

MT ROUSE News & Views



Community Newsletter

Penshurst celebrates ...



Left: Will Gordon, Penshurst Citizen of the Year. Centre: Cr Barber SGSC.
Right: Jacqui Tribe, Community Recognition Reward.

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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



The community appreciates the Lions at work and play.

Emma KEALY MP

NATIONALS MEMBER FOR LOWAN



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Good morning, everyone. Happy Australia Day.

As we gather in the heart of Peshurst, surrounded by familiar faces and open countryside, I'm reminded of what truly makes our town – and our country – so special.

Have you ever wondered what truly makes a town like Peshurst special on a day like today? For me, being Australian means looking after your mates, a simple 'g-day' at the supermarket, or lending a hand when someone is in strife, be it a neighbour's Ute bogged in mud, or a local fundraiser at the footy sheds. It is the resilience we show after a tough drought or bushfire, or the laughter we share at a community barbecue.

I would like to reflect on some of the achievements to be celebrated in Peshurst and the district over the past 30-40 years. The 150-year celebrations of the Peshurst and District Racing Club in 2015, and the 150-year celebrations of the Football and Netball Club in '24. Whilst cricket and tennis have faded, the Bowls, Football, Netball, Racing the Lions clubs are still going strong.

The ongoing evolution of the hospital from babies being born in the 70's to the development of a modern aged care facility and supplementary Health Service that we enjoy today.

The Shire and banks leaving in the 90's was a big blow. But our community didn't falter. Instead, we restored and revitalised older buildings, sparking innovative ideas like the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. From its fledgling beginnings to what we have today, a large tourist and student attraction that informs and delights all who visit.

Employment in the town grew in the 80's with the arrival of Thornton's Engineering, with the manufacturing of portable sheep years, feeders and woolsheds.

Kelly's humble beginnings in '88 saw the potential to grow, and with the community's support, emerging into the significant business it is today. The Baker attracts customers from far and wide to taste its splendid offerings. Jag and Harbanz, who resurrected the supermarket and run it on a delightful 'open all hours' philosophy. To Page's and their 24-hour self-serve fuel, a grateful sight to travellers and locals on a low tank. Things are continuing to evolve in our small town, where once you could get a haircut, you can now get a tattoo!

The CFA development and expansion of the CFA Training Centre is a great asset to the town, bringing brigades and personnel from the wider Western District community. We have a recreation reserve and footy ground, netball courts, which have seen significant redevelopments that include automatic watering systems, drainage, new turf, and an upgrade to the surrounds.

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Mick McKinnon
Guest Speaker



Good morning everyone. Happy Australia Day. (continued)

It is a sight that has seen many triumphs, including the 3-in-a-row premierships in '91,'92 and '93.

Penshurst, over time, has had its fair share of threats and disasters. '77 saw bushfires burn over the top of Mount Rouse. Then, in recent times, the St. Patrick's Day fires in 2018.

But Penshurst's story is not just about milestones – it is about the people who made them possible. The great men and women who give up their times freely to highlight what Penshurst has to offer, and in turn show what this town means to them.

Penshurst's history and stories, from the First Nation custodians who cared for this land for thousands of years, to the generations of families who have built this town from the ground up. Australia Day reminds us of the patchwork of cultures that have made our community so strong and gave us our shared values.

As we raise our flags and celebrate today, let's remember: Penshurst is more than just a place – it's a community built on respect, mateship and a fair go for all. May we continue to support one another and keep the Aussie spirit alive, not just today, but every day and for generations to come. Happy Australia Day.

Mick McKinnon – Penshurst Racing Club President.





Celebrating together on a sunny day





Thank you to Paul, Tony (below) and the team from PPA for providing another enjoyable...

The celebration included poetry, music, Community Awards and a visit from Cr Barber, SGSC.



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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 Allan 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

(Jacqui, Eileen, Ray & Dave)

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The cost is \$30 per edition, which covers the cost of the colour printing. The newsletter continues to be free to subscribers thanks to everyone who advertises with us.

