

# *MT ROUSE News & Views*



## *Community Newsletter*

### *Historical Society celebrating a new year*

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The Mt Rouse & District Historical Society welcomed the upcoming year at their AGM. The new committee are (front) Mary Johnson (Treasurer), Robert Collins (President), Catherine Loria (Secretary) & Phillip Doherty (Committee) with John Page (Vice President) over Phil's left shoulder. The other committee member is Jeffrey Jelly.

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## Historical Society celebrates a great new year

The Mount Rouse & District Historical Society is celebrating a new year, welcoming Catherine Loria to her role as Secretary at their recent Annual General Meeting. This joyful group is feeling inspired, with many interesting plans for the future, an increase in membership, and support from local community groups, to help them continue their important roles as curators of history and memorabilia from Penshurst and the local district.

During the year they received two grants. The first, from the Southern Grampians Council, provided new computer equipment and the second, from the Glenelg Hopkins CMA Victorian Landcare 2026, through the Friends of Yatmerone committee, is for research and creation of a booklet, the second in the series 'Stones, Springs and Wild Things'. The booklet will include chapters written by Dr James Driscoll (geology), Dr John Webb (hydrology) and local stories attached to waterways including the Spring in the Penshurst Botanic Gardens, Murdum Creek, Spring Creek headwaters (leading to Merri River), Moyne River headwaters, and Eumeralla River headwaters, collated by Phil Doherty.

The Historical Society continues to provide heritage information and images to the general public through their monthly Open Day (first Saturday of each month, 9.30am - 12.30) and by appointment. They can also be reached through their comprehensive website: [mountrousehistoricalsociety.org.au/](http://mountrousehistoricalsociety.org.au/)

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EARLY GREYHOUND COURSING

By Phil Doherty - 26 May 2015 (part 1)    Reprinted with permission

The earliest written report describing coursing in Victoria was in the Geelong Advertiser. The Advertiser reported in June 1843 that *a party of gentlemen who lived to the westward of Lake Colac killed 64 kangaroos over three days*. One of the courses went for over a mile, in a circle. The dogs were slipped when a flying or maiden Doe was found. It was reported that *at the end of the day the men adjourned to the house of one of the neighbours, where good humour and merriment closed the day*. No mention was made of the breed of dogs used but the owners and dogs were recorded as Mr Lloyd's Minna, Mr Bromfield's Betsy and Mr Manifold's Austin.

In July 1860 rabbit coursing was held at Flemington Racecourse. The rabbits used came from Rabbit Island in Westernport Bay. A Herald Sun newspaper reporter wrote that *as they were domestic types (coloured), they refused to run. They just squatted and allowed the greyhounds to kill them. A wallaby was then tried but after hopping a few hundred yards it jumped into the Saltwater River, swam across and sought refuge in the yard of an Inn*. The wallaby was brought back but refused to run so its life was spared. The Herald reporter noted that *it was a wretched affair and the only persons who profited by the first Coursing meeting ever held in Victoria were the cabmen, and they reaped an abundant harvest, as there were 400 or 500 persons at the ground*.

**PUBLICANS**

Just as they did with horse racing, publicans could see a financial advantage for promoting and running sporting events next to their hotels. Harry Howells of the Plough Inn, Geelong was one such publican. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1863 a rabbit coursing event was held at the Inn. The Herald reporter noted that *as most of the dogs were not used to the sport some long runs were made, however all the rabbits were killed*. Howell supplied some 40 rabbits. It was not reported if the rabbits were domestic or wild types. The dogs consisted of mainly pure and crossbred greyhounds plus terriers.

