

MT ROUSE News & Views



Community Newsletter

Rouse Roundup Stockman's Challenge



Alicia Frankenburg from Mt Gambier riding Harvey

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This colour page sponsored by Peshurst Pony Club. Thank you!

Free Bus Travel in April

Public transport will be free in Victoria for a month, in an effort to encourage people to switch from driving and alleviate the surge in demand for fuel.



Penshurst - Hamilton Via Tarrington	
Hamilton	
from Penshurst Memorial Hall/Martin St	
09:30	
Penshurst Memorial Hall/ Martin St	09:30
Departed	
Tarrington Lutheran School / Hamilton Highway	09:50
Departed	
Hamilton Town Centre/ Brown St	10:00
Departed	

Transport Victoria

Penshurst - Hamilton Via Tarrington	
Penshurst	
from Hamilton Station	
14:18	
Show previous stops	
Hamilton Station	14:18
Departed	
Tarrington Lutheran School/ Hamilton Hwy	14:25
Departed	
Penshurst Memorial Hall/ Martin St	14:48
Departed	

The Allan government announced on Sunday that it would make all metro and regional V/Line trams, trains and buses free from 31 March until the end of April.

The government said the free fares were a temporary measure only, and would not become permanent.

Further timetables can be found at transport.vic.gov.au



Penshurst Monthly Pot-Luck Dinners

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

Next Dinner 17th April

Confirmed dates for the following few months are –
15th May 2026

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.

Everyone welcome – no bookings required!

Rouse Roundup Stockman's Challenge

The Penshurst Pony club held their annual Stockmans challenge on Sunday 22nd March.

The riders were greeted by perfect weather and some challenging competition.

Competitors came from as far as Adelaide, Geelong and Horsham areas, with a total of 64 entries.

Monda and her helpers were kept busy in the canteen and the grounds were ideal for the 14 families that camped overnight.

Riders were divided into to Open, Novice, Encourage, Junior and 10yrs and under.

Competition consisted of negotiating a Flat Pattern, B Equitation, Obstacles, Time Trial and Racecourse Ride.

Everyone enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to next year.

The club would like to sincerely thank our many sponsors who generously supported this event.



Above: Alice Blore from Penshurst in the Picininny event on her pony Cheeky



Above: Part of the many competitors being welcomed to the Stockmans Challenge

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Can I burn off?



Together we can stay safe from fires.

In the warmer times of the year CFA declares **Fire Danger Periods** in different parts of the state.

On days when fires will spread quickly and be difficult to control, CFA restricts what you can and can't do when burning off.

Fire Danger Periods
During the Fire Danger Period burning off is not allowed unless you have a written permit issued by CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, depending on where you are burning off.

Even if you have a permit you must:

- Comply with all conditions on the permit.
- Always have an adult in attendance while the fire is alight and have the ability and equipment to put the fire out.
- The fire must be completely put out (extinguished) before the adult leaves.
- Regardless of any permits, you must ensure you comply with municipal local laws.
- Always register your burn off before lighting up, on **1800 668 511** or at firepermits.vic.gov.au

Total Fire Ban Days
On Total Fire Ban Days, burning off is banned and permits cancelled for the duration of the Total Fire Ban. Any existing burn offs that you may have a Fire Danger Period permit for, are not allowed and must be put out completely (extinguished) before the Total Fire Ban begins.

Please note:
The end to Fire Restrictions in the Southern Grampians Shire is not until 20th April 2026

Emma KEALY MP NATIONALS MEMBER FOR LOWAN



“If you have an issue you need a hand to resolve, or a great idea on how we can make our region a better place to live, work, study, and do business, I would love to hear from you.”

34 Firebrace St, Horsham 5571 9800 emma.kealy@parliament.vic.gov.au

Penshurst Pack Walk & Morning Tea



NATIONAL HEARING DOG DAY

APRIL 19th



10am – Walk the Penshurst
Botanic Gardens with us.

Everyone can join in, bring
your dog or rent one of ours
for a \$5 donation!

email: penshurst.vic@lions.org.au

Providing Hearing Assistance
Dogs free-of-charge since 1982

About National Hearing Dog Day

National Hearing Dog Day is a national awareness day held each year on the 19th of April. The day celebrates the vital role hearing dogs play in supporting people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, while also recognising the volunteers, trainers, and supporters who make this work possible.

For Lions Assistance Dogs, the 19th of April marks a milestone in our history—the placement of our first Hearing Assistance Dog in 1982. National Hearing Dog Day honours this legacy while creating opportunities for community education, engagement, and fundraising.



'Amber' our 1st Hearing Assistance Dog



'Yannis' our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog



Lions
Assistance Dogs

About Lions Assistance Dogs

For over 40 years, Lions Assistance Dogs (previously Australian Lions Hearing Dogs) has been transforming the lives of Australians who are Deaf or hard of hearing by providing them with a set of “furry ears” — free of charge. As a not-for-profit organisation and the only accredited Hearing Assistance Dog provider in Australia, we have proudly delivered more than 700 Hearing Assistance Dogs nationwide, with over 140 currently active in communities across the country.