We also enjoy any contributions that you make—stories, articles, poems .. Whatever comes to mind.

We are proud that the newsletter continues to be supported by the town and outer communities. It's also international. Available by email or online (see the back page).



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God of our messiness

We are sometimes seduced by the thinking that God is especially present and vigorously active when our life is all cruisy and sweet. Surely we see Him at work in next weeks tatts lotto numbers, when a gorgeous person falls in love with us. When the stars align this must mean that there is a God and He's actively scurrying around looking after us.

It's a little harder to glimpse Him when things go awry. When there is that sudden and unexpected death, when there is a serious falling out with someone you care about and when you tragically, finally must go to the vet with a pet who cannot be made better.

The God I know, is just as present, active and energetic when He is stirring the messy, bubbling cauldron of our lives. He is just as comfy with our weeping and whimpering, as he is with our laughter and giggling.

The faith I profess and try to live up to must embrace every gamut and every atom of who we are. Nothing can be separate from or held aloof by God. Rather he takes our messiness into himself, subsumes it and makes it holy.

We glimpsed this in the muck of the manger at Christmass. We will see it vividly on Good Friday. God is right there when we witness the very worst that a Human being can do to another. I see the God of our messiness frequently at funerals where people tenderly, but magnificently, rise to support and nurture one another in ways that surprise even themselves.

So next time I am up to and in over, my neck, in an icky mess, probably of my own making, I will remember that I have a companion in the cess pit of alligators with me. The God of my messiness.

The Horton Criteria

Some of you will remember fondly, the wit and charm of Dr. Seuss. He wrote such immortal classics as 'The Cat in the Hat', 'Green eggs and ham' and 'Horton hears a who'.

His phrases have echoed with me down over the years like 'I do not like them Sam I am' and 'A person is a person no matter how small.'

We glimpse this simple 'Horton truth' especially in children. We know that they are infinitely precious. A real person that gradually reveals more of themselves over time. A living, dancing, jumping, laughing, vulnerable, enjoyable miracle.

But somehow as the years whizz by and they grow up we become very adept at attaching labels to them. We have become very inventive at this process and there seems to be no end to the labels we can affix to people and the way we attach them.

We have a plethora of gender labels and the labels which tell us how others express themselves most intimately. We have labels describing our origin, our place of worship (if we have one) our current address and what colour tie our favourite politician wears, if in fact they wear one at all.

Sadly, I strongly suspect that we are not done with this labelling process and we will find new designer labels to affix to our brothers and sisters. I am open to be convinced that the whole labelling thing is jolly unhelpful and very unproductive.

At the moment I find it disappointing and restrictive. By focussing on one label we are limiting our thinking to one singular aspect about the other. The reality is that people are much more like a kaleidoscope with unending multiples of colours and dimensions.

Couldn't we just use the 'Horton criteria'. 'A person is a person no matter how small?'

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**YOUR COUNCIL,
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Residents across the Southern Grampians are being encouraged to get active and try their hand at something new this summer. Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC) are launching Feel Good Feb; a month-long program designed to connect people of all ages with local sport, fitness and recreation groups.

Running throughout February, Feel Good Feb is a large-scale 'come-and-try' initiative bringing together clubs, teams and activity providers from across the Shire. There will be a variety of affordable opportunities for returning participants and curious first-timers alike.

The aim of the program is to increase participation in physical activity while showcasing the diversity of sporting and recreational options available locally.

Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin praised the initiative.

"This is the ultimate come-and-try event for people in the Southern Grampians. We have sports, activities and experiences to suit anyone and everyone, from Cricket and Martial Arts to Yoga and swim squads.

"Finding an activity that suits everyone is no easy task, but the team at HILAC has created a genuine opportunity for people to discover a new passion and connect with their community," Cr Heslin said.

Throughout February, HILAC will also host a diverse calendar of activities, ranging from competitive sport to social and wellbeing-focused sessions, all designed to promote movement, connection and feeling good.

