

# *MT ROUSE News & Views*



*Community Newsletter*

## *Penshurst Pub Raffle Results*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO - Renee Hayes & Richard McDonald** whose tickets were drawn before the gathering of locals who share in the happiness of seeing the Pub purchase come one step closer.

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*Penshurst Senior Citizens Club*

*Tuesday 24th February*

*Time 1.45pm*

*Everyone welcome*

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## **Penshurst Monthly Pot-Luck Dinners**

At the Senior Citizens Hall at 6pm  
for a 6.30pm start on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February is the first dinner!**

Confirmed dates for the following few months are –

20 Mar, 17 Apr & 15 May 26.

BYO a main dish to serve 4-6 people, a dessert and your drinks.

Tea, coffee, milk, sugar will be provided.

Come along, bring a neighbour and share a laugh or two.

GOLD COIN donation for the Senior Citizens Club.

Everyone welcome – no bookings required!

**Penshurst Pub Raffle Results**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO - Renee Hayes & Richard McDonald - who have been notified and were both very excited to win a \$5,000 share in the Penshurst Pub.**

- The Penshurst Progress Association - in collaboration with ten volunteer organisations across town – has now concluded the sale of raffle tickets and the raffle was drawn on Monday, 9 Feb 26, at 1pm at the Penshurst Memorial Hall by Marcus Rentsch (pictured left with Ray Allan).
- The two winners were from a purchased ticket (Richard) and a donated community volunteer ticket (Renee).
- Thank you to everyone who helped sell the tickets, especially the Post Office and the individuals who sold the most tickets – you know who you are.
- A huge thank you again to the anonymous community benefactor who purchased 100 tickets which were given to all of the community group volunteers.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. A total of 313 tickets were sold from the 400 available, resulting (after PPA administration costs and paying for the two pub shares) in a total of \$5,000 profit available to be donated to the 10 community groups with each group to receive \$500 in the coming week or so.



This is a fabulous result for the Penshurst community and all of our fabulous community volunteers and groups.

**Emma KEALY MP**

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### Screens are great... but

I well remember one of my first days at St. Michaels Grammar school where I had a go at being a school chaplain.

My supervisor / friend / mentor handed me my bright shiny, complimentary laptop and explained. 'This is how we talk to each other'.

At first I didn't quite get it. Surely you actually speak face to face when you have a conversation.

That's the way it's done in a parish. You make a time, knock on the door, enjoy a refreshing beverage and listen to each other. It took me a few weeks to understand what he meant. It was quicker, easier and more efficient to simply tap out a quick email, send it off into the ether and get a response. All fine and dandy... up to a point. Business can get done that way and I strongly suspect that is how it is often done. It works well in a school environment at an administrative level; but, there is missing something and it is not the daily grist of priestly parish life.

Those who know about such things tell me that most of the information we impart in conversation is not the spoken words but the way we say them and the subtle or not subtle verbal cues. The crossed arms of grumpiness, the open arms of consolation, the laughter to signal uncontrollable joy. The tears of deep sadness, the silence of companionship. You can't do gentle, tender convivial quiet on a screen together. It's simply not the same, and for all that emoji's are fun, they just don't cut it.

While it is true that I do some things on a screen and it works at one level, I give thanks that often my best encounters are at the kitchen table, where little is spoken and the screen is absent.

### The value of Archives

I was nostalgically going through some old files the other day. They were old pew sheets run off with quite a different technology and the articles were a delight to read.

The ideas and content wouldn't quite 'fit' into the world of 2026 but that was not the point. There are two reasons why I treasure them and think that they are relevant this year.

First, they bring back some pretty glowing memories. Much the same way a photo might remind us of an event or a party, these documents remind me of the author and his teaching. They brought back some fun times and the companionship that we enjoyed which I enhanced my life.

The other reason I hang onto these is to remind me where I have come from. These thoughts, words and reasonings formed the basis of the way I think, talk and write today. It's a good thing to know where you have come from, where you started out and once you have recalled this, you know how you got to be in the place and frame of mind that you are today.

You should be in a different place and head space now, but at least understand why and how you got here.

Folk who go to family and school reunions look forward to these events for the same reasons I fossick through my filing cabinet. To understand where they have come from and to bring back some good (hopefully) memories. It's also interesting to hear the progress of our counterparts and where life has taken them and where they are today.