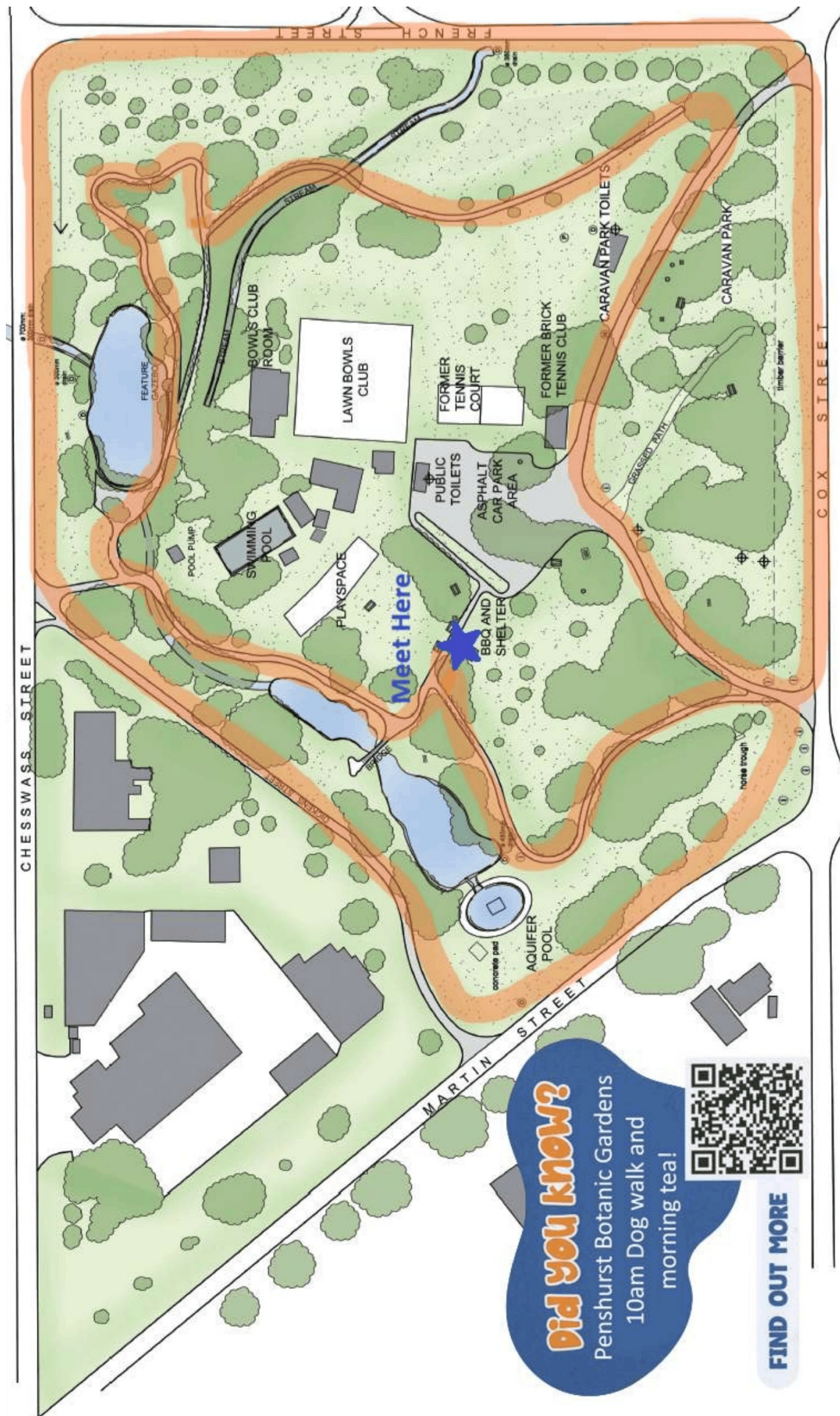
Founded as a Lions project, Lions Assistance Dogs has been supported by Lions Clubs across Australia since the early 1980s. This support is essential to our ability to breed, raise, train, and place highly skilled Assistance Dogs with people in need. Without the ongoing commitment, advocacy, and generosity of Lions Clubs, we would not be able to deliver these life-changing dogs to Australians who rely on them.

Each Assistance Dog costs over \$40,000 to raise and train. Our dogs are trained to alert their recipients to up to ten common household sounds, locate the source, and guide their handler to it. With full public access rights, these dogs also provide confidence, independence, and companionship in everyday life.

To ensure a sustainable supply of suitable dogs, Lions Assistance Dogs operates dedicated Puppy and Breeding Programs and In 2020, we also expanded our work with the launch of the Medical Assistance Dog Program, supporting Australians living with type 1 diabetes. Like our Hearing Assistance Dogs, Medical Assistance Dogs are provided free of charge to recipients.



Lions
Assistance Dogs



Did you know?
Penshurst Botanic Gardens
10am Dog walk and
morning tea!



FIND OUT MORE

WE REMEMBER THEM.

**PENSHURST CENOTAPH ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 6AM
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FOLLOWING
ROAD CLOSURES 5.30AM - 7.30AM**

Should you wish to be called by the MC to lay a wreath, please complete this form and drop it into the Penshurst Post Office by 5pm on Friday, April 24th. If you do not wish to be called over the PA by name, a general call will be made for anyone else who wishes to lay a wreath to do so.

Please note - should the service be running overtime or if a large number of labels are received, we may not be able to call everyone individually even if a wreath label is completed and we ask you to join in the general wreath laying call. We will do our best on the day to read as many as possible. Thank you for your understanding. Tables will be available for you to place your wreath on prior to the wreath laying ceremony.

Please use only the space provided so we can read as many labels for as many people as possible.

The suggested procedure for the laying of a wreath is as follows;

1. The person moves up to the memorial with the wreath in the left hand or both hands.
2. The person halts, pauses, lowers and then lays the wreath.
3. The person adopts the attention position, takes one pace rearwards and pauses
4. If the person is wearing military uniform and headdress they salute. If the person is not wearing military uniform they bow their head.
5. The person pauses again and then moves away from the memorial.