The Feel Good Feb program includes:

- Come & Try Cricket – Thursdays, 5.30pm, Mitchell Park Cricket Nets (Free)
- Come & Try Croquet – Wednesdays, 6.30pm, Hamilton Croquet Club (\$5)
- Martial Arts – Wednesdays 4, 11 & 18 February, HILAC Squash Court (\$6.50)
- Dhyana Foundation Yoga – Tuesdays 5.30pm (Coleraine Uniting Church - \$7), Thursdays 6.15pm & Fridays 9.30am (Yulecart Hall - Free)
- Park Run – Saturdays, 7.50am, Hamilton Lakes Edge Playground (Free)
- Social Tennis – Tuesdays, 7pm Coleraine Tennis Club (\$2)
- Come & Try Quoits – Sundays 2pm, Coleraine Mechanics Hall (Free)
- Come & Try Youth Swim Squad – Wednesday, 11 February 5:30pm, HILAC (Free)
- Casual Running Sessions –
 - Tuesdays 17 & 24 February, 6am & 5.45pm Lake Hamilton Spillway Carpark
 - Wednesdays 18 & 25 February, 7pm Mitchell Park
 - Thursdays 19 & 26 February, 6am & 6pm Mitchell Park
 - Sunday 22 February, 7.30am (Free) Location TBC
- Community Run – Saturdays, 8.30am, Dunkeld Memorial Park (Free)

"We're so lucky to have so many recreation groups in such a small Shire. Feel Good Feb is about giving those groups some love, while encouraging people to step outside their comfort zone and try something new for the year ahead," Cr Heslin concluded.

Registrations are now open, with full program details available on the HILAC website.


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DEMOLITION WORKS TO BEGIN ON LONSDALE STREET, MARKING MAJOR STEP IN HAMILTON CBD REVITALISATION

Demolition works at 90–92 Lonsdale Street, Hamilton, will begin next week, preparing the site for the future Hamilton Library, Digital Hub and Government offices, a landmark project in Council's long-term vision for the town centre.

The demolition will be carried out by Warrnambool-based contractor Murrihy Demolitions and is expected to take approximately six weeks, progressing through a series of carefully managed stages to minimise disruption to neighbouring businesses and the community.

What to expect during works:

- Demolition will be completed in six stages over six weeks
- Some temporary footpath closures will be required in short sections of Lonsdale Street
- The laneway to the rear of the former Mitre 10 building will remain open for most of the project, with short closures scheduled during weeks two and three. The laneway will be made available for adjoining properties

and businesses for access and service deliveries.

- All works adjoining existing businesses will be undertaken by hand where required
- Dust suppression, noise minimisation and ongoing waste removal will be in place throughout the project

Key impacts at a glance:

- Week 1 commencing 27 January 2026: Service disconnections, fencing and signage installed, asbestos

removal, demolition of the former nursery building and removal of Lonsdale Street cladding

- Week 2 commencing 2 February 2026: Demolition of the former Mitre 10 building and laneway closure for up to three days

- Week 3 commencing 9 February 2026: Demolition of the former Toyworld building; laneway closure for up to five days and a short footpath closure

- Weeks 4–6 commencing 16 February 2026: Ongoing demolition, pavement and footing removal, site levelling and hand-demolition works adjacent to neighbouring properties

Please be aware that the footpath along Lonsdale Street will be closed in sections intermittently to facilitate façade demolition, with a pedestrian diversion plan in place. Temporary fencing and safety signage will be installed before commencement to direct pedestrian flow safely around the work zone and prevent unauthorised access.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin welcomed the start of works, describing it as a pivotal moment for the town.

"This demolition is the first major step towards a very exciting future for Hamilton," Cr Heslin said.

"It clears the way for a new Library, Digital Hub and offices that will serve our community for generations to come.

Alongside the revitalisation of the CBD and the new Hamilton Gallery, we are seeing the face of our region change and it's amazing that we can be here for a piece of local history."

