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Community Newsletter



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THE PUB COLLECTIVE MONTHLY

Edition No. 2 – January 2026



Happy New Year everybody, and welcome to the next instalment of your regular pub updates. Here is the news as it happens:

- Shortly after sending out our first monthly pub update, we were informed by Rebecca's business manager that the liquor licence for the current owners was due to expire on the 31 Dec 25, as a result we no longer have the opportunity to transfer the liquor licence directly across to the new community company, therefore, the following will be undertaken in due course.
 - ◇ Once we have signed the updated contracts and agreed on a settlement date, we will register for a what is called a 'new entry' liquor licence holder, complete the course, and start the new liquor licence application process.
 - ◇ Everything going well we are hoping the approval will coincide with the purchase settlement or be shortly thereafter.
 - ◇ Discussion with Liquor Licensing Victoria indicate that this should not be a problem as we are applying for a new licence but for a long-standing licensed premises.
 - ◇ As a result of the current liquor licence for the premises having expired, the cold-room has been de-stocked, and the power shut off before Christmas.
- As expected, with the solicitors being on leave for the Christmas/New Year period, there has been no further progress on the appointment of an executor for Rebecca's will or new pub purchase contracts as of yet. All conversations with vendor and lawyers continue to be had with the community's ownership as a mutual goal.
- Raising funds for the total costs of purchase continues to be our No. 1 priority. Total funds are still at \$450k in the bank and accruing interest! \$500k will be needed to settle, just a short way to go...
- The Penhurst Progress Association - in collaboration with nine charitable organisations across town - is still running a raffle to give away two shares in the Pub Unit Trust: a 1 in 200 chance of winning! It goes without saying, we would not be proceeding with this initiative unless we were 100% confident of buying the hotel.
 - ◇ Pub raffle tickets are available from the Post Office and other clubs, or, by contacting Ray Allen on 0451 545 721.
 - ◇ An anonymous benefactor has purchased \$5000 worth of tickets to be donated to the volunteers of the aforementioned charitable organisations!!! That's 100 extra chances for our most dedicated neighbours to win a share of their own. It's capped at one per person, no matter the number of clubs you belong in and will be allocated at the Australia Day ceremony in the Penhurst Botanical Gardens. Get out there and volunteer!!
 - ◇ **Raffle closes 5th February – be quick.**

Monthly updates will continue to be posted in the newsletter, on Facebook, emailed to everyone on our contact lists and posted on the noticeboard at the supermarket. Please watch for these updates or come directly to any of us with questions.

2026 will be the Year of the Penhurst Pub!

Warm Regards,

Interim Directors of Penhurst Hotel 1861 Pty Ltd

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Hmmm....

My wife tried to beat me at Scrabble, but I wooden letter.

What does the man in the moon do when his hair gets too long? Eclipse it!

Man injured in bizarre peek-a-boo accident. He's in ICU.

71% of the world is water, none of it is carbonated. Earth is flat.

Talk is cheap because the supply always exceeds the demand.

You know you got the right fireworks when the salesman gives you a high four. Irony, the opposite of wrinkly.

I'm reading a book about sandpaper. It's a work of friction.

It takes courage for a man to admit his wife is wrong.



The beauty of bread.

Bread comes in all shapes, sizes and styles. Sometimes there are healthy bits in it, sometimes it is just cotton wool to wrap up a sausage and some onion. But apart from the outward texture and flavour, there is something deeper, more profound and more lovely about bread.

There is a simple uncomplicated humility about bread. It doesn't pretend to be anything else than what it is. There's no fanfare with it and it is seldom the 'main game' on the table.

It's happy just being a slice of toast, or the chunks that hold the ingredients of a sandwich together. Hec, it's happy just to help you mop up a delicious soup or the spicy sauce from a beef rangoon. Because bread is content not to be the main attraction, probably doesn't want top billing, that's what makes it so luscious. The self effacement is what makes bread so absolutely essential. I mean imagine a sandwich without a minimum of two slices of bread. Or garlic bread without the bread. Perhaps that's one of the loveliest things about bread. It knows that it is important, nay even essential, but it never boasts about this.

