

MT ROUSE News & Views



Community Newsletter

Hall Lights Up!



Above: Rob Collins, Kate Orchard, Lyn Torbet and Daryl Torbet are some of the new Hall committee working together to upgrade and revitalize our Hall. Several other committee members were absent due to personal commitments and holidays.

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This colour front page sponsored by Florence Collins. Thank you!

Hall Lights Up!

From the front page ...

Penshurst Memorial Hall has been lit up, thanks to welcome funding received from Southern Grampians Community Partnership Grants.

The name of the hall, facia and foyer floor have all been repainted. Along with the painting, new outside lights have been installed on the front of the hall.

President, Mrs Kate orchard, said "the funding has enabled the necessary work to be done, as the paint work and lights have been deteriorating over the past years."

Treasurer, Lyn Torbet, reiterated Mrs Orchard's remarks. She praised local tradesmen, Page Electrical and Rob Ellis Painting, along with suppliers Kelly's AGnVET and Zenith Tiles, for their work in providing paint and the lights, along with professional advice.

Mrs Orchard continued, "the next items on the agenda are the main floor in the hall and painting and updating the kitchen."

"Once again we will have to rely on funding as these are big ticket items, but only time will tell how we go."

"As halls are not in use as much these days, finances are not readily available, but the committee has restructured the hire fees, hoping to attract more support for the hall," she said.



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Napier Waller story by Brian O'Brien

An author planning a biography of Penshurst's most famous son, Napier Waller, visited Penshurst last week to further his research.

Paul Danaher said he's planning to produce a "coffee table" book on Napier Waller, concentrating on his famous stained glass windows.

He interviewed two local people who have extensive Napier Waller files - Brian O'Brien (Penshurst) and Iris Field (Dunkeld).

Napier Waller's life is coming more into the spotlight as two other authors are looking at his life and creative works.

Mary Hoban will hand her manuscript to her publisher at the end of the month, while former Dunkeld man, Peter Quinlivan, is also looking for a publisher for his completed work on Napier Waller. They will join two authors who have published biographies of Napier Waller - Nicholas Draffin (The Art of M. Napier Waller) and Jan Smith (The Glass Cricket Ball).

Napier Waller attended the Penshurst Primary School until he was 14 and then worked with his father on their dairy farm on the Warrnambool Rd, opposite the turn off to Mt Rouse.



PIC: Paul Danaher, who is researching Napier Waller's early life in Penshurst, is pictured at the Napier Waller Green Space in the main street last Wednesday.

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Emma KEALY MP

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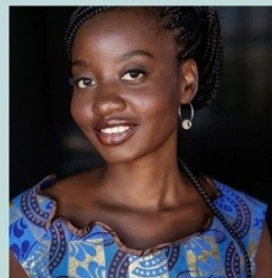
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When: Thursday 18 June, 6pm

Where: Sterling Place: Dunkeld Community Centre

Tickets: \$40, includes canapés from Izzy's and drinks

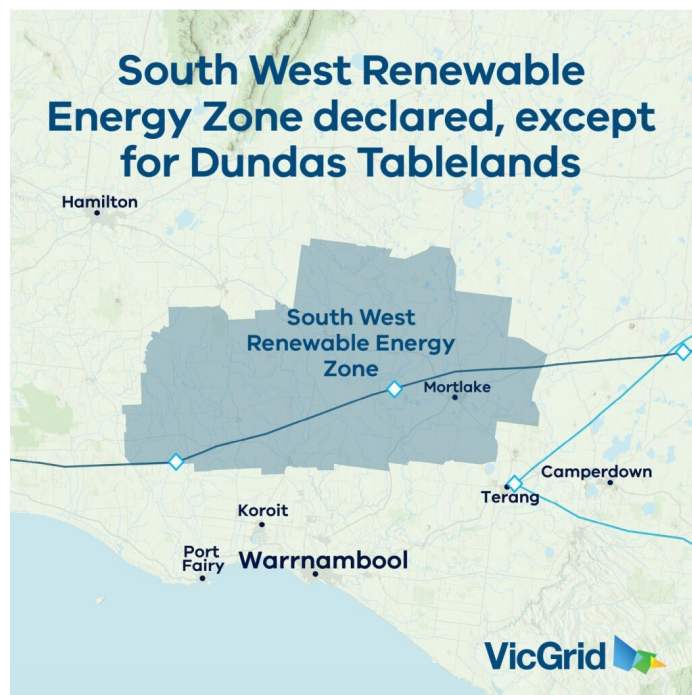
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VicGrid Drop-in session - Penshurst Thursday 25th June 4 - 6pm



