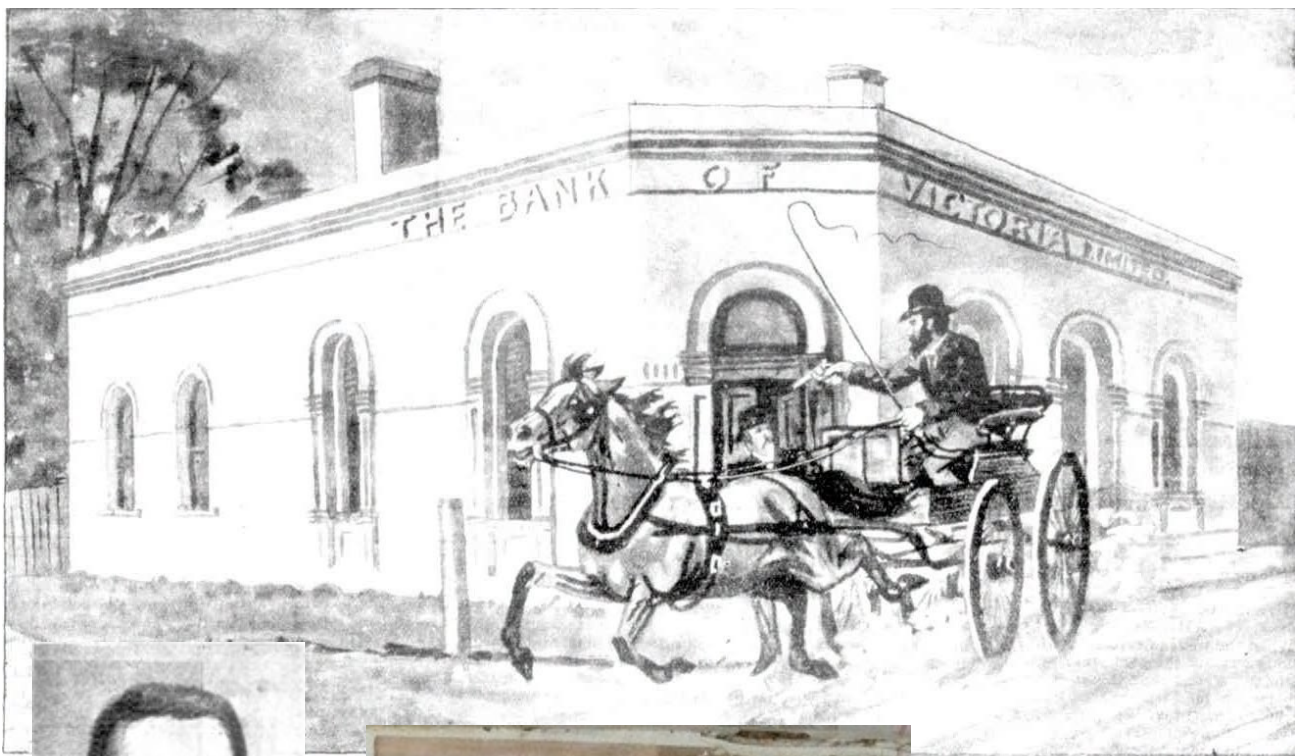


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Community Newsletter

Have you seen this man?



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4 August 2026

Story page 2

This colour front page sponsored by Joan & Family. Thank you!

Have you seen this man?

It's 128 years today since the "Great Penshurst Bank Robbery" took place.

On Thursday 4 August 1898, a bearded man bought a drink at the Penshurst Hotel then casually walked into the Bank of Victoria.

Accounts vary, but the next few minutes unfolded much like this...the man leaned over the counter to manager Duncan

Jamieson and said, "I'm sticking you up..." With £600 in hand, he left the bank, returned to his horse and buggy tied up near the spring in the nearby Botanic Gardens, and took off to the north.

It was a well planned and brazen robbery. The week prior, telegraph lines into the town were cut, and the day before the robbery, lines were again cut at nearby Croxton East.