As I reflect over the last 40 years I find that I am trying to become more and more like bread. Offering what is important and essential, but in a quiet, background, supportive way. Mopping up the muck, holding together that which needs support, allowing the other to be the flavoursome and the colourful. Always nurturing and sustaining. Sometimes with healthy bits and often being a bit crummy and broken myself.

When the self is selflessly offered everyone is given the strength to journey on. Everyone is nourished and is given the strength to get where they need to be. May we become, and always be, bread for each other.

So here's the thing I don't understand.

I was counting up the different number of ways we have of communicating. There is email, letters, phone call, Messenger, Facebook, Instagram, Skype, Google meet and Facetime. There are probably others that the next couple of generations beneath me use frequently and to great effect.

Our sense of connectedness and our understanding of each other should therefore, in this day and age be at its zenith.

But here's the thing. In the age where we communicate on the screen we seem just as distant and isolated as ever. Why is that? The screen can be effective to signal and point to things and in some cases where the distances are exorbitant, it's all we've got, but.... it does not and cannot ever replace face to face conversation in the same room. Those who are clever at these things will tell me that in those cases where we actually really converse with someone under the same roof, we actually reveal more to each other by what we don't say, than we do with the words that pass from our lips. The screen can seem 'cold' and impersonal. We should have woken up to this by now, but it seems that we are well and truly addicted to the convenience and speed of the screen. There does not seem to be any going back or any desire to go back.

Part of the way forward then is to send pictures, images and those cute little emoji things. A picture really does send a very clear message especially the photo of a loved one(s).

Or maybe... we could just put a line through the diary, make a time and a place, grab a cuppa and do it the old fashioned way; face to face with silence, words and a smile.

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MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

**YOUR COUNCIL,
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**COUNCIL LAUNCHES YOUTH CHARTER AND UPDATED YOUTH POLICY TO
EMPOWER LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE**

Following the 10 December Council meeting, Southern Grampians Shire Council has launched a new Youth Charter and updated Youth Policy. These will aim to reinforce Council's commitment to giving young people a strong voice in shaping the social, cultural, economic, and recreational life of the Shire.

The Youth Charter reflects Council's dedication to ensuring young people aged 12 to 25 feel heard, valued, and actively included in decision-making.

It is built around five guiding principles: Collaboration, Listening, Empowerment, Advocacy, and Respect (CLEAR) which together ensure that young people's ideas are given space to influence policies, programs, and services across the Shire.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the Charter represents a major step forward in Council's engagement with young people.

"Earlier this year, we conducted a Youth Survey that gave us some terrific feedback that we've been able to use already," said Cr Heslin. "Over 200 young people contributed, sharing their thoughts on what matters most to them and how Council can support their participation in community life.

"From mental health and friendships to sport, music, and leadership opportunities, their insights have shaped the Youth Charter and Policy.

"The Spring School Holiday program already incorporated a lot of these ideas coming directly from the Youth Survey."

The updated Youth Policy will guide Council's decisions and programs for the next three years, ensuring young people not only have access to services, events, and initiatives that meet their needs, but are also provided with opportunities to engage and have their voices heard on issues that impact them.

It also commits Council to creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, confidence, and leadership potential, and to actively participate in planning and community projects.

The Youth Charter and Policy were developed following wide reaching consultation, including the Youth Survey, Youth Council Plan engagement, and participation in youth programs.

Council has secured funding through the State Government's Amplify program to support youth events and activities until December 2028. Further initiatives, including leadership development programs and youth advisory groups, will be considered in future budgets.

To read more about the Youth Policy and Youth Charter, head to our website. To keep up with all things Council, subscribe to our monthly newsletter.

9th January 2026 FINDING HOPE IN THE CUPBOARD – TINS IN THE BIN

Coleraine's own Anthony Bolden will be the first to tell you that he doesn't want recognition. But not wanting recognition is very different from not deserving it.

For the past four years, Anthony has quietly run *Tins in the Bin*, a grassroots food drive that supports families right across the Southern Grampians.

Tins in the Bin operates on a simple promise, that no family goes without. This is backed by Anthony's rock-solid belief that small acts of kindness have the power to change lives.

