survey, is that significant work is required for us to meet the expectations and hopes of our community," said Cr Heslin. "We're not shying away from the fact that we have a long way to go before we see the results we want to see, with the Southern Grampians near the State-wide average and above the Large Rural average. However, we can take from the responses that we are on the right path and moving in the right direction.

A number of measures have been implemented over the last 12 months to improve customer service, transparency, service levels and communication. A new customer service charter outlines response timeframes and expectations for the community, and condition assessments across roads, footpaths, buildings, and playgrounds are guiding long-term capital works and maintenance.

Following a period of community engagement, the updated Road Management Plan sets clearer service and intervention levels. From September, Council will offer waste collection to previously unserved properties and has strengthened project communications. A new business facilitation officer is also on hand to help local businesses navigate permit processes and get up and running sooner.

"We want the community to know that we are committed to doing more to see Continued page 12

## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

***Slow Cooked Beef & Beans***

Prep Time 15 mins    Cook 7 hour    Serves 6

## INGREDIENTS

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2 leeks, pale section only, coarsely chopped	1 cup (250ml) beef stock
2 carrots, peeled, coarsely chopped	400g can cherry tomatoes
350g swede or gold sweet potato	2 tbsp baby capers, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped	4 anchovy fillets, chopped
1.2kg Gravy Beef or Slow Cook Beef Brisket	2 zucchini, coarsely chopped
	400g can borlotti beans, rinsed, drained

Step 1 - Place the leek, carrot, swede or sweet potato and garlic in a slow cooker. Add the beef, stock, tomatoes, capers and anchovy. Cover and cook for 4 hours on high (or 6 hours on low) or until the mixture thickens slightly.

Step 2 - Add the zucchini and beans to the beef mixture in the slow cooker. Cover and cook for 1 hour on high. Reduce heat to low and cook for a further 1-2 hours or until the beef is very tender. Season.

Step 3 - Transfer the beef to a heatproof bowl. Use 2 forks to coarsely shred the beef. Return to the slow cooker and stir to combine.

Step 4 - Divide the beef mixture among serving bowls.

***Air fryer crumpet garlic bread***

Prep 10 mins    Cook 8 mins    Serves 4

150g salted butter, at room temperature	1 tsp sea salt flakes
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh continental parsley	300g pkt crumpets, halved
4 garlic cloves, crushed	100g (1 cup) pre-grated 3 cheese blend

Step 1 - Combine butter, parsley, garlic and salt in a bowl. Spread generous teaspoonfuls over each crumpet half. Scatter a generous pinch of cheese over half of the crumpet halves.

Step 2 - Arrange remaining crumpet halves over the cheese to make half-moon crumpet sandwiches. Transfer sandwiches, cut side down, to an air fryer basket lined with foil. Sprinkle over remaining cheese.

Step 3 - Air fry for 8 minutes at 180C until golden and cheese is melted.

Step 4 - To serve, brush over remaining garlic butter. Watch our step-by-step video below to see how to make our air fryer crumpet garlic bread recipe.

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better satisfaction ratings for our residents to ensure that the Southern Grampians remains a highly desirable place to live, work and visit," concluded Cr Heslin.

Council noted the survey results at last night's ordinary Council meeting and will continue to use the feedback to inform future planning and service delivery. Results are available via the Council website.

**COUNCIL RELEASES COUNCIL PLAN FOR COMMUNITY EXHIBITION**

Southern Grampians Shire Council is calling for feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 following last night's ordinary Council meeting. The 2025-2029 Council Plan, which will serve as Council's key guiding document to shape priorities, services and investment across the Shire, was developed through extensive community engagement with Southern Grampians Shire residents. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the Council plan establishes Council's objectives for the next four years and will have a major role in guiding Council's Budgets and other activities.

"Council has undertaken widespread engagement to refresh the Community Vision and prepare a new Council Plan," Cr Heslin said.

"There was a fantastic response from the community. Over 600 residents came to ten township engagement sessions or visited our Hamilton CBD shopfront throughout February and March and another 90 filled in an online survey," said Cr Heslin.

"Young people, businesses, and townships have helped to set a clear direction for the future of the region by highlighting the areas that residents see are the most important to maintaining and improving the Southern Grampians."

For the first time, the Council Plan brings together four important frameworks, the Community Vision, the Council Plan, the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and the Disability Action Plan, into one unified strategy to better achieve positive community outcomes.