The next month coursing returned to Melbourne on Emerald Hill. Mr Trotter, from the Napoleon the Third Inn, instituted rabbit coursing in the same style as was popular in the old country. The rabbits were procured from the extensive warren of Thomas Austin Esq's Barwon Park property, near Geelong. The Herald scribe wrote *the rabbits were allowed to have a better run than at home (England)*. Dogs of all sorts were allowed to run in the event. Dogs of similar ability were slipped together including Spaniel and Bulldog, Terrier and Greyhound, Lurcher and Cocker. The rabbits were allowed 150 yards start in matches where kangaroo dogs and greyhounds were entered, and 60 yards for terriers. The reporter submitted that *the coursing ( rabbits ) should be confined to small dogs, for the sport is little to watch the ground devouring leaps of the kangaroo dog or greyhound and the deadly pounce on the affrighted and doomed rabbit*.

In May and June of 1863 greyhound coursing matches were held in Hepburn's paddock fronting the Turf Hotel, Ballarat. The rabbits were procured by Mr J Smith from a rabbit warren at Guildford. It was reported that the rabbits ran well but were mown down by their pursuers. By 1865 the Ballarat Star newspaper reported that *rabbit coursing at the Turf Hotel had become quite fashionable. The meetings held on Friday afternoons attracted 300 to 400 people. The sport was good and between 50 to 60 rabbits were killed*. The dogs were mainly greyhounds and terriers.

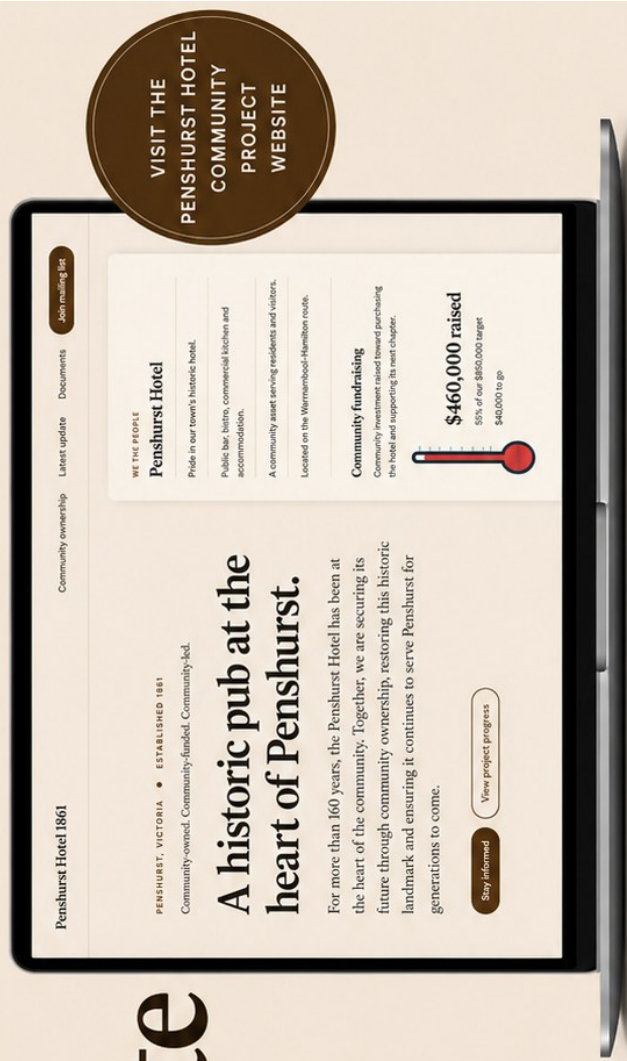
A combined pigeon and rabbit shooting match, plus rabbit coursing was held at Jeffreys Hotel Newtown, Geelong in July 1867.

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PENSHURST HOTEL 1861

# Our website is live!

Stay informed. View project progress.  
Read the latest updates, explore the  
project and find key documents.



#### Latest updates

Read the latest community newsletter and project updates.



#### Project history

Explore previous updates, media coverage and hotel heritage.



#### Community Collective

Learn about community investment, units and equal voting.



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## THE PUB COLLECTIVE

Edition No. 7 – July 2026

### Our New Website is Live!

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the Penshurst Hotel project website:

<https://penshursthotel.com>



The website has been created as the central source of information for the project and will continue to grow as we progress towards reopening the Penshurst Hotel as a community-owned asset.