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As Anthony tells it, the whole thing started with a single phone call. Four years ago, Anthony took stock of his situation and realised he was luckier than many people. "I was standing on my own two feet, back in my family home in Coleraine. I had a job I could be proud of, and I always had food in the cupboard. But I knew that people were doing it tough, so I reached out to Mark Thomas, the food coordinator from the Salvation Army and asked what they needed. He gave me a pretty honest account, and it was pretty shocking," he said.

Anthony learned that a person in need no longer fits the old stereotype.

"For many different reasons, the demographics of who needs a hand have changed a lot. They're people who are working or people living off their pension but for one reason or another, life just hasn't worked out the way they had hoped, and they need help to get back up and dust themselves off."

Anthony started his *Tins in the Bin* initiative from there, reaching out to supermarkets and businesses in the area. The plan was simple, placing bins in supermarkets and asking people to put an extra item in their shopping trolley for the bins. He then collects all the bins and acts as a middleman, sharing them with food charities like the Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul and the Hamilton Uniting Church.

Beyond food, *Tins in the Bin* also raises funds for practical supports like back-to-school vouchers, toys, Christmas trees and other essentials that can help families through difficult periods.

"The money for that work comes from the Family Fun Day," he says, referring to the hugely successful annual event in Coleraine. "That way we can raise awareness and funds in time for Christmas and the school year ahead."

The Family Fun Day for 2025 was held on 15 November at the Coleraine Railway Reserve, with food and drinks, rides, inflatables, kites and the whole community out to support this incredible local cause.

Anthony sees the enormous support that the people around him provide and what a difference that is making, saying:

"I've noticed that donations have been amazing lately, and they've become more regular. I think people are becoming more aware of how hard things are getting. Food scarcity is on people's minds."

"That's really all we need," he said, "for it to be on people's minds. That way if they're in the shops and they see something on special, they might grab two and chuck one in the bin. Simple stuff like that makes all the difference."

Turbans 4 Australia

Like many grassroots efforts, donations can be unpredictable. Some weeks, Anthony collects several full bins. Other weeks, it's only a handful of tins. But momentum shifted significantly last year. In the wake of the Grampians Bushfires, Amar Singh, Founder and President of *Turbans 4 Australia*, reached out to Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin to ask about people who may have lost their homes.

"Thankfully we didn't lose any homes in the 2024/25 Grampians bushfires," said Cr Heslin. "Thanks to the incredible work of the CFA and an army of volunteers who sacrificed their Christmas to keep the community safe."

"But I told Mr Singh that while homes were spared, there were still plenty of people who



Pictured: Mayor Dennis Heslin with Anthony Bolden of Tins in the Bin and the team from Turbans 4 Australia

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needed help. I told him I knew a guy who did a thing.

"I put Mr Singh in contact with Anthony and he just said that he was going to bring up a truck. That's as vague as he left it and I think Anthony was floored when they arrived up with 22 pallets of food for the community." The donation supported dozens of households and eased pressure on local food relief services. This year, while assisting with wildfire recovery efforts in the United States, Mr Singh again reached out, this time directly to Anthony.

"He said he wanted to come again," Anthony said with a laugh. "He didn't tell us how much he was bringing, but we were more prepared this year."

On 23 December 2025, the *Turbans 4 Australia* truck once again pulled into the region, posting up at the Salvation Army Church in Hamilton. They unloaded a truck filled to bursting with toys for boys and girls, bikes, balls, decorations and everything you need to make Christmas special. Anthony put the word out through his usual channels and connections and posted on community pages.

That incredible act made it possible for a lot of families in the areas to have the kind of Christmas they deserve.

A Year-Round Effort

While Christmas is often a time of generosity, Anthony is quick to remind people that hunger doesn't disappear in January.

"It's a struggle all year to get enough donations to feed everyone who needs it, but at least it gets easier at Christmas. We see a lot of Christmas food drives and that's amazing, but the reality is that the people don't just eat on Christmas day, they need to eat every day."

When asked what people could do to help, Anthony suggested keeping it simple, and starting small.