The key pillars for focus include Social and Community; Business, Economy and Tourism; Community Infrastructure and Assets; Environment; and Leadership and Government. Across each of these pillars, Council has embedded strategic objectives, guided by feedback from the community, as well as indicators which will help us measure progress across the four years of the plan.

"The community have told us they're eager to see focus on issues such as roads, staying active and connected, tourism, youth, business and population growth, as well as communication and engagement. The Community Vision has been reviewed to reflect these sentiments, while the Council Plan also includes strategies in these areas."

Cr Heslin encouraged the community to read the plan and have their say.

"We've done the consultation, reviewed the input received and now we want to make sure we have heard you properly. Have we missed anything? Is there anything you feel strongly about that hasn't been included? Let us know," concluded Cr Heslin.

The document can be viewed and feedback provided on the Council website in the 'engage with us' section, at the Council customer services desk in Brown Street Hamilton, at The Hamilton Library and at the Market Place customer services desk. The document will be open for feedback until 27 August 2025.

For the young and young at heart.

Right: Knight's Puzzle

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 words 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.

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Left: Sentence Brick Puzzle

A sentence is written on the wall. But they build up the wall in the wrong order.

Your job is to put the bricks in the right order. Good luck!

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Knights' answer: Sheep, elbow, grown, speckles, friend, hidden.

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SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,  
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Southern Grampians Shire Council resolved to adopt the Road Management Plan (RMP) 2025 - 2029 at the August ordinary Council meeting.

Every four years, Council is required under the Road Management Act 2004 to review its RMP – the blueprint for how it inspects, maintains and prioritises local roads and footpaths. The Plan outlines Council's approach to road inspections, maintenance response times, intervention thresholds, and asset management practices to ensure a safe, affordable, and sustainable local road network.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the plan has been developed following a review of the RMP 2021-2025 and community engagement.

"Three targeted engagement sessions were held in bushfire affected communities along with three community drop-in sessions held in Hamilton, Coleraine and Dunkeld and an online consultation portal was available for feedback," Cr Heslin said.

The key themes captured through the community engagement include:

Road Maintenance - grading schedules, vegetation, drainage and other defects

Administration - understanding road ownership (Council or State) and how to report issues

Funding - budget priorities and potential funding sources

Application of the RMP - construction standards, fire access, heavy vehicle use and intervention times

Some of the key changes in the new RMP plan include the Road and Footpath Hierarchy - ensuring categorisation better reflects community needs and usage.

Road and footpath inspection frequencies and intervention levels have been adjusted for more consistency with risk and use, and better clarification and understanding of council's responsibilities within the road reserve. "Thank you to everyone who came along to our sessions, asked questions, shared ideas and challenged us to think differently. Your feedback has helped us fine-tune the plan, so it works for our communities now and into the future," Cr Heslin concluded.



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The Road Management Plan 2025-2029 is now available to view on Council's website.

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**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 page 20

**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](mailto:penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au)