You'll find:

- Regular project updates
- Historical information and the story of the hotel
- Media coverage and newsletters
- Information about the community ownership project
- Answers to common questions
- Opportunities to become involved

### Stay Informed

We'll continue to publish updates in the **Penshurst Community Newsletter**, but by joining our mailing list through the website you'll also receive important project updates directly to your inbox.

The website allows us to share news, documents, photos and announcements as they happen, while the newsletter will remain an important way of keeping the broader community informed.

### If You Haven't Joined Yet...

The project continues to welcome new community supporters and investors.

Every additional shareholder strengthens the future of the hotel and demonstrates the community's commitment to preserving one of Penshurst's most important assets.

Whether you are able to make a financial investment, volunteer your skills, or simply help spread the word, your support makes a real difference. If you've been watching from the sidelines, now is a great time to become involved.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed their time, expertise, encouragement and investment. The progress made so far has only been possible because of the support of our community. We encourage everyone to visit the website, explore the information available, sign up to the mailing list, and share the website with family, friends and former Penshurst residents who may like to follow the journey.

Together, we're not just saving a hotel - we're preserving an important part of Penshurst's future.

**Visit:** <https://penshursthotel.com>

**Join our mailing list, keep an eye on the Penshurst Community Newsletter, and follow the journey as we work together to bring the hotel back to life.**

*Interim Directors of Penshurst Hotel 1861 Pty Ltd*

## Age is a state of mind

1. What is a prize old people can win for aging? Atrophy.
2. How is the moon like dentures? Both come out at night.
3. Where can single men over 65 find younger women who are interested in them? In

the bookstore, under "Fiction".

4. I'm not getting old, I'm just marinating.

5. You know you're getting old when your friends' secrets are safe with you because they can't remember them.



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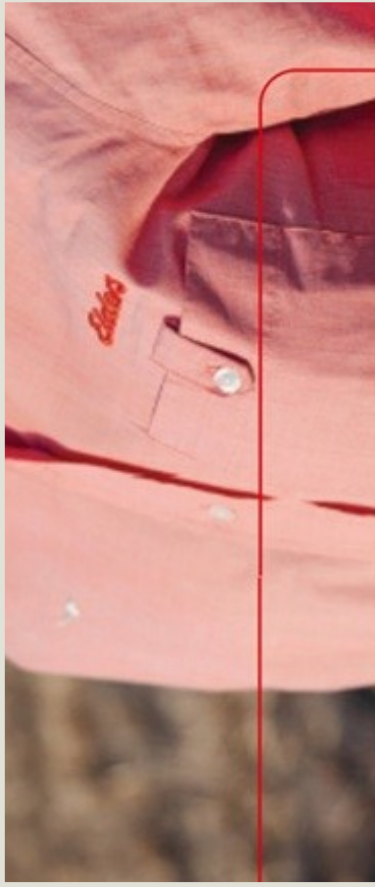
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### **‘Allow yourself to learn’**

It was an incisive phrase I snatched from a sparkling conversation. The other person was of more mature years but time had not dulled their mind or blunted their wit. The glitter of the conversation was nurturing and enjoyable.

‘Allow yourself to learn.’ In a rare moment of lucidity I caught this phrase and clutched it tightly to myself. There’s a lot going on with this phrase and here are just some of the bombs that go off once you light the fuse.

First, you have to own up to the fact that you get it wrong. To admit to the fall out and the bruises that are yours and those that you implanted (hopefully unwittingly) on others. Allow yourself the fact that you don’t know it all, you never will, but you are determined to go gently learning, always being patient with yourself.

Secondly, allow yourself to grasp the stinging nettle that it is OK to fail. It’s what happens *after* you plummet face down in the mud that matters. Do you lie there feeling sorry for yourself, or do you courageously pick yourself up, seek solace with a beverage and friend, and plot ways to avoid such a mishap.

All too often we don’t allow ourselves the space and massage of allowing ourselves to learn. There are lessons aplenty and we should have learnt them the first time, but being mortal means that we have to repeatedly go back to some good old one on one tutoring.