"There are dozens of households and families who rely on foodbanks in this area, hundreds of people.

"You'd never know it to look at them for the most part. They come along neatly dressed, clean and well presented. It doesn't take much these days to fall behind. An injury, a layoff in work, you miss just a few pay cheques and suddenly your back is against the wall. Rent is high, groceries are expensive, it really doesn't take much."

Sometimes, he says, all a family needs is a short bridge.

"A few weeks of groceries can be the difference between falling further and getting back on track, to bridge that gap and they're up and running. A lot of people will find themselves in that position at some point in their lives, and they'll know what an impact it is to just have something on the shelves.

"Imagine opening the cupboard and there's nothing there, with three hungry kids watching you. It doesn't bear thinking about."

How to Help

Anthony wants to send one clear message. Even one single item matters.

If everyone were to just add one tin, one carton of long-life milk, a toothbrush, a packet of sugar, some biscuits - anything. If everyone just added one thing to their trolley and dropped it in the bin at the supermarket, you wouldn't believe the change that would make.

"Every tin we have this week is one we didn't have last week."

Tins in the Bin collection points are permanently located at Coles Hamilton, Richies IGA Hamilton, Coleraine Post Office, Coleraine IGA, Coleraine Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and FoodWorks Casterton. Direct donations can also be made through the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, and the Hamilton Uniting Church.

If you are in a position to help; please consider making it a habit to buy a little extra for the bin each week.



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Resolutions in Reverse

How many of us make resolutions at the beginning of the year that we know have no hope of lasting until the end of January. Here are some hopeful ones .. Not mine.

1. I will not be doing cold plunges
2. I will not be forcing myself to drink anything green that tastes like lawn maintenance
3. I will not be meditating for an hour a day
4. I will not be working out every day like I'm training for an Ironman.

What are yours?

Answers from last fortnight: Across: 4 nosey, 6 oppose, 11 well, 12 world, 14 impact, 16 coverage, 17 incident, 18 australia, 20 report, 21 hail, 22 christmas, 24 methodical, 27 grateful, 28 lower. Down: 1 colour, 2 dorm, 3 pepper, 5 sleep, 7 summer, 8 merry, 9 restrict, 10 handicap, 13 dominant, 15 concentration, 16 celebrate, 19 insistence, 23 mars, 25 braid, 26 museum.

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Zucchini Slice Stuffed Chicken Breast

Prep Time 20 mins Cook 30 mins Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

www.taste.com.au

1 1/2 tbsp olive oil
 2 green shallots, sliced
 1 short cut bacon rasher, finely chopped
 1 garlic clove, crushed
 1 (about 150g) small zucchini, grated
 4 x 300g chicken breast fillets
 35g (1/3 cup) grated tasty cheese
 50g fresh ricotta

1 egg, lightly whisked
 1 tbsp self- raising flour
 20g butter, chopped
 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
 2 tbsp finely chopped fresh continental
 parsley leaves
 Mixed leaf salad or mashed potato, to serve

Method

• Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Heat 2 tsp oil in a large, ovenproof frying pan over medium heat. Add green shallot and bacon, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes or until shallot is soft and bacon is just lightly coloured. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Transfer to a bowl and set aside to cool.

• Step 2

Place zucchini in a clean tea towel and form into a bundle. Holding over the sink, squeeze as much liquid as you can from the zucchini. Add to the shallot mixture.

• Step 3

Using a large, sharp knife, cut a deep pocket in each chicken breast by starting at the end of the thicker section and slowly inserting the knife into the centre of the breast. Try to go as far as you can into the thickest part of the chicken, taking care not to cut all the way through.

• Step 4

Add tasty cheese, ricotta, egg and flour to the shallot mixture and season. Stir to combine. Spoon the filling into the chicken breasts and secure the opening with a toothpick.

• Step 5

Heat remaining oil in the pan over medium heat. Cook the chicken breasts, top side down, for about 7-8 minutes or until browned. Turn top-side up in the pan.

• Step 6

Place pan in the oven and bake for 15 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer chicken to serving plates. Add butter and lemon juice to the pan and stir to combine with the pan juices. Drizzle over the chicken and sprinkle chicken with parsley. Serve with salad or mashed potato.