Council and Murrihy Demolitions will work closely with nearby businesses and tenants to coordinate access and deliveries during demolition periods wherever possible.

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A touch of Lions Club History

Given the document is hard to read - the text follows here (verbatim):

NO LONGER A "BACKWARDS" PLACE!

It was in 1836 that Major Mitchell sighted and name MOUNT ROUSE and three years later this part of Australia was thrown open for settlement by Pastoral Runs.

But it was not until 40- odd years ago that much in the way of updating the public convenience in the way of living took place.

The spring had been harnessed into a basin and a standpipe erected for residents to obtain water to supplement tank storage supplies and private bores and windmills over the years.

Advent of the state electricity Commission in 1936 brought "light" and following world war 2 which ended just over 40 years ago, the greatest surge of township improvements in it's century and a half existence commenced.

Projects put into operation in the last 40 years included (not necessarily in order) the following: -

Solder settlements to the east, south and west meant subdivision of large holdings with new roads and upgrading of others.

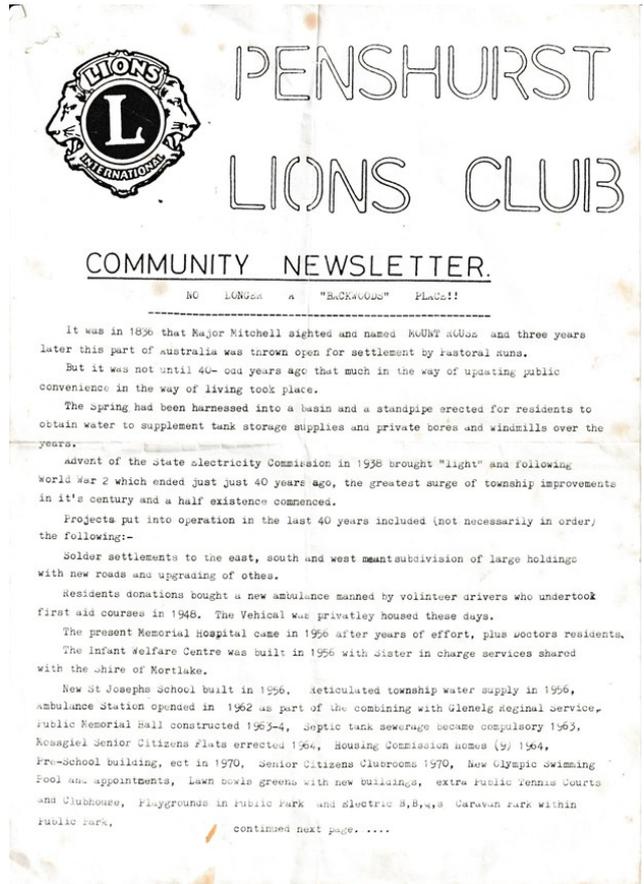
Residents donations brought a new ambulance manned by volunteer drivers who undertook first aid courses in 1948. The Vehicle was privately housed these days.

The present Memorial Hospital came in 1956 after years of effort, plus Doctors residents.

The Infant Welfare Centre was built in 1956 with Sister in charge services shared with the Shire of Mortlake.

New St Josephs School built in 1956, Reticulated township water supply in 1956, Ambulance Station opened in 1962 as part of the combining with Glenelg Regional Service, Public Memorial Hall constructed 1963-64, Septic tank sewerage became compulsory 1963, Mossgiel Senior Citizens Flats erected 1964, House Commission Homes (9) 1964, Pre-School building, ect in 1970, Senior Citizens Clubrooms 1970, New Olympic Swimming Pool and appointments, Lawn bowls greens with new buildings, extra Public Tennis Courts and Clubhouse, Playgrounds in Public Park and Electric B,B,Qs Caravan Park within Public Park, Public Tiolet in in Park and Martin Street, At Racecourse Reserve - New Modern administration block, Photo Finish, upgrading of dinning facilities, toilets, track watering system, new Running rail and Horse stalls, New Golf Club House, At Football, Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve -

New kitchen, dinning rooms and change rooms, toilets, shearing shed, netball courts ect and water supply.