Listen to that little voice that is too easily silenced .. It’s OK, in fact it is necessary, to allow yourself to learn. The stomping bullies of self congratulation and self righteous priggishness are our worst enemies and do us a lot of harm. They can however be easily vanquished by allowing ourselves the space to learn.

### **Our happy places.**

It was about 1969 when we moved to the family farm at Sheep-hills just outside of Warracknabeal. Christ Church was our parish Church as the Sheep-hills Church had become defunct and had subsequently moved to Halls Gap where it continues a faithful, welcoming ministry to tourists and locals alike.

I was baptised and confirmed at Christchurch Warracknabeal. My father and his parents were all buried from this church. I learnt to serve at the altar there and I believe the flickering of a vocation was sparked there. The sanctuary where I floundered and flounced felt a warm, secure and safe place and I wanted every moment of my life to feel like this. So when I returned there for an ordination earlier this year I found myself once again in that same sacred space, with the same windows, the same carpet and a doona experience of nostalgia and longing. Like fluttering autumn leaves, memories came to mind. It was almost as if I had just slipped into the dimension of my former life and there I was, as if I had never left.

I should not have been surprised about the potency and possibility of this ‘telescoping of time’. Whenever I am at the altar I am also at that very first / last supper whilst simultaneously I am at the end of time at the heavenly banquet with angels and archangels. The party that knows no hangovers or ending. I didn’t drive up to the ordination expecting such a humbling and delicious experience. The sense of otherness always finds me.

Where I have come from and who I was, is the stuff of who I am. It is not something to be shirked or recoiled from but something to be rejoiced in. It was, is and will be, my happy place. And yours is...?

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SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Your Council  
Your Community****INDEPENDENT SURVEY SHOWS IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS COUNCIL SERVICES**

Southern Grampians Shire Council has welcomed encouraging results from an independent community survey, with residents reporting improved satisfaction across each area of Council performance measured this past year.

The 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey, coordinated by Local Government Victoria and conducted independently by Klein Research, recorded a seven-point increase in Council's overall performance, alongside significant improvements in customer service, waste management and sealed local roads.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin said the results showed the value of listening to the community while remaining focused on delivering better services.

"These results are encouraging because they show some community recognition of the improvements we've been working hard to deliver," Cr Heslin said. "We were particularly pleased to see strong gains in customer service and waste management. I do want to be clear that we're equally conscious that the survey highlights areas where our community fairly expects us to do better."

Customer service recorded one of the strongest improvements, increasing 10 points to a score of 68 which places Southern Grampians above the average for large rural councils. Waste management also saw significant improvement, increasing 11 points to 69, while perceptions of sealed local roads rose eight points.

When asked what they valued most about Southern Grampians Shire Council, residents most frequently highlighted recreation and family facilities, areas which Council has invested in to improve community infrastructure and liveability.

More than half of respondents had interacted with Council over the past 12 months, with many praising the helpfulness and professionalism of staff during those interactions.

Cr Heslin said Council considered the survey an important tool for shaping future priorities.

"One of the most valuable additions to this year's survey was the opportunity for residents to explain why they gave the ratings they did. That gives us a much clearer understanding of what's working well and where we need to focus our efforts."

While overall satisfaction increased, the survey also identified opportunities for further improvement, particularly around community perceptions of decision making, opportunities to provide feedback and ensuring decisions are seen to be in the community's best interests.

"The survey provides an independent snapshot of how our community sees us. We'll continue listening, learning and using that feedback to improve the services we provide because that's what our residents deserve," Cr Heslin concluded.

The Community Satisfaction Survey is conducted annually across Victoria and provides councils with an independent benchmark of community perceptions,

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helping inform future planning, service improvements and accountability.

To view the results of the survey, check out our [website](#). To stay ahead of all things Council, subscribe to our monthly [eNews](#).