**Penshurst Senior Citizens**

- See page 20

**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

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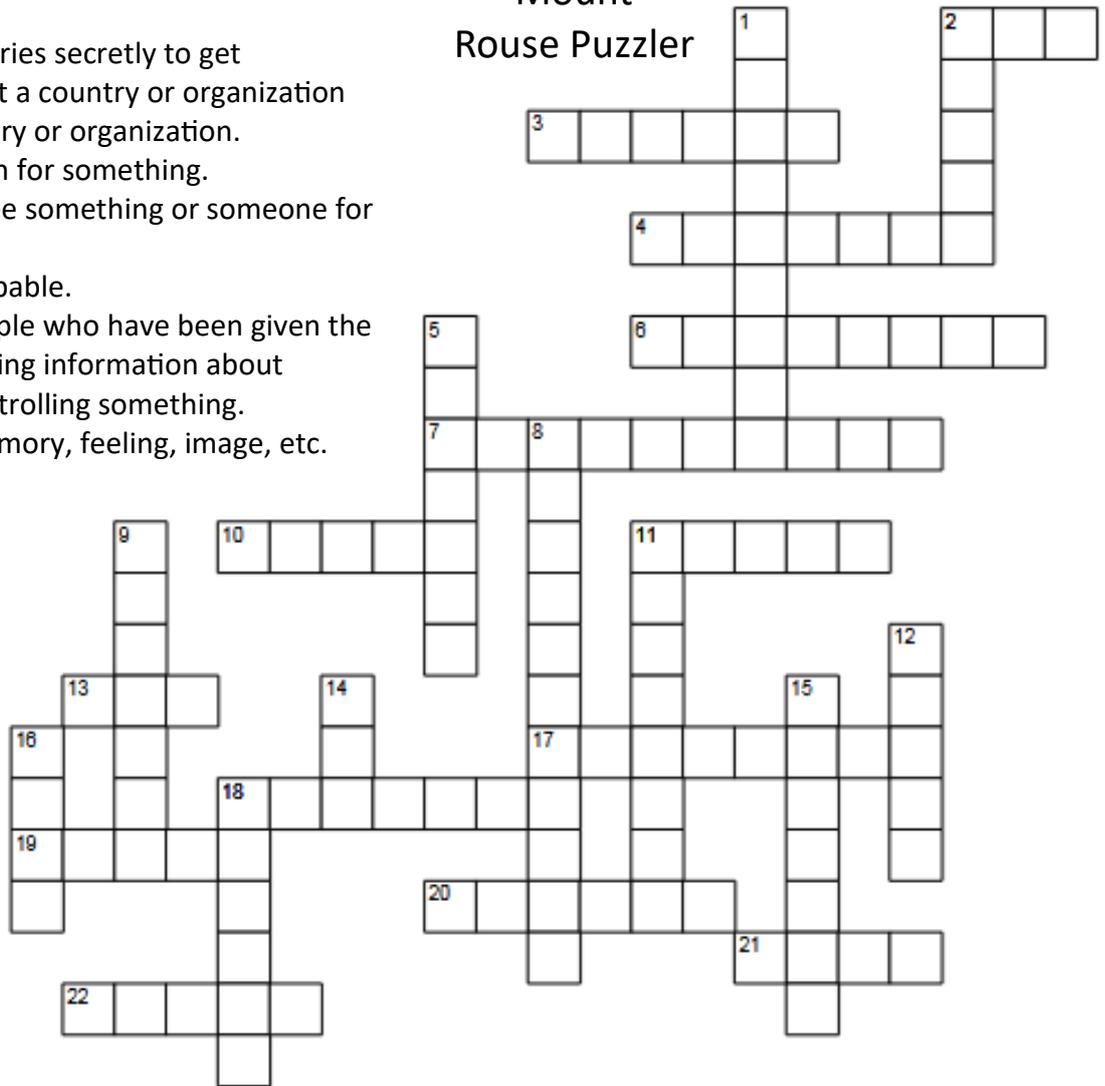
- 2: A person who tries secretly to get information about a country or organization for another country or organization.
- 3: To want or wish for something.
- 4: To look at or see something or someone for a very short time.
- 6: Possibly improbable.
- 7: A group of people who have been given the official job of finding information about something or controlling something.
- 10: To bring a memory, feeling, image, etc. into the mind.
- 11: Unpleasantly warm and humid.
- 13: A thick, black liquid that comes from the ground and that is used in making various products such as petrol.
- 17: To make whole or perfect.

- 18: To prove that someone is guilty of a crime in a court of law.
- 19: To state something very strongly and sincerely.
- 20: A shaped piece of thick material used for covering.
- 21: Very firm or solid.
- 22: A device that shows what time it is and that is usually placed in a room or attached to a wall.

**Down:**

- 1: A substance that is smaller than an atom and does not appear to be made up of a combination of more basic things.
- 2: A pointed stick or post that is pushed into the ground especially to mark a place or to support something.

Mount  
Rouse Puzzler



- 5: Energy released during an atomic bomb.
- 8: To produce goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines.
- 9: To shorten a book, a play, etc. by leaving out some parts.
- 11: To make something bad or not wanted as small as possible.
- 12: Especially of food or drink having a taste similar to that of sugar; not bitter or.
- 14: To prohibit.
- 15: Of, relating to, or affecting all the people or things in a group.
- 16: Letters, etc. that are delivered to homes or places of work.
- 18: Support aid.

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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  
24 Aug 25 – Sunday - Community Lunch Event –  
lunch at Memorial Hall at 12 noon  
4 Oct 25 – Saturday - Look Over the Farm Gate  
Event – free BBQ lunch for farmers - venue TBA  
18 Oct 25 – Variety Concert at Memorial Hall -  
starting at 6pm  
17 Aug – 2pm – meet talent, 31 Aug – 2pm –  
1st rehearsal, 5 Oct – 2pm – 2nd rehearsal
- **CWA**  
4th Tuesday of each month at Senior Citizen’s  
Club – 7pm in Jun, Jul & Aug – 7.30pm other  
months – not Dec
- **Ukulele Club**  
Sundays at 2pm at Senior Citizen’s Club



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