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Community safety remains the highest priority. The site will be fully fenced and clearly signed, with traffic management in place during any short-term closures.

“We understand demolition works can be disruptive, and we sincerely thank local businesses and the community for their patience,” Cr Heslin said.

“There are a few long standing local businesses that will continue to operate in this area during works, namely Kings Bakery, Chris’s Kebabs and Canadian Rooster. These are terrific spots and we strongly encourage people to continue to go to these shops. This project is a significant investment in the future of our town, and we’re committed to managing the works safely, carefully and with minimal inconvenience.”

For more information about the project and the future of the Hamilton CBD, visit Council’s website or subscribe to Council’s newsletter for regular updates.

Penshurst Lions Club Community Newsletter (continued)

NO LONGER A “BACKWARDS” PLACE!

R.S.L. Clubrooms erected on part of Kolor, donated by the Robertson Family.

Bell Street re-modelled at Eastern end as part of Highway construction, roundabout recently constructed at Memorial, New footpath construction program adopted by the Shire but no progress in recent years.

Rural Brigade Fire Station extended to cover Urban Brigade form since town water reticulation, Thornton Engineering Factory established, Youth Club established in old State School building and grounds, Tourist Road constructed over Mount Rouse and Fire watching Post built, a total of more than 75 new houses erected, mostly since water supply established, Apex and Lion’s Clubs formed playing their part in community affairs.

The only comparison with the so-called “good old” (when a workman received 1 pound, or 2 pounds, a week for working from “can see” until “can’t see”,) is the friendly and co-operative inhabitants who have better through the changes!

May many more generations enjoy and add to what’s on offer here at the foot of

“MOUNT ROUSE”

&

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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Apple & Blue Cheese Pull-Apart Scones

Prep Time 15 mins Cook 20 mins Serves 12

INGREDIENTS

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1 chorizo sausage, casing removed, finely chopped
 150g soft blue cheese, chopped
 2 tbsp finely chopped chives
 1/3 cup (35g) shredded mozzarella

4 cups (600g) wholemeal self-raising flour
 2 cups (500ml) buttermilk
 1 large Royal Gala apple, halved, cored, very thinly sliced
 Buttermilk, extra, to brush

Method**Step 1**

Preheat oven to 200°C.

Step 2

Place chorizo, blue cheese, chive and half the mozzarella in a medium bowl and stir until combined. Season.

Step 3

Place flour, buttermilk and remaining mozzarella in a large bowl. Use a flat-bladed knife to stir until a soft dough forms. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead until the dough just comes together. Divide into 2 equal portions. Roll out each portion on a lightly floured surface to a 20cm x 40cm rectangle. Cut each rectangle in half lengthways.

Step 4

Spread 2 pieces of dough with blue cheese mixture. Arrange apple over blue cheese mixture. Top with remaining pieces of dough, pressing lightly to seal. Cut each piece of dough into 6 pieces.

Step 5

Spray 12 holes of a 1/3-cup (80ml) muffin pan with olive oil spray. Place dough pieces, cut-side up, in the prepared muffin holes, twisting to fit (the dough will sit slightly higher than the pan). Brush with extra buttermilk. Bake for 20 mins or until golden brown and cooked through. Serve warm.



Cooking is at once child's play and adult joy.
 And cooking done with care is an act of love."
 – Craig Claiborne

Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients,
 recipes, and cooking. It's about harnessing imag-
 ination, empowerment, and creativity."