**COUNCIL TO TRIAL EARLIER START TIME FOR MEETINGS**

Southern Grampians Shire Council will trial an earlier start time for its next four Council meetings following a decision at Tuesday night's Council Meeting. Councillors resolved to change the meeting start time from 5:30pm to 2:00pm for the August, September and October Ordinary Council Meetings, as well as the Statutory Meeting in October to elect the Mayor. These meetings will remain on the second Tuesday of every month.

The current 5:30pm start time was established by Council resolution on 5 November 2025, although has been the standard meeting time for many years. The change was introduced through a Notice of Motion submitted by Cr Afton Barber and was supported by a majority vote of those Councillors present.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the trial would provide an opportunity to assess whether an earlier meeting time better suits the needs of the community. "We hope the change may encourage a different cohort of residents to engage with Council meetings, either in person or online, including our younger people or school groups to observe Council meetings as part of their learning," Cr Heslin said. "Attendance in the public gallery has generally been low at the current 5:30pm start time, so this trial will help us determine whether a daytime meeting is more accessible for some members of our community.

"The change will reduce the need for staff to attend meetings outside normal working hours and align Southern Grampians Shire Council with the meeting schedules of several neighbouring councils. In the winter months particularly, an earlier finish may also reduce the need for councillors, staff and community members to travel longer distances later in the evening," Cr Heslin concluded.

At the conclusion of the four-meeting trial, Council will review the outcomes and community response to determine whether the earlier meeting time should continue.

For more information on Council Meetings, including dates, head to Council's website.

**UPDATED GOVERNANCE RULES STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Southern Grampians Shire Council has adopted updated Governance Rules to make Council meetings more transparent and accessible to the community. The Governance Rules establish how Council meetings are conducted, how decisions are made and how members of the public can participate in Council's democratic processes.

Under the changes made, public participation has been enhanced, with speaking time for deputations extended from three to four minutes and all representatives of a deputation now able to address Council, providing an expanded opportunity for community

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members and groups to present their views.

Some procedures that are already followed by Council have been solidified, including meeting agendas being placed on the Council website by close of business on the Friday before a meeting and recordings of livestreamed Council meetings being made available alongside meeting minutes on Council's website.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin said the changes were about ensuring Council's decision-making processes continued to evolve alongside community expectations.

"Good governance is about making sure our community can easily understand how and why decisions are made, and ensuring there are meaningful opportunities for them to participate," Cr Heslin said.

The updated Rules reflect local government best practice while introducing several practical improvements that will give residents more time to engage with Council decisions and more opportunities to have their voices heard.

"We feel that these changes serve to strengthen transparency, improve access to information and make it simpler and more intuitive for residents to engage with Council on the issues that matter to them. "The updated Rules also simplify the process and deadlines for residents who want to ask Questions on Notice or speak on agenda items, making participation processes more consistent and easier to understand.

Cr Heslin said while many of the amendments clarified existing practices or reflected changes to legislation and Council policies, the overall focus remained on continuous improvement.

"Strong governance underpins everything Council does," he said. "By regularly reviewing our Governance Rules, we're ensuring our meeting procedures remain fair, transparent and responsive to the needs of both Councillors and community."

The updated Governance Rules were developed following a review of Council's existing procedures and informed by recommendations contained within the draft Victorian Model Governance Rules. The draft Rules were placed on public exhibition in May, with community feedback considered before the final version was presented to Council for adoption.

To read the updated Governance rules, head to our website.

**ONLINE GRANTS NOW MORE ACCESSIBLE WITH SMARTYSEARCH**

Community groups, organisations and residents will now have a simpler way to find funding opportunities, with Southern Grampians Shire Council launching the SmartySearch online grants search portal.

SmartySearch is an intuitive online tool that helps community members discover funding opportunities from a wide range of providers, all in one place.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the new portal is a step forward in making grant opportunities more accessible for the community.

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"The community has been asking for a simpler way to find grants, and SmartySearch delivers just that," Cr Heslin said. "Finding the right grant can often be time consuming, with funding opportunities spread across multiple websites. SmartySearch brings together relevant local, state and federal grants in one searchable portal, making it easier to explore available funding opportunities, save time, and access the information needed to bring projects to life."