The perpetrator was James Slattery alias James Ryan, well known for his connection with the shearers' union. He was arrested at Ararat Station aboard the Hamilton train. Slattery was sentenced on 24 September 1898 in the Supreme Court at Ararat to ten years' jail with hard labour. Also, the first week of each year he was to spend in solitary confinement.

The Weekly Times published sketches depicting the robbery and one of Slattery.



 Weekly Times -13 August 1898 - <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article222631175>
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Caramut and District Garden Club

Our meeting on the 14th July was held at the Warrnambool Community Gardens 12-16 Grieve Street. 15 members braved the very wet & cold morning to attend. President Marion opened the meeting with a lovely quote for the day.

"You can't make a cloudy day a sunny day but you can embrace it and decide it's going to be a good day after all". Very appropriate for the very dismal morning, a further quote was, "Sow seeds of kindness to reap a crop of friends".

Competition Winners.

Special	1st. Brenda Uebergang.	2nd. Joan Taggart
Bloom	1st. Anne Walter	2nd. Joan Taggart
Produce	1st. David Young	2nd. Mary Underwood

Rob Porter was our host speaker who gave a comprehensive talk on Orchids and those that are resilient in our Victorian weather, particularly the Warrnambool and surrounding areas.

His advice was that together with the Daisy the Orchid is the most populated plant in the world. Orchids such as the Cymbidium, Australian Native Orchids-terrestrial and epidendrums can flourish in our climate. Rob discussed various growing mediums, and Placement e.g. pots on boards, it's recommended to fertilise often with very weak solution.

The Warrnambool and District Orchid Society meet on the 3rd Tuesday of most months at 7.30pm. at the CWA Hall Kepler Street Warrnambool. Meetings usually include guest speakers and display plants which are discussed. The Warrnambool Orchid Society show for 2026 is on Saturday -Sunday the 3rd-4th October.

Marion presented Rob with a thank you card and Bunnings voucher. Door prize of a beautiful Orchid was won by Brenda Uebergang.

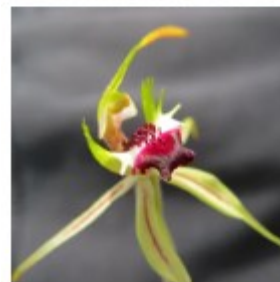
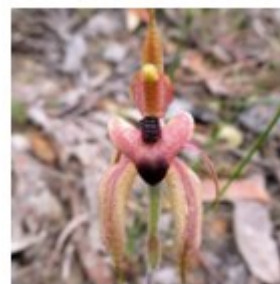
Our next meeting on the 11th August is our Annual General Meeting to be held in Penshurst at the Senior Citizen Club 10 o'clock start followed by a light lunch, all members to bring a plate, savoury or sweet to share.

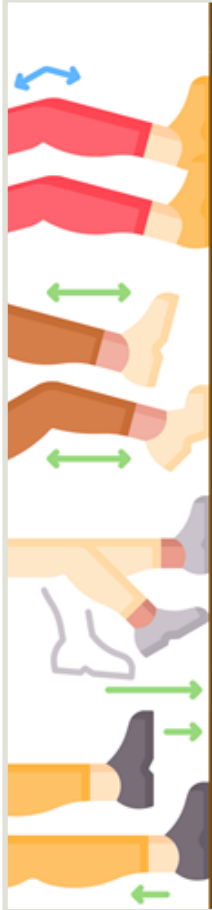
New members welcomed ring Gail
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It seems Spring has sprung a bit early as there is quite a few Daffodils flowering. Camellias, cyclamens and early Day Lilies are all putting on a colourful show in the garden.

A little time to sit around the fire with a nice cup of tea or coffee before Spring arrives.

Make time to sharpen your mower blades and secateurs. Happy Gardening.