– Guy Fieri





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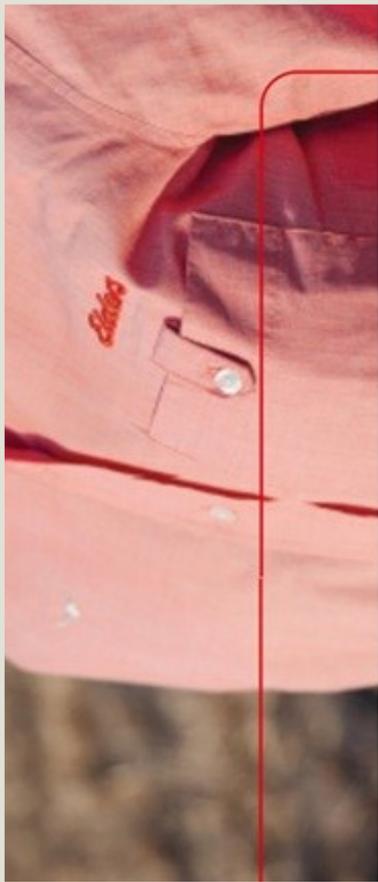
Grab a snack and join
the conversation

“You can’t wait for inspiration, you have to go after it
with a club.” Jack London

“Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks,
breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun.”

Mary Lou Cook

Answers from last fortnight: **Across:** 1 action, 8 ribbon, 9 steel, 12 egg, 13 reservoir, 14 fade, 16 national, 17 south, 19 demonstrator, 21 hard, 22 stem, 24 exemption, 26 transfer, 28 surgeon, 29 bench. **Down:** 2 omission, 3 note, 4 vein, 5 retreat, 6 inspection, 7 important, 10 spend, 11 decorate, 15 eavesdrop, 18 inappropriate, 20 large, 23 sweat, 25 reader, 27 buy.



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- 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

**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

Across:

Mount Rouse Puzzler

2: To move or go up something using your feet and often your hands.

4: Someone or something that is equal to or as good as another person or thing.

5: A liquid substance that you put on your body in small amounts in order to smell pleasant.

6: To happen at the same time as something else.

7: Food that has not been finished at a meal and that is often served at another meal.

12: One side of a sheet of paper especially in a book, magazine, etc.

15: A dark powder that is used like ink in machines that print and copy documents.

16: To give or deliver something to people.

21: To cause someone to choose to do or be involved in something.

23: To become smaller, or to make something smaller.

24: To lose or release blood because of a cut, injury, etc.

25: A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic

in common.

26: Plant material that cannot be digested but that helps you to digest other food.

27: The natural outer layer of tissue that covers the body of a person or animal.

28: To cause someone to feel slightly miffed.

Down:

1: To hit someone or something with the foot.

3: The power to keep yourself from being affected by a disease.

4: A small animal with very small eyes and soft fur that digs tunnels in the ground and eats insects.

8: To uncover something by digging away and removing the earth that covers it.

9: The same in number, amount, degree, rank, or quality.

10: To say, write, or print the letters of a word or name. Very witchy.

11: A poor farmer or farm worker who has low social status.

13: The act of killing someone especially as punishment for a crime.

14: To stay on the surface of a liquid and not sink.

15: A person who occupies rented land or property.

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

18: To break open or into pieces in a sudden and violent way.

19: A special period of thirteen full moons.