Join VicGrid at a drop-in session to ask questions and learn more:

Pigeon Ponds Community Hall Coleraine-Edenhope Road, Pigeon Ponds	Tue 16 June 5-7 pm
Harrow Hall Blair Street, Harrow	Wed 17 June 11 am-1 pm
Karingal Senior Citizens Centre 16 Henty Street, Coleraine	Wed 17 June 5-7 pm
Casterton Town Hall (Chambers) 71 Henty Street, Casterton	Thu 25 June 11 am-1 pm
Penshurst Senior Citizens Hall 71A Bell Street, Penshurst	Thu 25 June 4-6 pm
Mortlake Visitor Information Centre 103 Dunlop Street, Mortlake	Fri 26 Jun 11 am-1 pm



Would it be OK if I just listened?

This reflection comes from a powerful memory of long ago. I wasn't in the best place at the time and my friend, knowing this, sought me out and just sat beside me. For the space of about 2 hours nothing was said. Nope, not one word. Which was peculiar because we were usually unstoppable in our conversation.

There were no magic words, no medicine, no mathematical formula to make it all better. The next morning the same quandaries were still there to stomp on me ... but ... I did know that someone cared and that they would do whatever it took, for as long as it took, to roll away the boulders.

And inch by inch, together, over literally years, we daily chose to put our shoulder to stone, until we gradually made progress and a little chink of light could shine through.

I think about that silent meeting a lot in my parish encounters. Usually we try to fill up spaces and silence with words, sounds and images. In this 'age of the screen' we've become quite good at it. But if you asked me when do I think I might have been most fruitful, I reckon it would be the times (rare as they are) when I tried very hard not to say anything at all and just listened. The times when I did not rush in with the quick, glib easy catchphrase but allowed the silence to massage the ache and bruises.

I wonder what would happen if we spoke less, and let the 'other' just sit alongside us as we sit alongside them.

Would it be OK ... if I didn't say anything, but just sat with you and listened, just being with you, allowing the silence to speak for both of us.

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For more information contact Laura Redgrave on 5573 0444 or email lredgrave@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au



The parable of the archer's target.

Far too often I have found myself distracted by 'other' things that I thought were absolutely vital and essential to the church of God. The sad reality is that they were not. They were petty distractions and to my shame I wasted far too much time and energy flirting, dancing and wrestling with them.

I had forgotten about the main thing. And the main thing to remember is that The Main Thing is The Main Thing and **The Main Thing** is always... 'Him'.

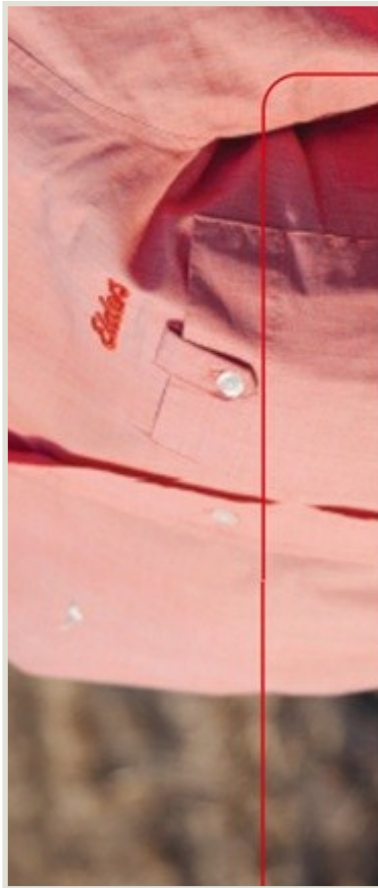
I console myself a little because Mother Church has sometimes been distracted and some of my most admired colleagues have also fallen for this trap.