SmartySearch replaces the previous GrantGuru portal on Council's website, offering an updated, user-friendly search experience with improved functionality and a simpler way to explore available funding.

"Another key benefit of SmartySearch is that no login or account is required, making it quick and accessible for everyone to use," concluded Cr Heslin.

The new SmartySearch portal is available for use on Council's Grants webpage. Community members are encouraged to explore the platform and contact Council's Grants Team if they have any questions or would like assistance.

The grants team can be contacted on 5573 044 during business hours or via email at [communitygrants@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au).

To help users get started, a short demonstration video on how the portal functions can be accessed online. A frequently asked questions (FAQ) is also available to help users get the most out of SmartySearch. Happy grant searching!

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1 1/2 tbsp canola oil  
500g chicken thigh fillets, fat trimmed,  
cut into 4cm pieces  
1 red onion, thinly sliced  
1 tbsp finely grated ginger  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
2 tbsp korma curry paste  
1 tsp ground cinnamon, plus extra,  
to serve, if desired

1 1/2 cups basmati rice, rinsed  
2 cups chicken stock  
2 ripe truss tomatoes, roughly chopped  
200g green beans, cut into 3 cm lengths  
2/3 cup Greek yoghurt  
1 Lebanese cucumber, diced  
Flaked almonds, toasted, coriander sprigs,  
lemon wedges, to serve

Method

Step 1

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large saucepan or non-stick frying pan over medium high heat. Cook chicken for 5 minutes, turning, or until browned. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2

Heat remaining oil in the same pan and cook onion, ginger and garlic for 2 to 3 minutes, or until onion has softened. Add korma paste and cinnamon and cook for 1 minute. Add rice and stir to coat.

Step 3

Add stock and 1 cup water and bring to the boil. Return the chicken to the pan and reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 12 to 15 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and rice is tender. Add tomatoes and beans for the last 5 minutes of cooking time.

Step 4

Meanwhile combine yoghurt and cucumber in a small bowl. Season.

Step 5

Sprinkle chicken with almonds, coriander and extra cinnamon, if desired. Serve with yoghurt and lemon wedges.



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 4: Not joined, connected, or combined.  
 7: A tool used for making holes in hard substances.  
 8: Having a pleasant and usually sweet smell.  
 9: Something you usually do.  
 12: A stream that flows into a larger stream or river or into a lake.

14: Complete and total.  
 16: Something that produces something.  
 18: Cheerful, pleasant, and appealing.  
 20: Having or showing a tendency to argue or fight.

21: A situation that is difficult to understand.  
 24: Not ordinary or usual.  
 26: To make marks that represent letters, words, or numbers on a surface, such as paper.  
 27: Having little money or few possessions.