There is no requirement to place the right hand on the left breast pocket, i.e. over the heart region, when a person bows their head and pauses to remember.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE WREATH LABEL

Name of person laying the wreath: _____

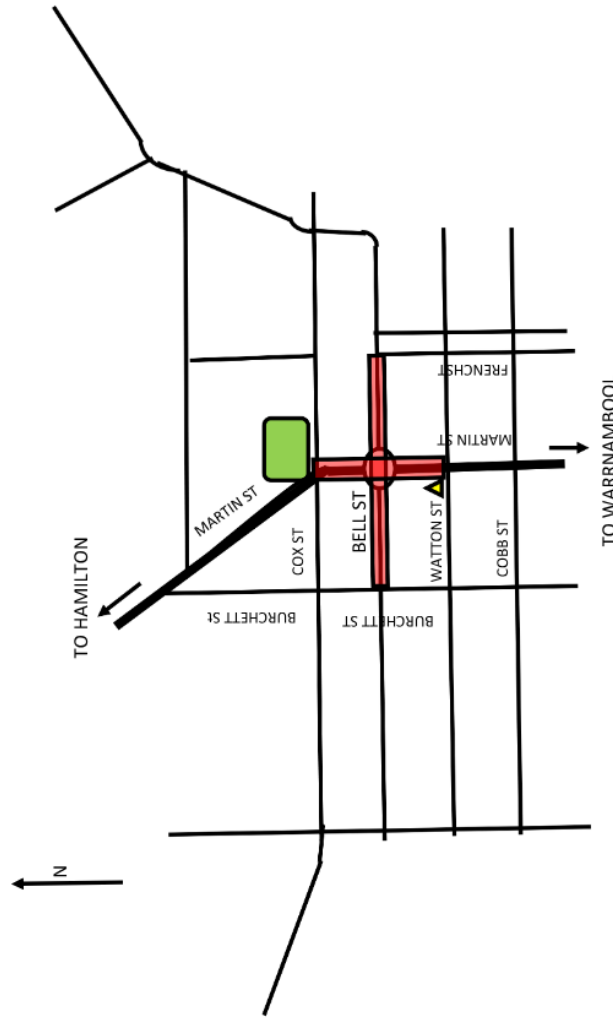
On behalf of (school/organisation/family, etc. - if none leave blank) : _____

In honour of: _____



PENSHURST ANZAC DAY ROAD CLOSURE

April 25, 2026 5:30am to 7:30am



KEY



The area in red indicates the ROAD CLOSED
Detours will be in place.

Suggested parking



Penshurst Botanic Gardens
Watton St adjacent to the Penshurst
Memorial Hall and St. Joseph's Church ▲
Watton St east of Martin St

Burchett St

Bell St west of Burchett St

French St Cox St or Cobb St

Refer to road closure notice for more details

Map not to scale

This map is only intended for resident and event attendees information for the purposes of parking and accessing the event. Please refer to Falcon Traffic Management for official road closure maps and full details.

Penshurst Progress Association Inc



NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

PENSHURST ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

SATURDAY APRIL 25th 2026

ROAD CLOSURE TIMES: 5:30 AM to 7:30 AM

BELL ST PENSHURST FROM FRENCH ST TO BURCHETT ST

MARTIN ST PENSHURST FROM WATTON ST TO COX ST

Detours will be in place

PLEASE NOTE THE DAWN SERVICE START TIME IS 6AM

and will run for approximately 45 minutes
with a community BBQ breakfast following

EVENT ATTENDEES

If you are planning to attend the ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE, and you are able bodied, please park adjacent to the Memorial Hall in Watton St, at the Penshurst Botanic Gardens or surrounding residential streets and walk in. The Dawn Service is a standing ceremony held in the dark before sunrise. Conditions are often cold and visitors are encouraged to dress accordingly and prepare for the weather. Please remain aware of your surroundings. The grounds may be uneven and could be icy or slippery in the early morning. Take care when entering the road closure area and moving around the site. Allow plenty of time to travel safely to the service and be aware of wildlife on roads.

DISABILITY PARKING FOR EVENT ATTENDEES

If you have a disability parking permit or will be transporting elderly or other people who need disability access and/or seating during the event, please email your name, mobile phone number and registration details to the event organiser president@penshurstprogress.org.au no later than 5pm Thursday, April 23rd and we will arrange assistance for you.

RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS/STAFF

If you live or work inside the road closure area and need vehicular access during the road closure period, please move your vehicle outside the road closure area prior to 5:30am on Saturday April 25th. If your vehicle is normally parked inside the road closure area and you won't need to move it during the road closure period, there is nothing you need to do.

We apologize for any inconvenience this road closure may cause and will work with you to minimize any disruption. Please contact the event organiser via email on president@penshurstprogress.org.au by 5pm Thursday, April 23rd or speak to Victoria Police members on site on the day. Please refer to the accompanying resident map. Please refer to Falcon Traffic Management for official road closure map and information.

THANK YOU for your assistance and cooperation with this event to honour and remember our ANZACs and all who have given their lives to defend our nation.

Penshurst Progress Association Inc

SGSC Mobile Black Spots - Survey Reminder

We need your help! Many parts of the Southern Grampians Shire struggle with patchy, unreliable or non-existent mobile phone coverage.

To begin addressing this issue, Council is undertaking a Shire-wide investigation to identify where mobile coverage has been lost, weakened, or was never present to begin with. We are calling on residents to assist with mapping mobile phone black spots across the region.

If you lose mobile service, please note your location and, once back in an area of service, drop a pin on the interactive map and complete a short survey.

To contribute to the project or learn more, head to
<https://engage.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/black-spots-mobile-phone-coverage-campaign>
The survey is now open and will run until Thursday 30 April 2026, with results to be analysed following the project's completion.