One of them once came to my aid by telling me a mini parable about an archer's target. You always aim straight for the centre, the bulls eye. Don't be distracted by the outer rings which, while they are necessary, are not the most important thing. The outer circles are not what you are aiming for. What you are aiming for is the bull's eye. Plump and centre.

Archery like relationships takes time, practice and an unceasing willingness to persevere. Focus only on the bulls eye and the outer rings fall into their proper perspective. They enhance and complete the target. They are not THE target. Only the bulls eye is.

The finest archers, the most athletic runners, the most convivial people are those who actually enjoy what they are doing. Whether it's high jumping, leapfrogging, cooking lamb roasts or engaging in witty conversation, they are admirable because they are simply enjoying themselves. We will have consistently hit the bulls eye when we can breathe, allow the distractions to dissolve, and let the arrow fly. It will find its home when we know we have always been at home.

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Southern Grampians Shire Council will proudly celebrate Pride Month this June, with a series of colourful, community-focused events designed to celebrate inclusion, identity and belonging. Celebrations will begin in mid-June and continue through to the end of the month, with a range of activities and initiatives planned across the Shire.

One of the central initiatives, “Mardi Gray”, will encourage local businesses and Council’s public-facing spaces to bring a burst of colour and creativity to shopfronts and windows in celebration of Pride. Similar to the popular Christmas window competition, prizes will be awarded for the best displays.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said Council was proud to stand alongside every member of the community.

“We’re looking forward to celebrating Pride throughout June and creating opportunities for people to come together in a spirit of inclusion and respect.”

“We want everyone in our community to know they are valued, supported and welcome here. Everybody deserves the opportunity to celebrate who they are.”

Council will also support a local football match at Melville Oval on Sunday 21 June, with both the Senior Women’s Branhholme and Hamilton teams set to wear rainbow football socks during the game.

Council is enormously grateful to both clubs for embracing the initiative and helping create visible support and inclusion within local sport.

Local youth rainbow group YUMCHA will also launch its new mascot, Bowie, during Pride Month celebrations.

The project, funded through a grant from Youth Affairs Council Victoria’s HEY program, saw young people work closely with One Day Studios in Warrnambool to create an animated spokesperson designed to promote messages of diversity, inclusion and understanding.

“Everyone deserves respect and the chance to feel proud of who they are,” Cr Heslin said.

“We’re very happy to show our support, and we look forward to the broader community joining us in celebrating Pride Month together.”

For a full list of upcoming events and activities, visit Council’s website or subscribe to Council’s monthly newsletter.

**BUDGET BALANCES MAJOR INVESTMENT WITH
LONG-TERM FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Southern Grampians Shire Council formally adopted the 2026/27 Budget, Long-Term Financial Plan and Pricing Register at the 9 June Council meeting with \$17.5 million allocated for the capital works program, and targets to be debt free by 2036.

The Budget follows an extensive consultation process, with submissions and feedback received throughout the process being invaluable in shaping the final document adopted by Council. For the initial submission period from November 2025 to January 2026 Council received 23 community submissions along with 11 Councillor submissions. In addition, there was 13 items of feedback received during May 2026.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin said the Budget sought a careful balance between investing in the infrastructure and facilities communities expect,

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while maintaining a strong emphasis on financial sustainability.

"This Budget is about making responsible decisions today that our communities and our existing infrastructure can rely on in the future," Cr Heslin said.

"We know people are feeling cost-of-living pressures. Councils across Victoria face sharply rising costs while operating under rate caps that sit below inflation. Despite those challenges, we're pleased to deliver another significant capital works program without losing sight of major projects."

The Budget forecasts an operating surplus of \$5.79 million and includes a \$17.5 million capital works program, with more than \$13 million dedicated to renewing and upgrading existing community assets.

Roads remain a major focus, with \$6.74 million allocated to road works across the Shire, alongside upgrades to buildings, sporting facilities and community infrastructure.

Community feedback played a big part in the final Budget, with Council adding a \$250,000 public toilet renewal project in Cavendish following consultation.