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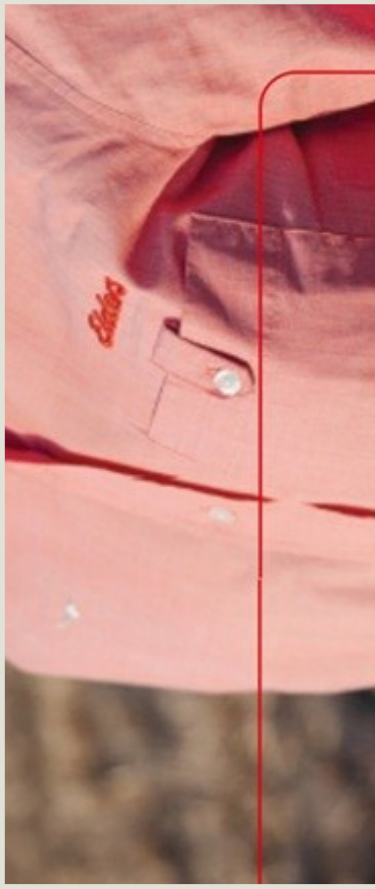
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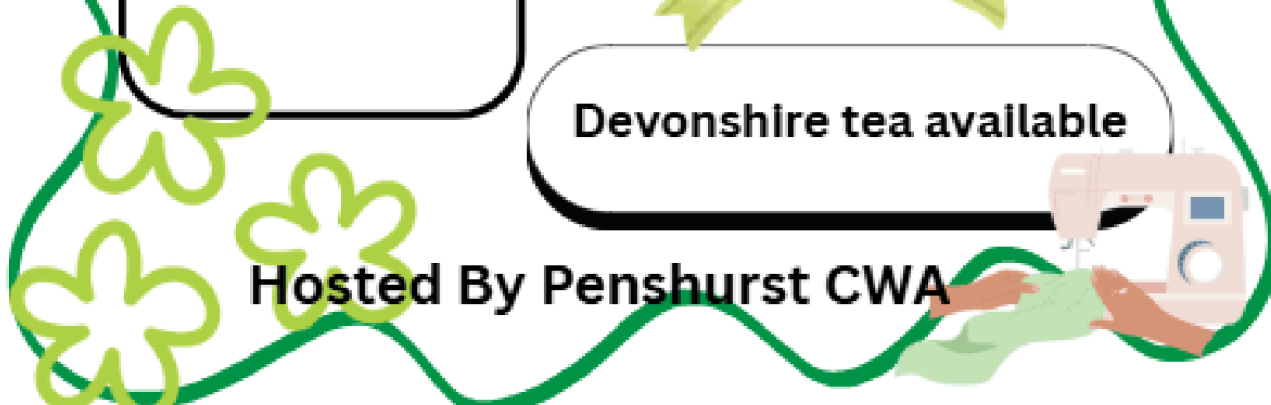
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28–30 AUGUST 2026

Program at a glance

Friday evening

- 6.00 PM **DRINKS AND CANAPES**
By: Izzy's Hospitality
- 7.00 PM **FRIDAY NIGHT BOOKCLUB**
Chair: Michael Williams
Panellists: Marieke Hardy, Jason Steger
Recommended Bookclub Reading:
Whistler by Ann Patchett
Griefdog by Michael Winkler
At Sea by Yassmin Abdel Magied

Saturday morning

- 9.00 AM **OUT OF THE SHADOWS**
Chair: Michael Williams
Panellists: Rebecca Lim, Jessica Mansour-Nahra
- 10.00 AM **MORNING TEA**
By: Dunkeld Old Bakery
- 10.30 AM **SEEKING TRUTH**
Chair: Jason Steger
Panellists: Robbie Arnott, Tony Birch, Alice Pung
- 11.45 AM **TRUTH, TRUST AND POWER**
Chair: Erik Jensen
Panellists: Antoun Issa, Amy Remeikis

Scan for full program
information, venues and tickets



www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au

Saturday afternoon

(single session tickets not available)

- 2.15 PM **JAMES & ISABELLA DAWSON ORATION**
Tony Birch in conversation with Erik Jensen
- 3.15 PM **WINE & CHEESE**
By: Royal Mail Hotel
- 3.30 PM **BEYOND THE TASTING PLATE**
Alice Zaslavsky in conversation with Michael Williams