If you have archives, in any format, or any long lasting compatriots then might I encourage you to ponder these things and continue to become the person you were always called to be?

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*The names of Things you probably didn't know.*

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a **glabella**.
2. The way it smells after rain is called **petrichor**.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an **aglet**.
4. When your stomach rubbles, that's a **wamble**.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a **vagitus**.
6. Illegible handwriting is called **griffonage**.
7. The sheen of light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called **phosphenes**.
8. Finding it hard to get out of bed in the morning is called **dysania**.
9. The day after tomorrow is called **overmorrow**.
10. Your little toe or finger is called the **minimus**.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork on a bottle of champagne is called an **agraffe**.
12. The 'na na na' or 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called **vocables**.
13. When you combine a question mark with an exclamation mark (?!), it is referred to as an **interrobang**.

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The wind was blowing a gale the other day, and I thought how nice it would be to have a little silence .. except then it laughed, which inspired a search for ....

**Jokes about silence**

1. Silence is golden but duct tape is silver and works faster.
  2. I told my friends a secret in silence, now we're all awkward.
  3. Nothing says love like quietly judging someone together.
  4. Silence is the perfect punchline when words fail.
  5. I stayed silent and my dog still judged me.
  6. Quiet people have the loudest minds.
  7. Silence is the sound of my Wi-Fi dropping.
  8. I whispered a joke to silence, it didn't laugh.
  9. My silence is not empty, it's full of sarcasm.
  10. Silence is the best answer when the family asks who ate the cookies.
  11. I stayed silent and accidentally became a philosopher.
  12. Silence is golden unless you're in a meeting.
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SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

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## **RECORD-BREAKING WEEK AT HAMILTON REGIONAL LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE SIGNALS RENEWED CONFIDENCE FOR FARMERS**

The Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX) has recorded its biggest sales week on record, with more than \$22 million worth of livestock sold in a single week, a powerful sign of renewed confidence across the region's agricultural sector.

The milestone was achieved during the week of 12-16 January 2026, capping off a standout period for the exchange and providing a welcome boost for producers following two challenging years of drought.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor, Cr Dennis Heslin, said the result was an encouraging signal for local farmers and the broader rural economy.

"After the season we've come through, these results really do put a smile on the faces of a lot of farmers," Cr Heslin said.

"To see strong prices, particularly for heifers performing well above expectations, speaks volumes about the confidence returning to the region. That doesn't happen unless people believe in the season ahead and are prepared to invest back into their herds."

Local restocker demand underpinned the strong results, supported by improved seasonal conditions following good rainfall last spring and plenty of feed on the ground.

Heifers were the standout of the week, exceeding price expectations by a significant margin. While early forecasts suggested prices of 420-460 cents per kilogram, most heifers sold between 460 and 500 cents, with some reaching as high as 520 cents per kilogram.

"There had been an expectation that producers might focus on short-term trading to improve cash flow, rather than restocking," Cr Heslin said.

"But we saw a lot of heifers going straight back out to be joined, which is a really strong indicator of long-term confidence in the season to come."

Steer prices largely met expectations, with Angus steers selling between 500 and 550 cents per kilogram, and coloured steers achieving 470-485 cents per kilogram.

Another positive surprise was the weight of cattle coming through the yards. Despite a tough start to the season, most cattle averaged 370-410 kilograms, consistent with long-term averages.

"At the start of August, farmers were facing some very difficult conditions, so these cattle had a rough go for the first five months," Cr Heslin said.

"The weight they've carried into the yards is a real credit to the skill and tenacity of our producers, and to the rain we were fortunate enough to receive in the final months of the year."

HRLX remains one of the busiest and most important livestock exchanges in the country, selling more than one million sheep and over 50,000 cattle last year alone. Results like this reinforce its role as critical infrastructure supporting the economic heartbeat of the Southern Grampians.

More information about upcoming sales and results is available via the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Facebook page.

## **MEETING THEM WHERE THEY'RE AT: THE MOBILE LIBRARY**

"Libraries change lives" is the mantra of Public Libraries Victoria, a campaign to remind us that libraries are far more than shelves of paperbacks. In librarian circles, they have another saying, that libraries actually *save* lives.

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Libraries are the jewel in the crown of public services - universal, inspirational and cost effective. In fact, it's been proven that every dollar invested in Victorian public libraries generates more than four times that value in benefits to the local community. However you view your local collection, for many people, a trip to the library might be the big (or indeed the only) outing for the day. A chance to escape, turn their mood around or even just the chance to flick through a thriller, pay some bills and be treated well by a smiling stranger.