Among the major projects progressing through the Budget are the Hamilton CBD Streetscape Revitalisation, the proposed new Hamilton Gallery, and the Community Hub project, which will bring together a library, digital hub, municipal offices and community spaces.

The Budget includes \$3.2 million toward progressing the Hamilton CBD revitalisation project and a further \$2.5 million for detailed design work on the future Hamilton Art Gallery. Funding for the detailed design work has come through the regional Precincts and Partnerships Programme (rPPP) funding stream.

A number of community-prioritised projects also received funding, including:

Cavendish and Coleraine Structure Plan Implementation into the planning scheme

Economic Development Strategy

Renewal of athletics facilities at Mitchell Park

Masterplan for Wannon Falls Scenic Reserve

Rainwater harvesting project at HILAC and Hamilton Showgrounds, subject to a grant

Renewal of Church on Brown Street for Youth and Community use

Support for Live4Life Southern Grampians

Fencing of northern side of the Cavendish playground

HILAC court 1 renewal

Outdoor swimming pools annual renewal

Lake Hamilton Spillway

The accompanying Long-Term Financial Plan forecasts operating surpluses in eight of the next ten years, limits average expenditure growth to approximately 1.5 per cent annually and forecasts that all debt will be repaid by 2036.

Council also expects to maintain positive cash reserves throughout the life of the plan while continuing to invest more than \$12 million annually in asset renewal.

For ratepayers, general rates will increase by 2.75 per cent, in line with the Victorian Government's rate cap and lower than last year's increase of 3 per cent.

Cr Heslin commented on the removal of the long-standing two per cent early payment discount on rates, saying:

"Unfortunately, this concession which we have been able to offer in the

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past has become increasingly difficult to sustain under the rate-capping system. Pensioner concessions will however remain unchanged, and we will continue to offer hardship provisions for any residents experiencing financial stress. Please reach out for a confidential conversation with our rates team."

The municipal waste charge will increase from \$430 to \$472, reflecting higher waste disposal, fuel and contractor costs associated with delivering kerbside rubbish, recycling and food and garden organics services.

"The consultation process highlighted strong support for projects such as Mitchell Park Athletics and HILAC Court 1, while also raising important and difficult questions about rates, future infrastructure priorities and major project spending," Cr Heslin said.

"We always want to see as much engagement as possible from the community. The ideal plan is always to direct funds to the places that matter to our residents so it's really important for us to know what that looks like. In this case, every submission we received was carefully reviewed and the feedback was an enormous help with the development and finalising this budget."

The adopted Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan position Council to continue delivering services, renewing infrastructure and progressing major projects while maintaining a sustainable financial future for the Southern Grampians community.

"In a difficult financial period, people want to see restrained spending, careful budgeting of their hard-earned rates as well as maintenance of the significant assets we already have. We think this budget does a good job balancing common sense financial planning with progressing the forward-facing projects that will elevate our Shire. This is a testament to the hard work of our staff who have done an amazing job throughout the year to keep everything on track," concluded Cr Heslin. Anyone experiencing financial hardship with their rates is encouraged to view the hardship resources available on our website.

To read the budget in full or to hear more about our major projects, head to the website or subscribe to our monthly eNews.

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COVERED IN THE SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

With the winter school holidays fast approaching, Southern Grampians Shire Council is ready to help local families beat the cold with a packed program of fun and affordable activities for kids of all ages.

Whether it's movies and craft sessions, gardening, painting, triathlon-style challenges or even a circus comedy act, the line-up these school holidays offers something for everyone. Add in a variety of Library and Hamilton Performing Arts Centre activities, and there are plenty of ways to stay warm, dry and entertained.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the program offers a wide range of free and low-cost activities, making it easier for those staying close to home to keep the kids busy without breaking the budget.

"We know the winter school holidays can be tricky for families trying to find things to keep kids engaged, especially with the colder weather keeping people indoors," said Cr Heslin.

"That's why we're proud to offer a diverse range of activities right here in our community, giving young people the chance to stay active, get creative and try something new."