“The most confused you will ever get is when you try to convince your heart and spirit of something your mind knows is a lie.”
— Shannon L. Alder

“I try to stay in a constant state of confusion just because of the expression it leaves on my face.”
— Johnny Depp



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THE PUB COLLECTIVE MONTHLY

Edition No. 4 – 2026

Welcome to the next instalment of your regular pub updates. We are pleased to share positive and productive updates on our progress for this month:



Over the past month, there has been strong alignment across all parties involved in the community's purchase of the pub - all layers of the project are now connected with each other directly. This milestone has significantly improved communication and collaboration, allowing everyone to work collectively toward progressing the pub sale in a coordinated and efficient manner. We eagerly await the results of this achievement.

From an administrative and financial perspective, we are now in a very solid position. All solicitor and accountant fees have been brought fully up to date and paid. Importantly, there are no further professional fees expected until settlement which provides clarity and stability for all involved moving forward. \$50k more will be needed to settle, raising funds for the total costs of purchase continues to be our No. 1 priority. Total funds collected thus far (less said fees) are still in the bank and accruing interest.

Another major milestone has also been achieved with the Trust Deed now formally signed and registered. This is a key structural step in the process and underpins the ownership and governance framework of the project.

Over the coming week, all shareholders will receive:

- A copy of the fully executed Trust Deed
- Their individual Unit Certificate confirming their holding

This marks an important step toward settlement, and we will continue to keep everyone informed as progress continues.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and patience - we're moving steadily in the right direction. 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 reach out directly to savethepub@outlook.com – the ONLY source of truth.

2026 will be the Year of the Penhurst Pub!

Warm Regards,

Interim Directors of Penhurst Hotel 1861 Pty Ltd

(Jacqueline Norris, Eileen Copeland, Ray Allan & Dave Bull)

The Penshurst Men's Shed projects



Sold as a set, with table \$160



Can be ordered 2 Seater \$80



Chairs for the verandah \$90 each

Penshurst Shed

Open Saturday & Tuesday
10am - 4pm

Enjoying community in 2026.

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Thomas Cooke 0488

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Visitors welcome



Love seat \$85, can be ordered

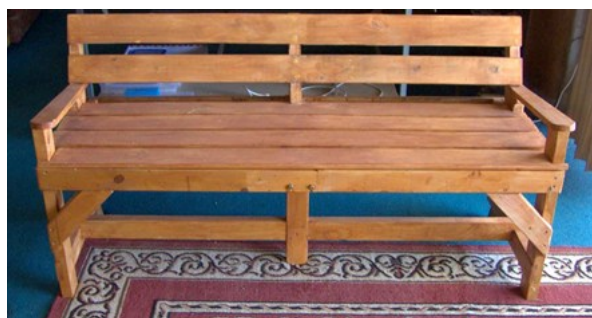


Above: Two seaters any size made to order POA

Right: Table & Bench Seats
x 2 \$85



Right: Two seater stained \$90





Obstacles are our wings.

It was just four simple words on the flyleaf of a memoir.

Every single one of us encounters obstacles. We see the path ahead, we see what could be and yet there always seems to be this insurmountable boulder in the way. It blocks our path and causes us to say 'O bother!' I'm sure there are other words instead of 'O Bother'. So we are faced with choices. We could.... Turn around and mutter 'Well clearly it will never happen'

We could wring our hands and dither for a long time and be stuck with exactly the same result as the previous option. Or...

We could say to ourselves 'Whacko! An opportunity. Here's what I'm going to need and these are the skills I'm going to have to find. Lets show this boulder who is boss and continue along towards the new dimension with joy and alacrity.

This is not the easiest option. It will demand of you vigour and resilience. It will involve asking and often there will not be progress for some time. Boulders can be mighty stubborn if they choose to be. No matter the success or bitter failure, we will discover much later, that we are different people because of this adventure. We will have learnt and we have been enhanced and we are older and a little smarter. It might have been wiser to get a forklift than use dynamite. But in the throes and parry and grist of our enterprise we will also discover that we have grown wings and learned to fly.

I think a lot about a particular boulder at this time of year. The one in the garden that seemed to seal the grave and death forever, but actually became proof of life with winged angels inside waiting for us.

Easter

The rolled away stone - proof of life.

There are three popular theories to explain the resurrection of the Master.

First, that Jesus held his breath and stopped his heart long enough so that everyone thought he was dead, no stethoscopes or ECGS in those days. Then when he was safely ensconced in the tomb he simply got up, shifted the gigantic stone, walked out and started appearing all over the place. Hey presto, we have a resurrection. And I have met people who genuinely believe this with everything they are. Thus they also believe that death really is the full stop of life and there is absolutely nothing that follows. Nothing.

There are a couple problems with this theory.

You don't actually survive Roman Crucifixion. These guys are cracker jack at their job and death by crucifixion was as brutal as it was certain. We tend to think that Our Lord was just one of three that were crucified but the reality was that there was a whole forest of crosses. It was a well run and efficient industry of death.

Further I ask you to remember the lance that pierced Jesus' side with blood and water flowing out. The second theory to explain the resurrection was that the apostles came to the tomb in the middle of the night, overpowered the well paid, grumpy guards who were working night shift, moved the stone and stole the body.

Then it was just a quick little broadcasting announcement to tell the world that He had risen as he promised. Ta Da!

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Easter (continued)

Somehow this doesn't fit with the frightened and fearful disciples who scarpored off after Jesus' arrest and who dared not show their faces at the crucifixion. Understandable really. I'm sure that our Roman soldier friends would have found a spare cross lying around and it would have been a simple matter to do the obvious. The apostles were marked men and met in fear behind closed doors.

I'm not convinced by the stealing of the body theory and neither is Mother Church.

Which leaves of course the third option that the Resurrection happened as the gospels and creed tell us and we say every Sunday.

We believe in the resurrection and life everlasting. And just as the Stone and tomb could not confine Him neither will our coffins and graves confine us.

This year, the thing that strikes me most powerfully and I find the most compelling is that rolled away boulder.