Unfortunately, full participation in society is no longer possible without at least an entry level of digital literacy. The ability to confidently navigate the internet is simply no longer optional, and this sudden shift has left a large part of the community struggling.

Teaching these skills has now been added to the librarian's task list. They help guide people through scanning documents, applying for jobs, accessing Centrelink, or submitting forms. Their mission remains the same: whole-of-community access to knowledge, information, literature, and culture. This mission is especially easy to see in rural areas, where even reaching a library building can be a challenge. In the Southern Grampians Shire, that's where the Mobile Library shines. Driven by Outreach Library Services Officer Ann Hinsch, the Mobile Library is a custom fitted Isuzu F-Series truck, with the capacity to ferry thousands of books to every corner of the Shire.

"I have a lot of regulars," laughs Ann. "We have some real characters come through; it can be a party on the truck sometimes.

"I know what they like, what they don't and what they might try. Even when I'm reading for my own pleasure, I'm thinking, 'Oh, the group in Cavendish might love this one, or the Dunkeld crowd would take a look at this.' It just becomes part of your thought process."

Ann carefully curates the contents of the shelves to match the community tastes in areas she'll visit on a given day. The mobile library keeps a rotating stock of over 2000 items, giving a wide range of options for visitors.

"We try to target our collection at our local audience; you get a strong sense of what people like when you're out in the community all the time. Some people like educational books, some people like something a little edgier, we constantly have kids who want DVDs - movies with dragons and dogs are always popular.

"That's what the job is really, just understanding people and trying to get them what they want and what they need. I have holds on books from libraries all over the state, books that I saw and thought - I know who'd love to try that"

On top of this, Ann also runs the home library program, bringing books directly to the doors of those unable to make the journey. These are often people far out of towns, maybe without transport options or often people who just can't get out and about. Ann will meet for a chat and figure out what they like and how they like to read. Large print, small print, different languages, audiobooks, DVDs, Ann considers it all and drops people enough books, films and magazines to keep them going until her next run.

"An interview is probably the wrong word for it," she laughs. "It's just a way to make sure that everyone can access community assets. If you can't get to us, we'll do whatever we can to put a book in your hand."

The mission of public libraries is the same all over. To ensure that there is access for all - that no one gets left behind. The mobile library shows that this is a message that matters

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to the Hamilton Library. This is a library that punches well above its weight, doing roughly 35% more business than the state average despite the diminutive size. Ann sees more than anyone how important the library is to small communities.

“Libraries aren’t just nice,” she said, “they’re necessary.”

“You see it every day in the communities far from the bigger towns. The mobile library is a meeting place. They know where we’ll be and when and that becomes a gathering place. People swap information, catch up with neighbours. They might find out if someone is sick, or if someone needs a hand on their property, it keeps everyone connected, even if it’s only a few hours a week.

“We saw it after the bushfires last year; the truck became so important in small towns like Mirranatwa. For people to catch up, tell each other what was happening, just to come and see each other.

“When you’re doing the job, you can’t help but get involved with people,” she said, “You know what’s happening in their lives and they know what’s happening in yours. We don’t have each other over for dinner or anything, but all the same, it feels like family.”

Every single day, your public library tries to provide something necessary or enriching – free for you and for every person in the community: from kids to older generations, everyone gets covered.

A library will do this each and every day, even for those who don’t turn up, because some day, one day - they might.

If you want to learn more about your local library, the best thing to do is to stop in and see what all the fuss is about. For more about the mobile library or the home library, check out our website for more details.

<https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Greater-Hamilton-Library>

**It was a momentary thing ...**

“Of all the things I’ve lost,  
I miss my mind the most.”

Mark Twain

"and yet, here you are,  
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Author Unknown, but admired.

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***Aperol Tiramisu***

Prep Time 25 mins    Cook 0 mins    Serves 10

**INGREDIENTS**[www.taste.com.au](http://www.taste.com.au)

500g mascarpone  
 500ml (2 cups) thickened cream  
 150g (1 cup) icing sugar  
 1 orange, rind finely grated  
 185ml (3/4 cup) Aperol Aperitivo  
 125ml (1/2 cup) fresh orange juice  
 30 thin savoiardi (sponge finger biscuits)

170g (1/2 cup) Cottee's Breakfast Marmalade  
 1 1/2 tbsp Aperol Aperitivo, extra  
 Thin orange slices, to decorate  
 Fresh small mint leaves, to decorate (optional)

**Method**

## · Step 1

Use electric beaters to beat mascarpone, cream, icing sugar and orange rind in a bowl until thick and well combined.