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
2026 Meeting Dates: Bi-monthly 2nd Tuesday commencing: 10 March, 12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November and 8 December.
- 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

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Penshurst Senior Citizens

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

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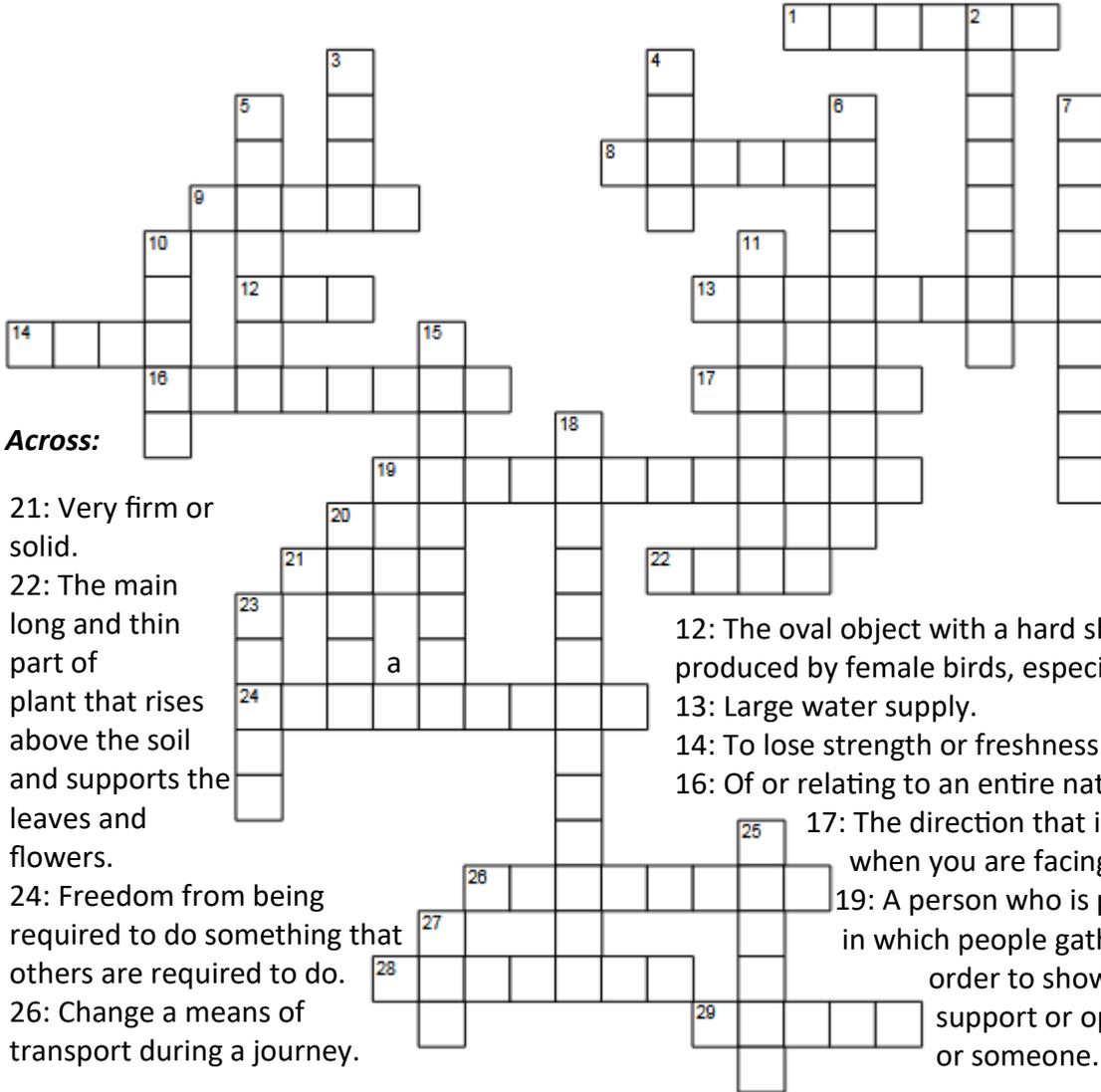
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3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 5pm

5th Sunday No Service

Mount Rouse Puzzler



Across:

- 21: Very firm or solid.
- 22: The main long and thin part of plant that rises above the soil and supports the leaves and flowers.
- 24: Freedom from being required to do something that others are required to do.
- 26: Change a means of transport during a journey.