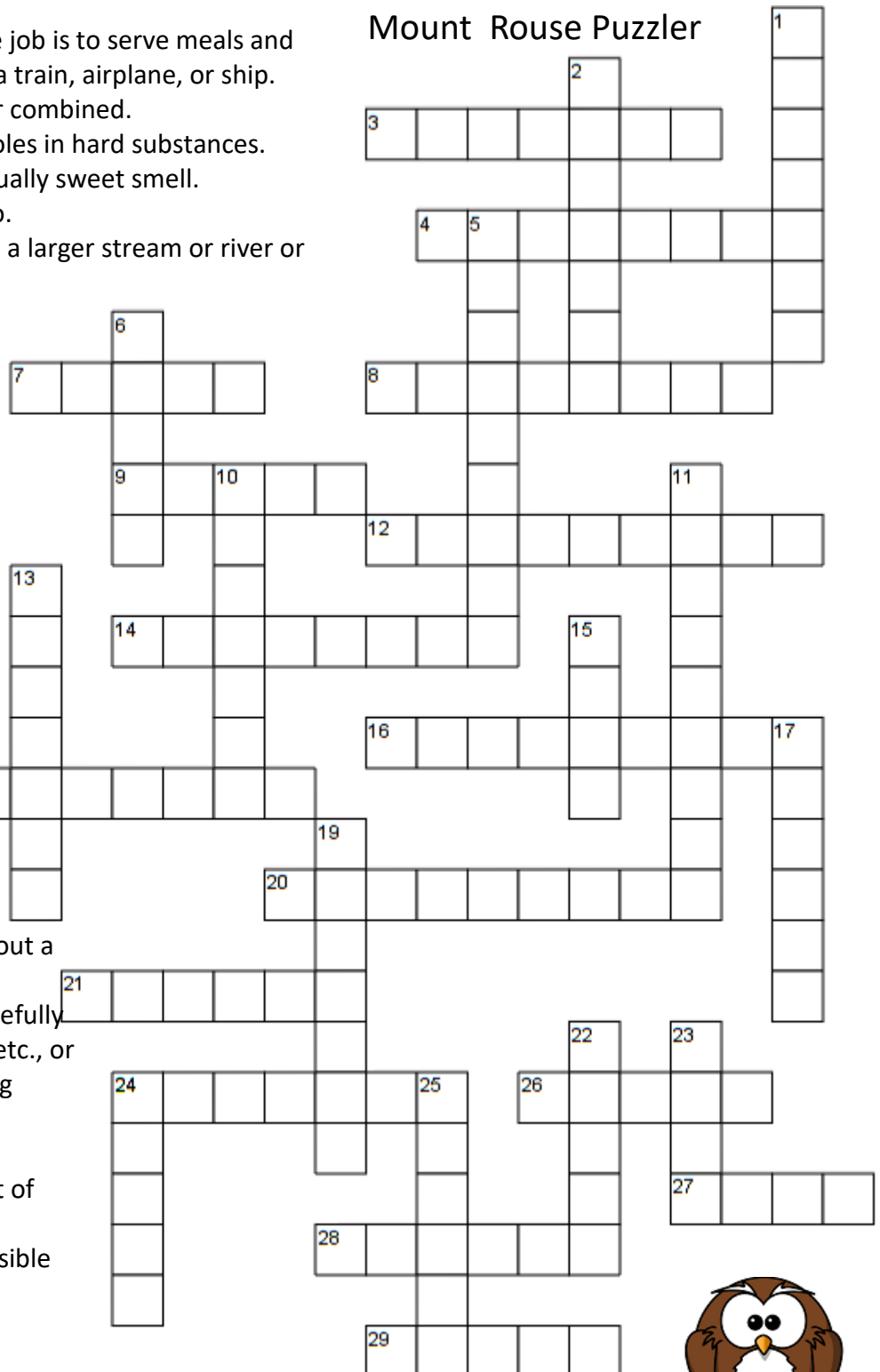
28: Chosen, done, etc., without a particular plan or pattern.  
 29: To look at something carefully to find mistakes, problems, etc., or to make sure there is nothing wrong with it.

**Down:**

1: Objects that are made out of clay usually by hand.  
 2: The person who is responsible for running an organisation.

5: Talking a lot.  
 6: Difficult to move.  
 10: Flower of a plant.  
 11: Tending to talk a lot or to enjoy having conversations with people.  
 13: The true situation that exists.  
 15: A sound or combination of sounds that has a meaning and is spoken or written.  
 17: To come or go back to a previous place.  
 19: Of, relating to, or involving genes.

Mount Rouse Puzzler



22: A brush that has a long handle and that is used for sweeping floors.  
 23: A movement made by lifting your foot and putting it down in a different place.  
 24: A thick, slippery liquid.  
 25: To send or shoot something into the air or water or into outer space.





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# I'm very puzzled

For the young and young at heart

## What is a Haiku Poem?

Do you know the definition of a haiku poem?  
It's a traditional lyrical Japanese poem,  
usually about nature or intense emotion.  
The haiku form consists of three short lines  
that don't rhyme.