## · Step 2

Combine Aperol\* and orange juice in a shallow bowl. Dip half the biscuits, 1 at a time, into the Aperol mixture, turning to coat.

Arrange in a single layer over the base of a 6cm-deep, 18 x 28cm (base size) baking dish, trimming to fit as necessary.



Spread half the mascarpone mixture over the biscuit layer to cover. Repeat dipping and layering with the remaining ingredients. Cover and place in the fridge for 4 hours or overnight to chill.

## · Step 3

Place marmalade in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds or until warm. Stir to remove any lumps, then stir through extra Aperol. Drizzle the marmalade mixture over the top of the tiramisu. Top with orange slices and mint, if using, to serve.

\* For those of us who can't use alcohol, orange juice is a good substitute.

Tiramisu, translating to "pick me up" or "cheer me up" in Italian, is famously described as a "love story in layers". This coffee-flavoured dessert, consisting of coffee-soaked ladyfingers, mascarpone, and cocoa, is cherished for its ability to boost mood, energy, and romance. It is considered the ultimate Italian pick-me-up dessert.

These days it can be any flavour you like.



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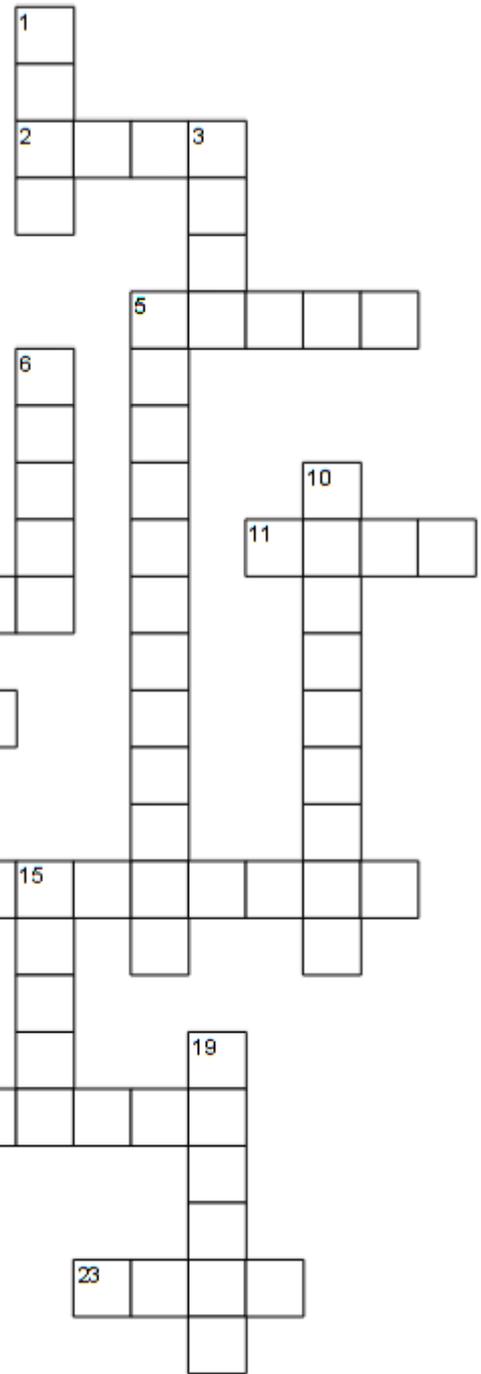
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**Across:** Mount Rouse Puzzler

- 2: To slide out of the proper position.
- 5: To cause a bullet, arrow, etc., to move forward with great force from a weapon.
- 7: Button strap for your neck.
- 11: To hit someone or something with the foot.
- 12: Not derived or copied or translated from something else.
- 13: The elder suddenly on permanent holiday.
- 14: A reference book arranged in alphabetical order.
- 17: A bug easily caught by foolish people.
- 20: To go away from a place.
- 21: To roll head over heels.
- 22: One that reads.
- 23: Communicate with a deaf person.