Down:

- 2: To leave something out.
- 3: A short piece of writing.
- 4: Any one of the tubes that carry blood from parts of the body back to the heart.
- 5: Movement by soldiers away from an enemy because the enemy is winning or has won a battle.
- 6: The act of looking at something closely in order to learn more about it, to find problems, etc.

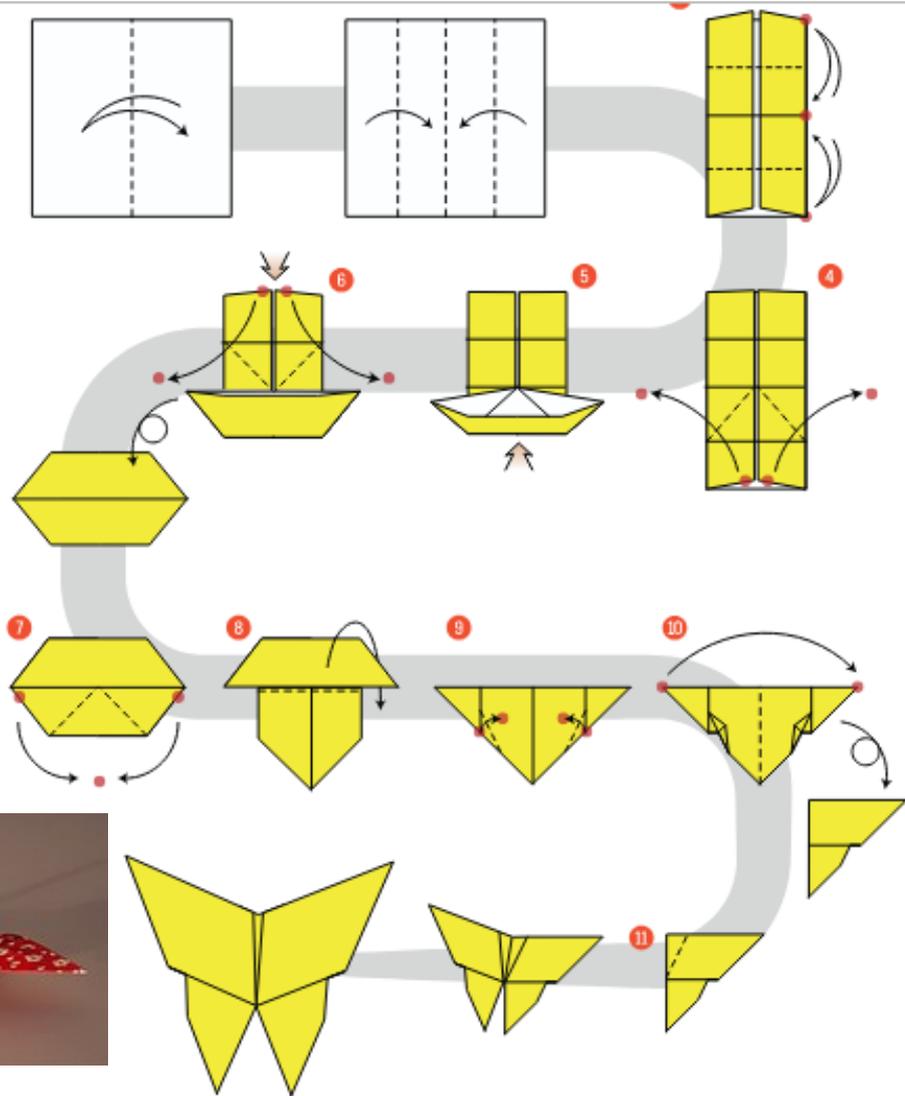
Across:

- 1: Something that a person or group does.
- 8: A narrow piece of cloth that is used to tie things or for decoration.
- 9: A strong, hard metal made of iron and carbon.
- 12: The oval object with a hard shell that is produced by female birds, especially chickens.
- 13: Large water supply.
- 14: To lose strength or freshness.
- 16: Of or relating to an entire nation or country.
- 17: The direction that is to your right when you are facing the rising sun.
- 19: A person who is part of an event in which people gather together in order to show that they support or oppose something or someone.