I remember the woman on the way to the tomb talking about the cost of living increase, the rising price of fish and olives at the market. They were also asking 'Who will roll away the stone for us?' Clearly this was a substantial task and would take some doing. It was an obstacle for the women in their mission to anoint the body of the one they loved.

But Obstacles are also our wings.

Every single one of us, just like those women encounter obstacles. We see the path ahead, we see what could be and yet there always seems to be this insurmountable boulder in the way. It blocks our path and causes us to say 'O bother!' I'm sure there are other words instead of 'O Bother'. So we are faced with choices.

We could.... Turn around and mutter 'Well clearly it will never happen'. But the women trod on in the eerie early morning darkness ... in faith.

We could wring our hands and dither for a long time and be stuck with exactly the same result as the previous option. Or...

We could say to ourselves 'Whacko! An opportunity. Here's what I'm going to need and these are the skills I'm going to have to find. 'who will roll away the stone?' Lets show this boulder who is boss and continue along towards the new dimension with joy and alacrity.

This is not the easiest option. It will demand of you vigour and resilience. It will involve asking and often there will not be progress for some time. Boulders can be mighty stubborn if they choose to be.

No matter the success or bitter failure in dealing with our day-to-day boulders, we will discover much later that we are different people because of this adventure as were the women who, in the end, didn't have to worry about the stone. We will have learnt and we will have been enhanced and we are older and a little smarter. It might have been wiser to get a forklift than use dynamite. But in the throes and parry and grist of our enterprise we will also discover that we have grown wings and learned to fly.

I think a lot about that particular boulder at this time of year. The one in the garden that seemed to seal the grave and death forever, but actually became proof of life with winged angels inside waiting for us. Christ is Risen... He is risen indeed.


MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



**Your Council
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CALLING YOUNG CREATORS – DESIGN THE FUTURE OF HAMILTON IN MINECRAFT

Young imaginations are being put to the test as Southern Grampians Shire Council launches an exciting new design competition, inviting local creatives aged 8–15 to help shape the future of Hamilton’s Library, Community Hub and Civic Square.

Blending creativity with technology, participants are challenged to bring their ideas to life in *Minecraft*, designing an energetic, future-focused area that reflects how people want to learn, connect and gather.

Participants are asked to include:

- A modern library featuring a dedicated children’s area, study spaces and digital facilities
- Office space on an upper level

An outdoor community garden or gathering space

Beyond that, it’s up to you to go bold, go creative and go wild!

Southern Grampians Shire Council Deputy Mayor Cr Helen Henry is excited to see what the next generation of Hamilton designers can dream up.

“I’ve seen firsthand the artistic and inventive talent of the young people in our region.

“Young people see the world differently and we want to tap into that. We’re delighted to be able to offer some great prizes to help stoke the imaginations of our youth and hopefully lead them to greater things.”

“If you think you have a vision for the future of Hamilton, we want to see it. Simply upload a video tour of your proposed building and you’ll be in with a chance to win a fabulous prize,” Cr Henry concluded.

There are fantastic prizes up for grabs:

1st prize: \$300 teen gift card **2nd prize:** \$150 teen gift card **3rd prize:** \$50 teen gift card

Whether you’re a seasoned builder or just starting out, this is your chance to get creative, build something amazing, and have your ideas seen.

Entries close on Monday 20 April at 8am. For information on the current designs, visit our [website](#). Please note: This is not an official Minecraft event and is not approved by or associated with Mojang or Microsoft.

FUN, AFFORDABLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM READY FOR SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

From Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April, families across the Southern Grampians can look forward to a packed calendar of fun and affordable activities designed to keep young people entertained.

Almost every day of the break offers something exciting to do. Whether your kids love being active, creative, or just having fun, we’ve got it all. Scavenger hunts, bushwalking, Zumba parties, arts and crafts and much more. The majority of these activities will be offered for free or for a small cost, with events aimed at all different ages.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Deputy Mayor Cr Helen Henry said the program reflects Council’s commitment to providing accessible, inclusive opportunities for local families.

“The days are getting shorter, so this is a great chance for families to

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MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

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get out, connect and enjoy everything our community has to offer before winter sets in," Cr Henry said.

"We've curated a schedule of activities that range across our services including the library, the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre and HILAC. These activities cater not just to our primary school aged children but also offer a number of great opportunities for young adults to connect and have fun."

Program highlights include:

- **Teen Pickleball** – HILAC, Wednesday 9 April, 12:00pm Ages 12+. Entry \$5 - Bookings essential.
- **Cirque Nouvelle – A New Evolution of Circus** – Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, Thursday 10 April, 6:00pm. Tickets available via the HPAC website. Tickets \$65 for adults, concessions, seniors and students \$59, children \$45.
- **Bushwalking Group** – Outside Inn, Wannon, Sunday 12 April, 10:00am Free event for ages 12–18. Bookings required.
- **Mike the Magician** – Hamilton Library, Tuesday 14 April, 10:30am Free event for ages 5–8.

Wheelie Good Time Trailer Painting Project – Cavendish Red Gum Festival, Saturday 18 April
Visit our website for details and booking information.

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A tiny touch of insanity

Hail, But Make It Personal

The hail arrived midweek, as if the weather had realised emotional intimidation alone was not enough.

Not normal hail. Not polite, spherical hail.

Spiky daggers of death hail. Tiny frozen weapons hammered my hood, my shoulders, my patience.

“REALLY?” I shouted up at the clouds. “THIS FEELS AGGRESSIVE.” One perfect little ice arrow bounced off my temple, landed in my palm, and slowly melted down my lifeline like it was underlining a point.

“Why do you hate me?” I whispered. Another hailstone hit me square in the back of the head, which I took as an answer.

The Sunshine That Wouldn't Leave Me Alone

Sunshine normally avoids me, and I, having the complexion of a Victorian ghost who died of something poetic, have always respected the distance.