FESTIVAL DINNER
at Royal Mail Hotel

6.30 PM FOR 7 PM **MEET THE FESTIVAL AUTHORS**
over a three course dinner at the Royal Mail Hotel

Sunday

- 9.15 AM **THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE BOOKS...**
Chair: Jason Steger
Panellists: Robbie Arnott, Jessica Mansour-Nahra and Simone Kain
- 10.15 AM **MORNING TEA BREAK**
- 10.45 AM **NOT ALWAYS ROSE COLOURED GLASSES**
Chair: Marieke Hardy
Panellists: Antoun Issa, William McInnes, Alice Pung
- 12 noon **WHO'S AWAKE AT 4AM?**
Chair: John Harms
Panellists: William McInnes & Mystery Guest
- 1.15 PM **HAIKU CHALLENGE AWARDS**
A free closing event for DWF 2026

All details in the Festival program are correct at the time of printing. Please check our website for the most up to date information. The Festival reserves the right to cancel and/or change details of events and speakers without notice.



What's "Angertainment?"

This new word came from Ed Coper. In his book Angertainment he outlines the theory that with the internet we were promised a global village.

Instead we got a gladiatorial arena where our strongest emotions of fear and anger are manipulated for the profit and entertainment of those who should know better.

These folk are really quite good at pitting many against each other for the profit of themselves.

They do so by putting out on the screen the wackiest, ludicrous and emotive 'grab clicks'. Our news feeds are full of carefully worded headlines which seek to draw us in to a slurry of outrage and fury. Further the tagline of the story will always couch the topic as if the event was a simple black and white, story and seek to draw us down a particular line of reasoning.

Short, pithy anger inducing headlines are what we have been sucked into buying, digesting and integrating.

Here's some from a news feed on June 25th, "Queensland teenager acquitted of planning a terror attack against Liberal Party members."

"Man charged with murdering former partner Crystal Beale and dumping her body denied bail for second time".

A story that began with,

"The argument is more nuanced and complex than what we might first believe.

There are valid points on both sides and further negotiation and understanding is the way forward to a more fruitful, long term outcome for all",

would probably not excite us, draw us in and make us investigate further. In short it would not generate the dollars.

People have realised that in the attention economy, your anger is the only currency that matters. Whatever happened to "Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God"? These words from the prophet Micah are the antidote for the sepsis of angertainment that has seeped into our world.

Do I really need to say this?

One of the excruciating lessons that I have to continuously learn and relearn, is the need to set and keep a guard over my mouth. I am privileged to have many conversations each and every day and frequently I find myself falling into the trap of saying more than I need to or should.

To my detriment and therefore to the pain and angst of others, I have learnt that you cannot 'unsay' things. Once it's out and spoken you can't retrieve and pretend like it didn't happen. You can't 'erase' the conversation, what is said and the way that it is said. And don't get me started about electronic conversations which are there for all to see, print out, read and distribute literally around the world in a matter of seconds.

Some little ways forward that I have found are useful for me and therefore might be of some help to you gentle reader.

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EARLY GREYHOUND COURSING

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HARES

While rabbit coursing was popular, the inevitable result in favour of the greyhound left a lot to be desired. People then began importing hares and attempting to breed them with a view to future coursing. William Lyall who owned "Yallock" on the shores of Westernport Bay seems to be the first to successfully breed hares. He reported in March 1862 that his hares were thriving. Lyall later built a homestead and proudly named it "Harewood". From 1863 the Acclimatization Society were also breeding hares on Phillip Island and at Royal Park. The six hares on Phillip Island had increased to over 200 by 1865 and the Society began distributing them around the state. Everywhere hares were released they prospered. The Society kept releasing until 1873 when hares were no longer protected by the Game Act which was in force from September 1867 until December 1873.