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Highlights of the winter program include:

- * Spike the Echidna (Monday 29 June) For kids aged 4-12. Told with shadow theatre, Spike is an interactive experience for the audience, it is entertaining and fun, as well as a catalyst for a discussion about difference and belonging.
- * Find Your Sound with Soultly (Friday 3 July) For ages 12-25. Join local legend Maggie Hartley, for a hands-on workshop to help you Find Your Sound!
- * The Farmy Farm (Thursday 9 July) For kids aged 3-12. Join Kenny and Jenny for a day in the life of getting their jobs done with a tractor-load of circus and farming tomfoolery.
- * Family Triathlon (Sunday 12 July) For ages 12+. Run, swim and cycle with HILAC for an Indoor Triathlon. Three age categories with prizes in each.

"The program highlights the strong collaboration across Council services, bringing together a variety of ideas and opportunities into one accessible program," Cr Heslin concluded.

Families are encouraged to explore the full program and plan ahead to make the most of what's on offer across the shire.

Visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/School-Holiday-Programs for all the details and booking information.

We can't wait to see you there!

CONCEPT DESIGNS UNVEILED FOR HAMILTON'S NEW COMMUNITY HUB

Southern Grampians Shire Council is inviting community to help shape the future of Hamilton, with concept designs for the new Community Hub, Library and Civic Square now available for public feedback.

Residents are encouraged to explore the concept designs online and complete a short survey to share their ideas and help guide the next stage of the project.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin said the release of the concept designs marks an exciting milestone for the region.

"We're excited to share these concept designs with our community," Cr Heslin said. "This project represents a significant investment in Hamilton's future and will create welcoming, accessible spaces that bring people together, connect residents with services, and support community life for generations to come."

Drawing on feedback gathered during the first round of community engagement in February, the concept designs feature a contemporary two-storey multipurpose building that brings together a new library, community meeting spaces, Council customer services and other tenanted services under one roof.

"Having multiple services in a central location will make it easier for residents to access the support and facilities they need," Cr Heslin said.

"The architects have carefully considered what our community told us earlier this year, and these designs reflect many of the ideas, aspirations and priorities that were shared."

A key feature of the proposed Community Hub is an expanded library designed to support learning, creativity and connection for people of all ages. The concept includes flexible multipurpose spaces and a proposed "Fab Lab" that could provide access to technology, innovation and hands-on learning opportunities.

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"Now we're asking the community to help us shape what those spaces will ultimately look like," Cr Heslin said.

"What would you like to see in a Fab Lab? Could it include podcasting and music recording facilities, creative maker spaces, design software, gaming technology or simulators? This is an opportunity for you to share what facilities and experiences our community would like to access."

The proposed Community Hub also includes a range of meeting and gathering spaces designed to support local groups, organisations and individuals, creating opportunities for people to connect, collaborate and socialise.

Alongside the Hub, the concept designs include a new Civic Square that could become a vibrant community destination for events, activities, celebrations and everyday use. The space is designed to balance large community gatherings with casual daily activities, offering seating areas, green open spaces and places for families and visitors to enjoy.

Within the proposed library, dedicated areas are planned for children's and youth programs, along with quiet study and workspaces. An outdoor garden area is also included, providing opportunities to take programs such as Story Time into a safe and engaging natural setting.

Council is encouraging residents to view the designs, ask questions and provide feedback either online or in person at the Community Hub Pop-Up Shop, located at 107 Gray Street, Hamilton.

Council staff will be available to speak with residents from Tuesday 9 June – Friday 19 June 2026.

Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Residents are also invited to attend a Community Information Session at the Hamilton Cinema on Wednesday 17 June 2026 between 6:00pm – 7:30pm where architects and staff will present the concept designs, provide opportunity to answer questions and listen to community feedback.

Feedback closes 5:00pm Wednesday 8 July 2026 and will help inform the next stage of the design process.

The development of the concept and detailed design work is funded through the \$5 million secured under Stream 1 of the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP).

New Library, Community Hub and Civic Square | Engage Southern Grampians

Napier Waller story continued from page 3

Unfortunately the house was burned down in the 1977 bushfire at Penshurst, with some of his earliest sketches on the walls lost to art history.

In 1913, at the age of 20, he went to Melbourne and enrolled in drawing classes at the National Gallery School under famous painter, Fred McCubbin.