- 7: Having serious meaning or worth.
- 10: To give money as a payment for something.
- 11: To add something to an object or place, especially in order to make it more attractive. Or to reward or honour a person by giving him or her a medal, badge.
- 15: To listen secretly to what other people are saying.
- 18: Not right or suited for some purpose or situation.
- 20: Great in size or amount.
- 23: To state something very strongly and sincerely.
- 25: A person who examines words and images to find the meaning within.
- 27: To get something by paying money for it.

For the young and young
at heart

How to make an
origami
butterfly



Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding. In modern usage, the word origami is often used as an inclusive term for all folding practices, regardless of their culture of origin. The goal is to transform a flat square sheet of paper into a finished sculpture through folding and sculpting techniques. Modern origami practitioners generally discourage the use of cuts, glue, or markings on the paper. Origami folders often use the Japanese word kirigami to refer to designs which use cuts.

In the detailed Japanese classification, origami is divided into stylized ceremonial and recreational origami, and only recreational origami is generally recognized as origami. In Japan, ceremonial origami is generally called "origata" to distinguish it from recreational origami. The term "origata" is one of the old terms for origami.

The small number of basic origami folds can be combined in a variety of ways to make intricate designs. The best-known origami model is the Japanese paper crane. In general, these designs begin with a square sheet of paper whose sides may be of different colours, prints, or patterns. Traditional Japanese origami, which has been practiced since the Edo period (1603–1868), has often been less strict about these conventions, sometimes cutting the paper or using non-square shapes to start with. The principles of origami are also used in stents, packaging, and other engineering applications.

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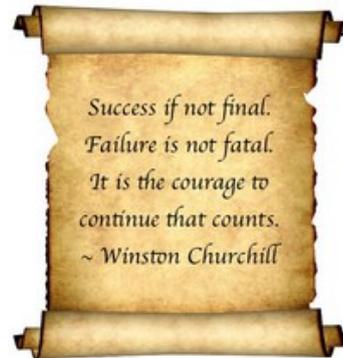
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- **PPA**
4th Wednesday of every second month at
7pm (Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May) –
Community meeting at the Memorial Hall
Committee meetings – as required

COMMUNITY MARKETS

Sunday 8 March, 3 May, 11 Oct & 13 Dec

- **CWA**
4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
In the senior citizen Clubrooms.
No meeting in December



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Australia Day

Penshurst Citizen of the Year 2025

An important part of our Australia Day celebration is the recognition of our

Penshurst Citizen of the Year

Who do you consider deserves to be recognised for their hard work and dedication to the town and its residents?

Fill in this nomination form and drop it to the Penshurst Post Office or in the letterbox at the Memorial Hall, 21 Martin Street by the 9 January 2026.

Name of Nominee:

Reason for Nomination:

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Your name:

Contact details:

(All information is kept strictly confidential)

PENSHURST CELEBRATES



Australia Day

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

10.30 AM

PENSHURST BOTANIC GARDENS

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

GUEST SPEAKERS

PENSHURST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

FOLLOWED BY FREE LION'S CLUB COMMUNITY

BBQ LUNCH, LIVE MUSIC &

GAMES IN THE PARK!



Organised by the Penshurst Progress Association
with assistance from the
Southern Grampians Shire Council





Monday FunDay & BBQ in the Park

Monday 26 Jan 2026 - 12 noon to 4pm

in the Botanical Gardens

(after the Australia Day Service at 10.30am)

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, sing some karaoke, have a dance, face painting for the kids (gold coin), have a chat and some fun.

Hopefully the temperature will be over 23 degrees, so the pool is open!

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



FREE BBQ lunch by the Penshurst Lions Club

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!

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