But that day? It trailed after me.

A single golden spotlight illuminating me and only me, across: - the pavement

- the bus stop - the bakery aisle (offensive)

- the dentist's waiting room (illegal in at least three moral frameworks)

A toddler pointed and said, “Mummy, that person's glowing.”

The sunbeam brightened proudly.

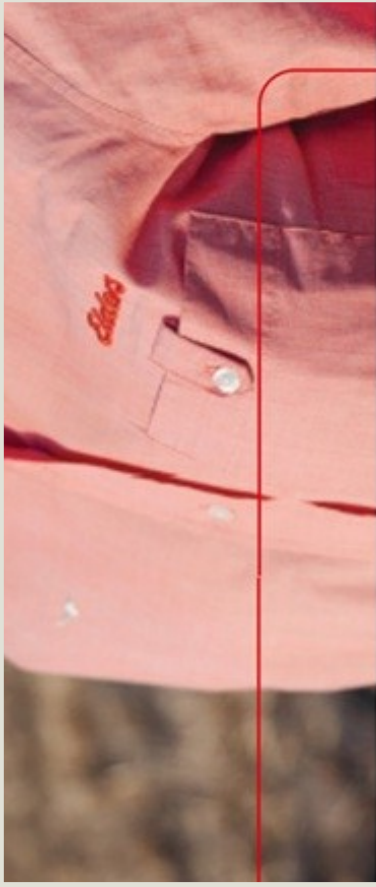
I stepped left; the light stepped left.

I ducked under a tree; it bent itself round the branches like a determined torch.

“Oh, pick a personality,” I snapped. “Either ignore me or stalk me, but you can't do both in one week.”

The beam warmed my face in what I could only interpret as smug.

Author's name provided.



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Salmon Pie

Prep Time 30 mins Cook 1 hour Serves 6

INGREDIENTSwww.taste.com.au

3 x 500g Tasmanian skinless salmon portions	2 tbsp thin cream
1 tbsp olive oil	4 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed
100g cup mushrooms, sliced	1 onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup long-grain rice, cooked and cooled	3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 tbsp fresh dill, chopped	1 extra egg, beaten, for egg wash

Method**Step 1**

Preheat oven to 200C or 180C fan-forced. Wrap salmon in non-stick baking paper and place onto oven tray. Bake for 10 mins until just cooked. Unwrap and cool (leave the oven on).

Step 2

Heat oil in a frying pan. Fry onion on medium heat for 5 mins until soft. Add mushrooms and cook a further 2 mins until soft. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl, cool slightly. Stir in the rice, dill, cream and eggs. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 3

Lay 2 sheets of puff pastry together, overlapping by about 6cm on a large sheet of non-stick baking paper. Spread the rice mixture into a pile along the pastry about 5cm in from the sides. Break the salmon into chunks and place along the top of the rice.

Step 4

Overlap the 2 remaining sheets of pastry the same way and place over top of filling. Press pastry around edge of filling, trim any excess pastry. Use a teaspoon to press pastry edges together decoratively. Score top of the pie diagonally, brush with egg. Using the paper, lift pie onto a large oven tray. Bake for 45-50 mins until golden brown.

***Pumpkin and spinach salad***

600g butternut pumpkin, peeled, deseeded, sliced
 2 1/2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 1 1/2 tbsp Coles 100% Australian Pure Honey
 2 tsp sesame seeds
 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
 2 tsp wholegrain mustard
 150g pkt baby spinach leaves
 75g pkt toasted pine nuts

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 220C/200C fan forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Step 2 - Place pumpkin in a large bowl. Drizzle with 2 tsp oil and 2 tsp honey and season. Gently toss until the pumpkin is well coated. Arrange pumpkin in a single layer on the prepared tray. Bake, turning once during cooking, for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle pumpkin evenly with sesame seeds, then bake for a further 5 minutes or until the seeds are lightly toasted and the pumpkin is tender. Set aside for 30 minutes to cool.

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14 Fun Jokes

1. Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at.
2. What starts with a W and ends with a T. It does, I swear!
3. Last night, I accidentally superglued my thumb and finger together... but don't worry, it will be ok.
4. Did you know there is a species of antelope capable of jumping higher than the average house? This is due to its powerful hind legs, and the average house cannot jump.
5. I sent my hearing aids in for repair 3 weeks ago. I haven't heard anything since.
6. Which is faster, hot or cold? Hot because you can catch a cold.
7. What falls but never hits the ground? The temperature.
8. What stays in the corner but can still travel around the world? A stamp.
9. What has three letters and starts with gas? A car.
10. What goes up and down but doesn't move? Stairs
11. How many cars can you put in an empty park? Only 1. After that it's not empty.
12. What is the longest word in the dictionary? "Smiles" because there's a mile between each "s".
13. Two fish are in a tank. One looks to the other and says, "Do you know how to drive this thing?"
14. What's a forklift? Food, usually.
15. A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some two-by-fours. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?" The guy answers, "A long time. We're going to build a house."