His early work drew inspiration from the farm yard of his childhood in Penshurst. Waller had his right arm amputated during World War 1, but such was his determination to become an artist, he trained himself to paint with his left arm.

He is most famous for his works in the 1950's at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

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Delicious Minestrone Soup

Prep Time 15 mins Cook 45 mins Serves 4

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3 bacon rashers, rind removed, roughly chopped
2 carrots, peeled, chopped
2 celery sticks, chopped
1 Desiree potato, peeled, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed

1L (4 cups) beef stock
1 canned finely chopped Tomatoes
400g can Coles Red Kidney Beans, rinsed, drained
80g (1 cup) small shell pasta
1/3 cup chopped fresh continental parsley

Step 1

Place the bacon, carrots, celery and potato in a large saucepan and stir to combine. Cook over high heat, uncovered, stirring often, for 5 minutes.

Step 2

Add the garlic, beef stock, tomatoes and red kidney beans to the pan, cover and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. (To freeze the soup, see note).

**Step 3**

Increase heat to high. Add pasta and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, following packet directions or until pasta is al dente. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle into serving bowls and sprinkle with parsley. Serve immediately.

What are some other minestrone soup recipe twists?

In keeping with the theme of frugal cooking, use this minestrone soup recipe as a blueprint for cooking up whatever you have on hand. The bacon can be swapped with leftover ham bones or a ham hock. If you have cannellini beans in the cupboard, throw them in instead of the red kidney beans, and other small pasta shapes (instead of small shell pasta) – even broken up spaghetti – can be used. Save your parmesan rind and simmer it with the soup for extra taste, just scoop it out at the end.

Try making a crisper-drawer green minestrone soup by adding zucchini, broccoli and cabbage. Swap the parsley for basil, if you have it in the garden. To top it all off, how about using up stale bread by making some garlic croutons. Some like to add extra green beans to bulk up the veggie factor, but we think it's worth using up vegies in your crisper if you don't have green beans (or you're feeding little ones who don't love green beans in their minestrone soup). Sprinkle with freshly grated parmesan cheese, if you please, and enjoy the best minestrone soup recipe we know!

Leftover soup will keep in the fridge for 3-4 days if stored in an airtight container. If you want to keep it longer, you can freeze it for up to 2-3 months – just remember to leave a little space at the top of the container for expansion as it freezes, plus add any pasta or fresh herbs after reheating for the best texture and flavour.



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Crossword answers last fortnight:
Across: 1. opposed, 4 inhibition,
5 contemplate, 8 assure, 11 outline, 12 heel,
13 deficiency, 16 hurl, 17 cultivate,
19 assertive, 20 admit, 21 glimpse, 23 walk.
Down: 2 discouragement, 3 mill, 6 hammer, 7 check,
9 compensate, 10 slice, 12 heir, 14 business,
16 strategy, 17 control, 18 eagle, 22 pot.

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Across:

5: Activity or excitement that is unusual and that often is not wanted or necessary.

6: A set of ideas or a plan of what to do in particular situations that has been agreed to officially by a group of people or organisation.

11: The act of looking at something closely and carefully.

12: A very large ball of burning gas in space.

13: An animal in Africa and Asia that has horns pointing up and back, and runs very fast.

14: The line of hair that grows over your eye.

17: To be in a particular place.

19: Someone or something that provides what is wanted or needed.

21: A way of sealing a hole.

23: An arrangement of hair made by weaving three sections together.

24: An amount of money that is used for a special purpose.

Down:

1: Generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests.

2: A formal and usually written request for something.

3: Not exciting or interesting.

4: One aspect.

7: The feeling of wanting to give your attention to something or of wanting to be involved.

8: Something that produces something.

9: A place where someone or something is protected or given shelter.

10: A violently rotating column of air that extends from sky to earth.

14: A person or way of behaving that is seen as a model that should be followed.