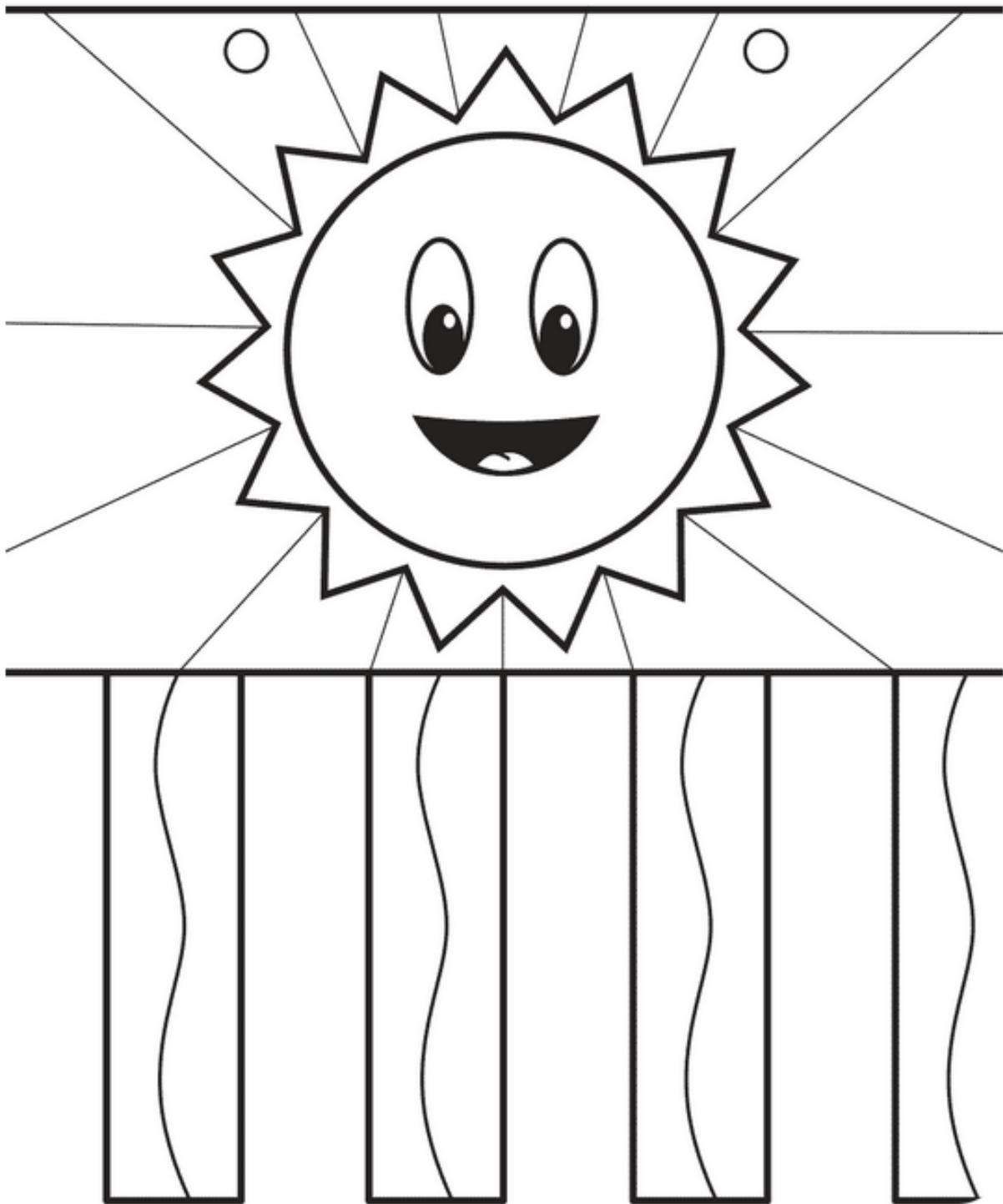
20: A sweet spice made from the bark of an Asian tree and used in cooking and baking.

22: A pleasant and relaxed feeling that someone has when something unpleasant stops or does not happen.



For the young and young at heart

1. Decorate this windsock with the colours of summer.



2. Cut out the windsock, leaving the rays attached. 3. Tape or staple together the edges of the windsock so it forms a tube. 4. Punch two holes through the top of the windsock where the two circles are drawn. 5. String ribbon through the holes. Hang your windsock in a tree and then watch the sun dance in the breeze.

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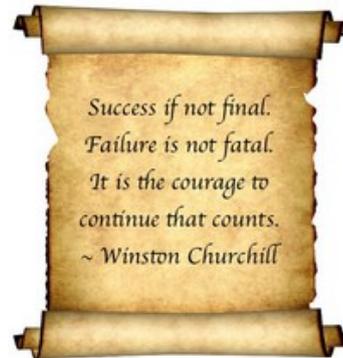
Community Calendar Dates

- **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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