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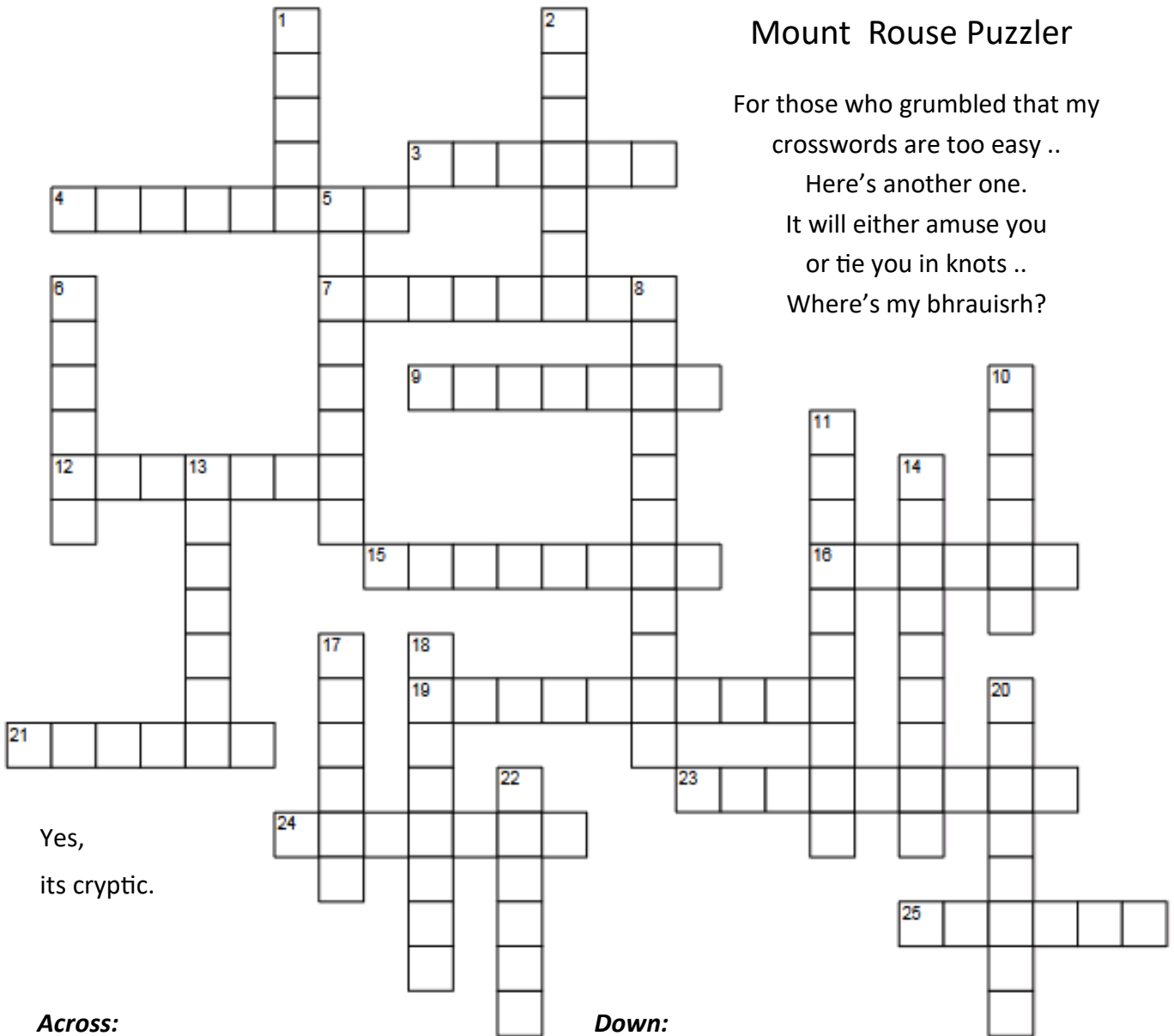
Mount Rouse Puzzler

For those who grumbled that my crosswords are too easy ..

Here's another one.

It will either amuse you or tie you in knots ..

Where's my bhraushr?



Yes,
its cryptic.

Across:

- 3: 'Travel by sea for a small fee initially, then travel over the top'(6)
- 4: 'Sleep-like state with no hip, possibly'(8)
- 7: 'Key, perhaps, some bolics' (8)
- 9: 'Two wheels for the price of one, perhaps, featuring Greek letters'(7)
- 12: 'Graceful singer returns with energy'(7)
- 15: 'Board containing a space, perhaps' (8)
- 16: 'Go back to cover art' (6)
- 19: 'Show early sign of a new car' (10)
- 21: 'Original creator of a type of concert' (6)
- 23: 'Water vessel perhaps producing shades of grey, shot' (10)
- 24: 'Rational to look for GC initially' (7)
- 25: 'Revisionist, perhaps, fixes red tie' (6)

Down:

- 1: 'Centre of the opposite of 'sin ex?'' (5)
- 2: 'Distrustful city nice organised' (8)
- 5: 'Madness in a sin, say' (8)
- 6: 'Person doing calculations, say.' (6)
- 8: 'Rolling, I call c-c-cold?' (11)
- 10: 'Listen out for mum' (6)
- 11: 'Word book containing say iron and copper' (10)
- 13: 'Sticky substance found on Australia plant' (8)
- 14: 'Green part, perhaps, that tells tales?' (9)
- 17: 'Sound of a person, perhaps, understanding' (6)
- 18: 'Study tricky, perhaps' (8)
- 20: 'Magical formulation is a word put together' (9)
- 22: 'Less taxing, as a breeze? (6)