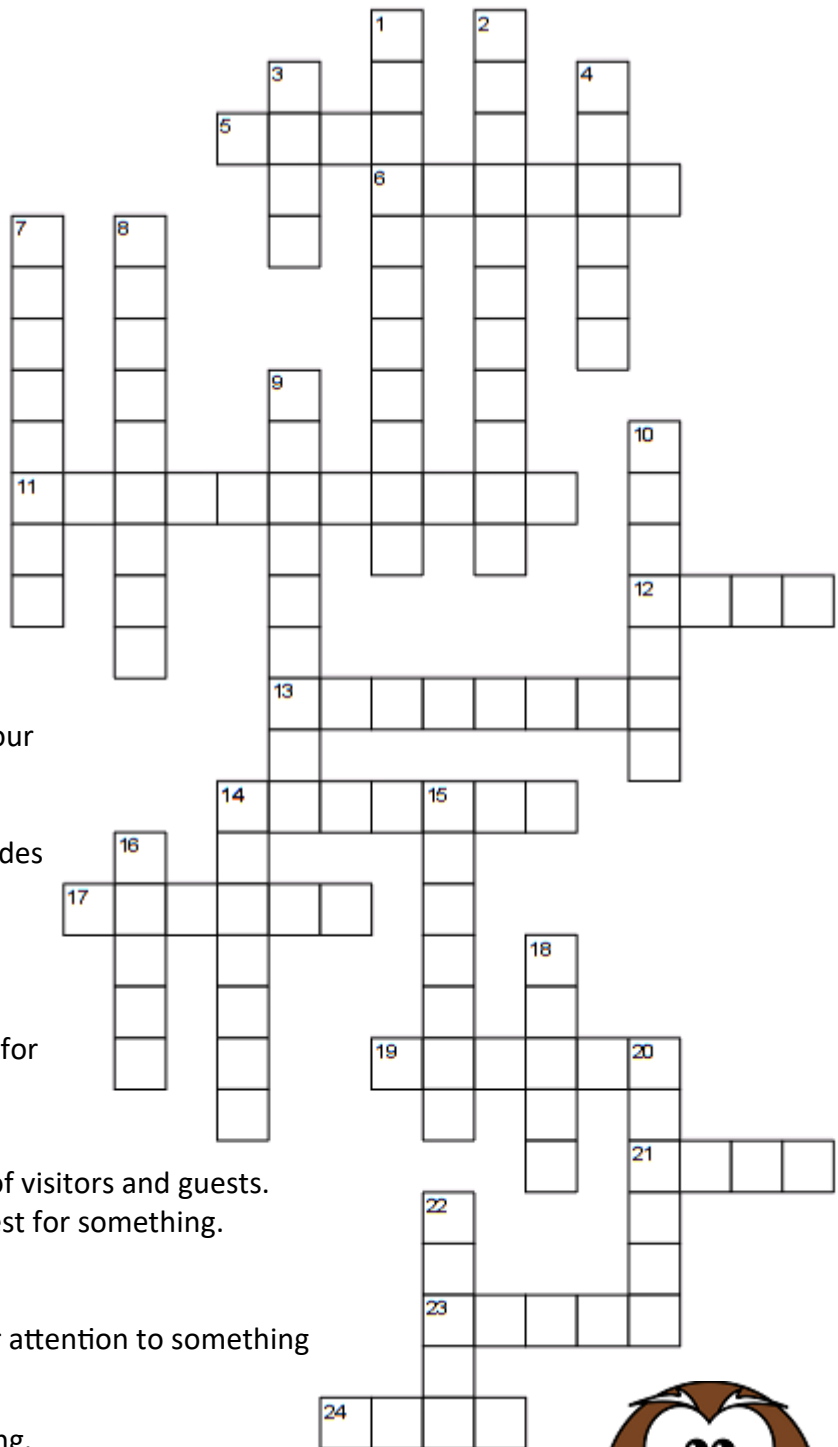
15: A curved line of different colours that sometimes appears in the sky when the sun shines through rain.

16: Not tightly fastened, attached, or held.

18: Kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly.

20: To increase in size, range, or amount.

22: A small, simple house made of wood.