**Down:**

- 1: By land or sea, by rod or twine, this quiet task can take some time. You can also use it to create trouble.
- 3: A track that is made by people or animals walking over the ground.
- 4: Something that you are trying to do or achieve.
- 5: A pleasant feeling that you get when you receive something you wanted.
- 6: A substance that usually has a shiny appearance, is a good conductor of electricity and heat, can be melted, and is usually capable of being shaped.
- 7: A sweet baked food made from a mixture of flour, sugar, and other ingredients.
- 8: The business or practice of flying airplanes, helicopters, etc.
- 9: A written or spoken statement in which you say that you have done something wrong.
- 10: The action or process of finding the hidden.
- 15: To laugh at and criticize in a way that is either friendly and playful or cruel and unkind.
- 16: If a tree falls in a forest, what do you say?
- 18: The type of energy released during an atomic bomb.
- 19: To create or develop something.

**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

**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 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

**More community information  
on the back page**

For the young and young at heart

- Eagles           Bison
- Elephants       Wallaby
- Mice             Dingo
- Budgie           Emu
- Lion             Whale
- Kangaroo        Dolphin
- Wombat          Starfish
- Snake            Guppie
- Tiger            Tadpole
- Bear             Frog

Find all these words in the puzzle.

All the letters must be connected by tiles on top, below, left or right from it, but not diagonally.



r	n	t	s	n	a	k	e	n	y	e
g	i	o	e	t	a	b	m	s	e	l
o	h	p	d	d	g	m	n	e	a	g
o	c	l	o	i	w	o	p	e	r	r
r	a	g	k	n	g	l	n	g	i	t
s	e	n	a	w	o	i	o	e	s	m
e	i	g	r	h	a	a	l	i	p	p
b	u	d	a	e	l	b	l	a	w	u
h	l	e	p	h	w	y	u	i	s	g
s	e	t	n	a	r	o	g	b	o	n
i	f	s	u	m	f	g	i	e	m	b
s	r	o	e	e	t	a	i	c	a	e
t	a	e	l	o	p	d	m	o	r	e

- 1) Shadow Chaser didn't see any spooky shadows during his time in the house. The shadows were not seen in the attic.
- 2) Neither the ghost hunter who saw a book fall from a shelf nor Mr Apparition had their ghostly experiences in the attic.
- 3) It was either Spirit Snoopervisor or Hairy Scary who had a memorable experience in the wine cellar - which was filled floor to ceiling with antiques and collector's items, but no wine!
- 4) While taking some time in the main bedroom to text his wife about dinner, one startled investigator heard slow moving footsteps on the squeaky stairs that he confirmed could not have come from any of the others in the house.
- 5) Hairy Scary earned her name due to her long, jet-black hair. While she may have looks akin to those of an actress from a Japanese horror film, she was entirely unprepared for the shock of hearing eerie voices on the radio device she was using!

**LOGIC PROBLEM**

Tick the right answer. Cross the other squares, to find out who experienced what in each room.

		Experience					Room				
		Footsteps	Shoulder Touch	Strange Shadows	Eerie Voices	Book Fell	Attic	Wine Cellar	Main Bedroom	Living Room	Hallway
Code Name	Mr Apparition										
	Shadow Chaser										
	Specter Sleuth										
	Spirit Snoopervisor										
	Hairy Scary										
Room	Attic										
	Wine Cellar										
	Main Bedroom										
	Living Room										
	Hallway										

- 6) One man shuddered when later telling the tale of how he felt a hand touch his shoulder, only to turn and find no one there! This did not occur in the wine cellar nor the living room.
- 7) Compared to one of his colleagues, Mr Apparition had a very ordinary time when he passed through the hallway.
- 8) Specter Sleuth maintains that the room was very still and he was nowhere near the bookcase when the book suddenly fell to the floor. It was a book about ornithology, which he found a little ironic given that it virtually flew by itself.
- 9) Of the event that occurred in the hallway and the sighting of strange shadows, one was experienced by Spirit Snoopervisor and the other was experienced by Shadow Chaser.

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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 October &  
13 December

- **CWA**  
4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm.  
In the senior citizen Clubrooms.  
No meeting in December
- **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
Meets at the Club rooms in Bell Street.  
Bingo last Tuesday each month. 1.45pm.

*“Dare to courageous in life.  
You have nothing to lose.”  
— Lailah Gifty Akita*



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29th January &  
12 & 26 February

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