**The syllable count or total number of syllables  
in a haiku poem is 17.**

The first line is 5 syllables.

The second line is 7 syllables.

The third line is 5 syllables.

## Do you know the answer to this Haiku Riddle?

Hidden in the dark (5)

Pieces wait to find their place (7)

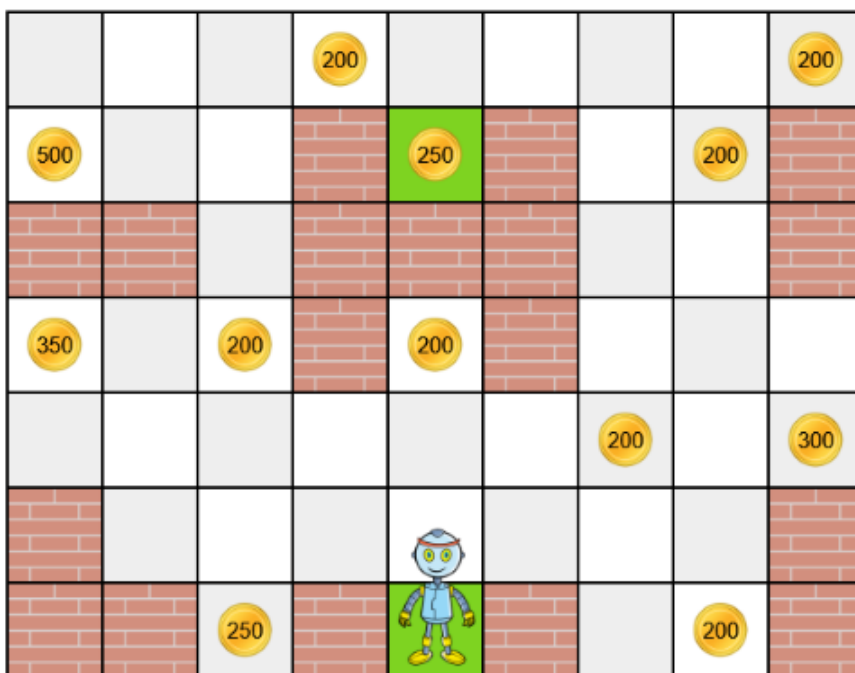
Whole picture awakes (5)

Can you write a haiku describing  
where you live?

Can you write a haiku riddle to  
puzzle your friends?

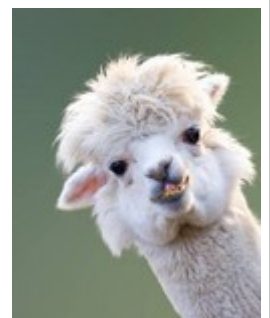
**Below** - Can you write a step-by-step plan that moves our robot from where he is to the other green square, taking in as many of the coins as you can? The first step is 'up'. The second can be right, but how many steps right will you go? Is going 'right' the right choice to collect every coin on the board? The movements are up, down, left, right. Can you finish the journey in no more than 47 steps?

## I. Behind the wall



## Code for level I:

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| walk  | up    | - | 1 | + |
| walk  | right | - |   | + |
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| start |       |   |   |   |



**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](mailto: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 - AUGUST 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday | Tuesday                                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                          | Thursday                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                               | Saturday                 |
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| Catholic Church Mass 8:30am<br>Lutheran Church Tabor 10am<br>Uniting Church Service 11am<br>Anglican Church Mass 5pm<br><i>Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm</i><br><i>Ukulele Group 2-3pm</i><br><b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2PM</b> |        | Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm<br><b>BINGO! @ Senior Citizens Club 1:45pm</b><br><br>Country Womens Association(CWA) 7pm                       | <i>Newsletter Edition 24</i>       | WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am<br><br><b>Mobile Library 3-4pm</b> | <i>Volcano Discovery Centre 11am-3pm</i><br><br><b>Courthouse Open Day 9:30am-12:30pm</b><br><br>Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm<br><i>Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm</i> | <b>BOMBERS HOME GAME</b> |
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