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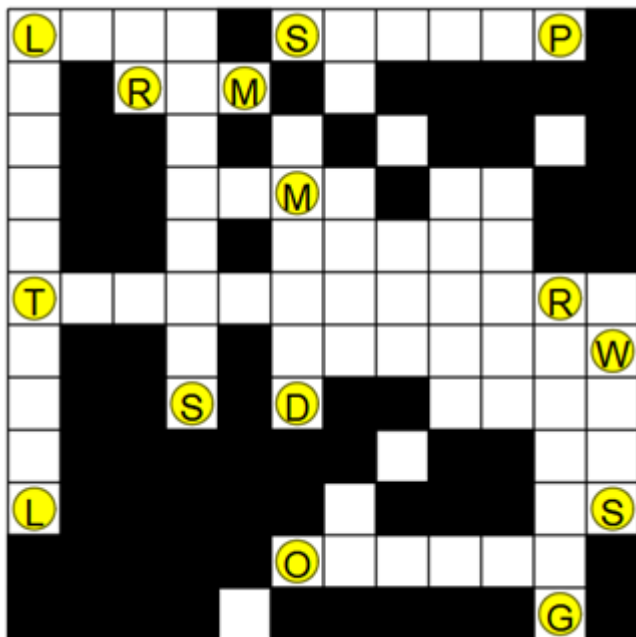
Why are the words quire and choir pronounced the same way?

Anyone trying to learn English has their "work cut out for them" (and try explaining that phrase)!

For the young and young at heart

Reverse word search

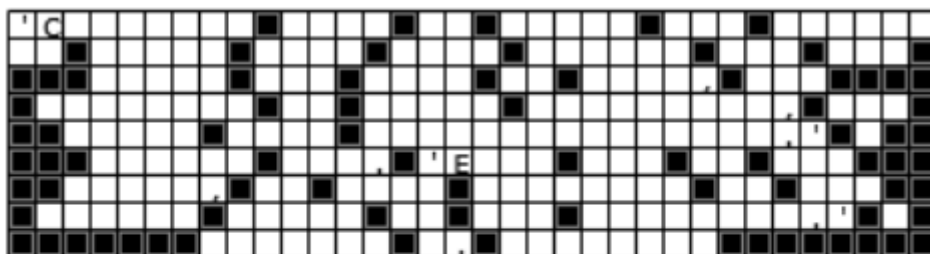
The rules of the reverse word search puzzle are simple. Instead of looking for words in a grid, you have to place the words (below) in an empty word search puzzle. You have a list of words to place and the start letter of the words in the grid.



Desert	Mountain	Shower
Glacier	Ocean	Snow
Lake	Plains	Sunshine
Lightning	Rainbow	Thunderstorm
Misty	River	Weather

Can you decipher the words, with, or without, using the clues?

- msuic Sounds that are sung by voices or played on instruments.
- memitiar Of or relating to sailing on the sea or doing business such as trading by sea.
- mamlaarde A sweet jelly that contains pieces of fruit.
- cagim A power that allows people to do impossible things by saying special words or performing special actions.
- eystmry Something that is not known.
- ilracme An unusual or wonderful event that is believed to be caused by the power of God.
- maidenndg Very annoying.
- miunscile Very tiny.
- mioresocpc A device used for producing a much larger view of very small objects so that they can be seen clearly.



Complete the phrase on the board.

The letters of the phrase on the board felt on the ground.

You have to put the letters back on the board in the correct order.

Luckily the letters felt directly under the column as they were on the board. Good luck!

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MHR S IF A UR STIE C
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Community Calendar & Contacts

Boram Boram Cemetery Trust

- Contact Jeff Jellie 0407 781 407 or Sue 0418 141 301

Caramut & District Garden Club

- 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am.
See Garden Notes for venue or contact 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.



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 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

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 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.

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 - JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Lutheran Church Tabor 10am Anglican Church Mass 5pm Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm <i>Ukulele Group 2-3pm</i>	01 	02 Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm Bowls Club Meeting 7:30pm	03 <i>Newsletter Edition 20</i> YOGA @ St Josephs 5pm	04 WDHS Social Support Activity Group 10am Mobile Library 3-4pm	05 Volcano Discovery Centre 11am-3pm Lions Club Social Dinner	06 CourtHouse Open Day 9:30am-12:30pm Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm
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