DAN TEHAN

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- ✔ Medicare
- ✔ Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- ✔ Veterans' Affairs
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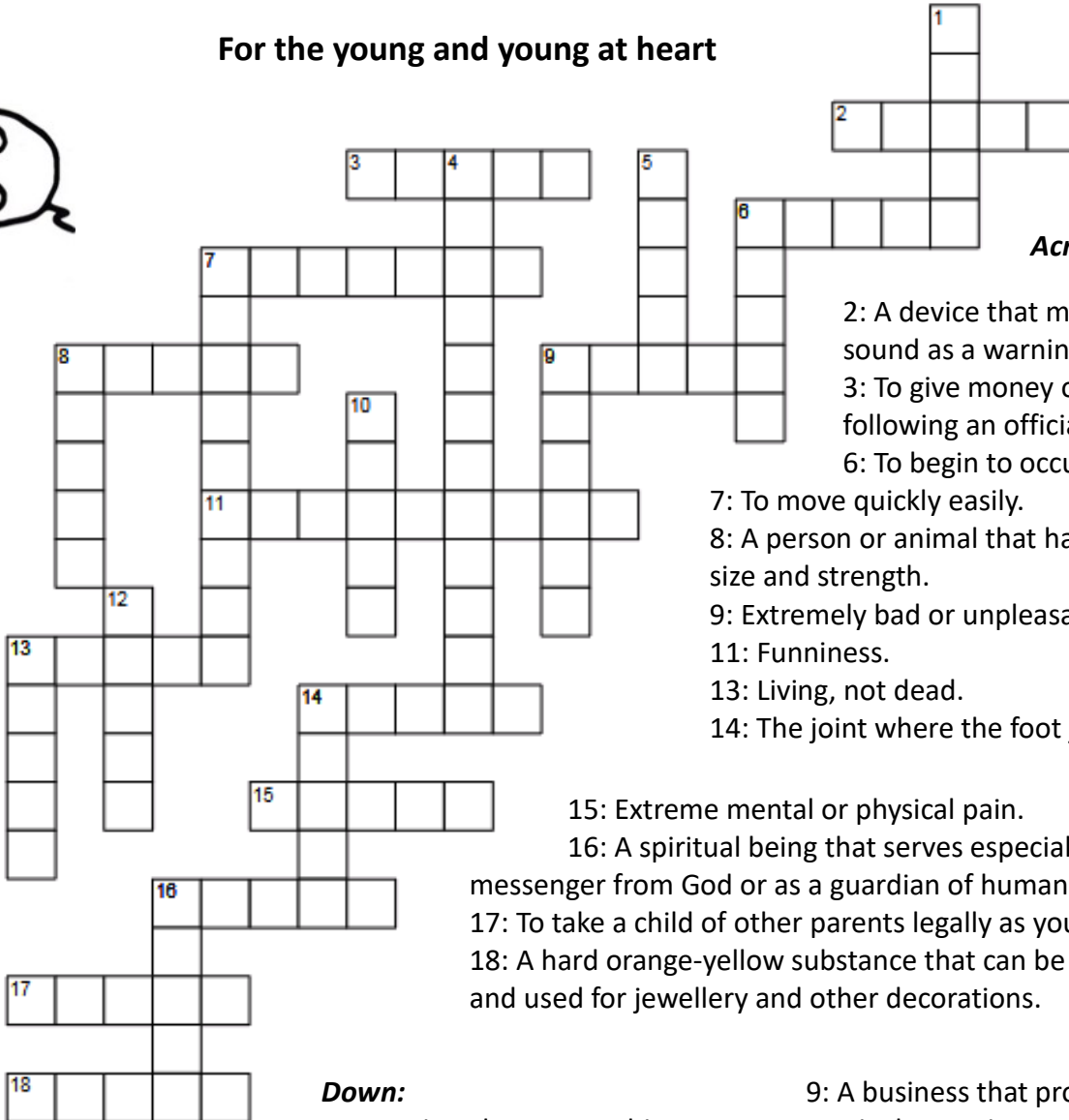
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For the young and young at heart



Across:

- 2: A device that makes a loud sound as a warning or signal.
- 3: To give money or a prize following an official decision.
- 6: To begin to occur or to exist.

- 7: To move quickly easily.
- 8: A person or animal that has grown to full size and strength.
- 9: Extremely bad or unpleasant.
- 11: Funniness.
- 13: Living, not dead.
- 14: The joint where the foot joins the leg.

- 15: Extreme mental or physical pain.
- 16: A spiritual being that serves especially as a messenger from God or as a guardian of human beings.
- 17: To take a child of other parents legally as your own child.
- 18: A hard orange-yellow substance that can be polished and used for jewellery and other decorations.

Down:

- 1: Knowing about something.
- 4: Huge, gigantic, enormous.
- 5: Not involved with or friendly toward other people.
- 6: A round fruit with firm, white flesh and a green, red, or yellow skin.
- 7: An amount of money that is given to someone regularly or for a specific purpose.
- 8: The building occupied by a community of monks or nuns.

- 9: A business that provides a particular service.
- 10: useful or valuable quality
- 12: A passage where people walk.
- 13: A book with blank pages in which you put a collection of photographs, stamps, etc.
- 14: The difference between the direction of two lines or surfaces that come together.
- 16: Having or providing enough or more than enough of what is needed.



Crossword answers last fortnight: **Across:** 2 medal, 3 orbit, 6 glove, 8 reach, 9 space, 10 queen, 14 wheat, 15 admit, 16 knight, 17 score, 19 blister, 22 clerk, 24 title, 25 rumour, 26 pride, 27 upset. **Down:** 1 major, 4 right, 5 range, 7 onion, 9 spectacles, 11 sharp, 12 write, 13 water, 18 court, 20 random, 21 balloon, 22 chord, 23 thumb, 24 trace.

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 Gail 0419 510 364

Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, 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 VDC 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
- **Volcanoes Discovery Centre** Open every Friday 11 - 3pm, Weekends & School Holidays 10 - 4pm. New volunteers always welcome. Contact President Jo Vigliaturo 0408 544 670.

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

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- 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
- **Rouse Roundup Stockmans Challenge**
Sunday 22nd March -
Racecourse Reserve

PPA (Penshurst Progress Association)

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 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**
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Bingo last Tuesday each month. 1.45pm.
- **UKULELE GROUP**
Meets every Sunday at the Senior Citizens from 2pm until 3pm - Contact Paul 0402 902 013 for more Information
- **Penshurst Book Club** - meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm. Contact Ruth Pihl on 0490418313

What's On Around Mt Rouse - APRIL/MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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