NARACORTE

Mr M L Connor a keen coursing man from the old country, was instrumental in getting coursing off the ground in South Australia. The game coursed in S.A was wallaby, *an animal about the size of a Irish Hare*, as reported in the Australasian newspaper, *with fair average speed, not quite as fast as the Ashdown or Wiltshire Hare, but possessing the most wonderful power of turning. The lengths of the courses, often a mile or more show that the wallaby is a good substitute for the hare.* The first wallaby coursing event took place in June 1867 at Narracoorte. The Narracoorte coursing club was formally established the following year and held the first Australian Waterloo Cup soon after. Pademelons (small scrub wallabies) were the quarry, or if in short supply Rat Kangaroos were coursed. Both marsupials are now extinct on the mainland.

MELBOURNE COURSING CLUB

Back in Melbourne the inaugural meeting of the Melbourne Coursing Club took place on the 20th May 1868 at the Press cricket ground. Mr Butt of the Sir Henry Barkly Hotel provided wallaby however it was reported that *this was poor sport as the greyhounds ran them down before they got halfway across the paddock. Thereafter a lot of rabbits were coursed but the sport was upset by stray dogs joining in the chase.*

The Australasian newspaper received a letter on 22nd May 1869 from the President of the Acclimatization Society complaining of the destruction of hares upon the Melbourne racecourse. *One was killed last Sunday and three others on the following day. He said the Society had introduced these valuable animals into the Colony and asks true sportsmen to aid and assist the society in the protection of poor Puss (hares) for two years. After which hunting with harriers or greyhounds can commence.* Meanwhile at Geelong, Mr Lambell was holding rabbit coursing matches on the Belmont Common. The meetings were well attended. Mr Gosling supplied the rabbits.

Mr Gosling and others around the state were breeding wild grey rabbits for coursing and hunting. This must have contributed to the rapid spread, and later plague, of rabbits.

Bendigo

The Bendigo Advertiser reported on a sports meeting held at Back Creek, December 1869 and organised by Mr J C Hadley. Rabbit coursing was carried on during the greater portion of the day. *Large numbers of rabbits succumbed to the voraciousness of the dogs. Then by way of*

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diversifying the sport of rabbit coursing a large cat was let loose in the middle of the field. Two large greyhounds being engaged to course it. The cat refused to run and stood to fight. The cat belted one dog so much its owner had to intervene. No word on the cats fate but we can guess.

GREYHOUND VS HARE

In March 1872 the Victorian Coursing Club was formed with an annual subscription of £3. The aim of the club was to protect the hares, then breeding up around the state, with a view to the future sport of hare coursing with Greyhounds. Then on the 26th July 1872 a group of sportsmen travelled to Geelong to take part in a coursing match. The report noted that *21 hares were coursed with only 3 killed*. Finally, a fairer contest. This was what the greyhound men waited a long time for. The sportsmen then held a meeting at Macks Hotel debating the new game laws. They said the old laws protecting hares were unenforced and ignored. Hares had breed up and could look after themselves. (Authors note: hares were protected from 6th September 1867 until December 1872, so this match may have been illegal).

Less than a year later on the 26th of May 1873 the first public coursing meeting using hares was held at Sunbury. A special train from Melbourne took the greyhounds, owners and supporters to Sunbury.

PLUMPTON

Victoria had at last caught up with the Old Country's tradition of coursing wild hares with greyhounds. As it transpired within a few years England started to move to enclosed hare coursing, with the first venue was founded by Thomas Henry Case on the 28th Dec 1876, at Plumpton East Sussex. The first greyhound coursing plumpton in Australia was at Diggers Rest, Victoria in 1881. Known as the Oval, the enclosed course consisted of 200 acres with an inner 100 acres enclosed for the sport. Most clubs continued to course hares in the open. Large clear paddocks were needed to not only breed the hares but course them. The Ritchie family property Blackwood in Western Victoria proved ideal. The Australasian reported that *the Mount Rouse District Coursing Club held a meeting on the 10th March 1888, on the Blackwood Estate near Penshurst. An eight dog stake was won by Mr Tobins Jubilee by Bashful Jerry out of Ledgermain. Mr Camerons, Condor by Lord Wilton- Mountain Maid ran second. Mr W Thompson officiated as judge.*

ROBERT BLACKWOOD RITCHIE

Mr R B Ritchie was not only breeding up the famed Mount Rouse hares, he was also breeding greyhounds. The sporting papers reported the death in England of 'Herschel' who had won the 1887 English Waterloo Cup. The report went on to note that a greyhound named 'Happy Gazer'(son of Herschel) had been imported into Victoria by Mr R B Ritchie of Penshurst at great expense. Happy Gazer was immediately put to stud and within two years his offspring were showing their mettle. The South Australian Register 21st May 1897 reported on the Camperdown and Mortlake meetings as follows: *Mr Ritchie had the bad luck to be runner up in both events. In the former with Walnut a son of the Waterloo Cup winner Referee, (bred by the Johnston Brothers of Penshurst) and in the latter with Happy Maid. The latter greyhound is by Happy Gazer the only son of the great Herschel in Australia. Happy Sight winner of the last English Waterloo Purse is also by Mr Ritchies dog.*

Continued next fortnight

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Every banana peel, lawn clipping and leftover salad can have a second life through Council's Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service.

Instead of ending up in landfill, where food waste breaks down and creates methane - a harmful greenhouse gas, your food and garden scraps can be transformed into nutrient-rich compost, turning yesterday's leftovers into tomorrow's healthy soils.

Using your FOGO bin correctly helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and ensures food and garden organics can be turned into high-quality compost. Just one contaminated bin can compromise an entire load of collected organics.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said every household has the opportunity to make a positive environmental impact through small, everyday actions.

"What might seem like a small habit, like putting your food scraps or garden clippings in the right bin, adds up across our whole community," Cr Heslin said. "Every correctly sorted FOGO bin contributes to a larger resource recovery system. By separating food and garden organics from general rubbish, residents help transform organic waste into a valuable product rather than sending it to landfill."

Council's commitment to organics recycling extends beyond kerbside collections, with plans progressing for a local Organics Processing Facility at Hamilton's Transfer Station.

"The proposed facility will process food and garden organics locally, supporting resource recovery and produce high-quality compost for use across the region. Processing organics closer to home allows us to make better use of what residents are already placing in their FOGO bins and return it to the community as a useful product," concluded Cr Heslin.

The infographic is divided into two main sections: 'Recyclables' (Yellow Bin) and 'FOGO' (Green Bin).

Recyclables (Yellow Bin):

- Yes (Green checkmark):** Paper, newspaper & magazines; Steel or aluminium tins & cans; Milk & juice bottles, other accepted hard plastics; Egg cartons & cardboard.
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FOGO (Green Bin):

- Yes (Green checkmark):** Garden clippings, lawn mowings, mulch, compost, food scraps (fruit & vegetable peels, bones, meat scraps, dairy products, bread, etc.).
- No (Red X):** Plastic containers, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and other non-organic waste.

For a full list of what you can and can't put into each bin, visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Waste-Recycling

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- Keep your FOGO bin free from plastic bags and other contaminants.
- Remember that cooked food, meat, bones, dairy, bread, coffee grounds and eggshells can all go in your FOGO bin.
- Place your FOGO bin out for collection regularly, even if it isn't completely full, particularly during warmer months.

Every household has a role to play in creating a cleaner, greener Southern Grampians.

For more information, including a full list of what waste goes where, view our A-Z Waste Guide. Further information on the proposed Organics Processing Facility can also be found on our website.

HAMILTON GALLERY CLOSED

Recent air quality testing at the Hamilton Gallery has identified elevated levels of fungal spores within parts of the building.

On the advice of specialist contractors, and out of an abundance of caution, Council has made the difficult decision to temporarily close the Gallery until further notice while further investigations and remediation works are undertaken.

Reports of moisture within the building activated further assessment which confirmed mould in three rooms within the building and subsequent air testing has shown elevated fungal spore levels. The contractor has advised that at this stage it is inconclusive whether the spores are linked to cross-contamination from water damage elsewhere in the building, or the active mould growth within the tested rooms themselves.

Expert advice is that the source of the contamination should be identified and addressed before the space is used for public events. A contractor will return to site next week for further assessment and remediation.

The health and wellbeing of our staff, volunteers, artists and visitors is our highest priority. While the effects of exposure to fungal spores can vary from person to person, we believe it is important to take a precautionary approach while the issue is fully assessed and resolved.

We know this news will be deeply disappointing for our community, particularly for those involved in the upcoming children's exhibition LOOK! and the much-anticipated Jimmi Buscombe exhibition. These exhibitions represent an enormous amount of work, creativity and passion, and we share the disappointment that they cannot proceed as planned at this time.



Do I really need to say this?

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With the issue of text or email don't send it unless you are absolutely sure and you have re read it a couple of times. With the issue of text or email don't send it unless you are

absolutely sure and you have re read it a couple of times. Maybe get an editor in chief to check it over before you do anything. Maybe even sleep on it for a night or two. Print it out and read it over the breakfast table whilst slurping down your porridge. Is this the sort of message you would like to receive? Can it be construed and misinterpreted in ways that you don't intend?

As to the spoken word that is much harder because it happens so quickly, there and then in the very moment. The only thing I have found that helps me ... sometimes ... is to try to listen to a small insistent voice pleading...'Do I really need to say this?

MEDIA RELEASE

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HAMILTON GALLERY CLOSED (cont ..)

Council is committed to resolving the issue as quickly as possible and will continue to keep the community updated as more information becomes available.

We thank everyone for their understanding and patience as we work to ensure the Hamilton Gallery can safely reopen as soon as possible.

"When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on."

Theodore Roosevelt:

"Nothing is stronger than a small hope that doesn't give up."

Matt Haig



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900g sweet potato, peeled, cut into 3cm cubes
2 large red onions, cut into wedges
500g cherry tomatoes
200g green beans, trimmed, halved
500g dried casa recce pasta

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
100g pitted kalamata olives
1 large burrata or 220g tub bambini bocconcini, drained

Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper.

Step 2

Arrange the sweet potato, onion and tomatoes on prepared trays. Spray with olive oil. Roast for 45 minutes, adding the beans and spraying with oil in the last 20 minutes of cooking. Roast until all vegetables are tender and slightly caramelised. Set all vegetables aside to cool to room temperature.

Step 3

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large saucepan of salted boiling water following packet directions or until al dente. Drain the pasta into a colander over the sink then rinse under cold running water to cool and stop the cooking process. Drain well.

Step 4

Place the pasta in a large bowl. Drizzle over the oil and lemon juice. Toss to coat. Add the tomatoes and toss to combine (the juices from the tomatoes will help dress the pasta). Add the olives and remaining roasted vegetables. Season well and toss. Transfer the pasta salad to a large serving bowl. Arrange the burrata or bocconcini on top and serve.

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How It Is Made

Outer Pouch: Warm mozzarella dough is stretched and shaped into a small, hollow sack.

Creamy Filling: Shredded scraps of mozzarella are mixed with fresh cream to make stracciatella.

Sealing: The pouch is filled with this creamy mix and closed at the top.

Origin: It was first made in Puglia, Italy, in the 1920s to use up leftover mozzarella pieces.



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From the Editor

OMG - Another year has raced by and this newsletter is the last for year 8.

We'd like to thank all our advertisers, and contributors for the support you've given us this year, and look forward to it all continuing next year.

To our front page and colour sponsors, Florence Collins, Deb Dyson, Gwen Rentsch, Brian O'Brien, June & Family, Neville & Shirley Kruger, Penshurst Pony Club, Penshurst Senior Citizens, Caramut & District Garden Club, Penshurst & District Lions Club, PPA, the Penshurst Hotel group, Mount Rouse & District Historical Society and others, the newsletter would not be as colourful without you. Thank you!

See you all in the 9th 'new year'.

Ama

Jokes about flying

1. Where does a mountain climber keep his plane?
In a cliff-hangar.
2. Will invisible airplanes ever be a thing?
I just can't see them taking off.
3. A businessman was having a tough time lugging his lumpy, oversized travel bag onto the plane. Helped by a flight attendant, he finally managed to stuff it in the overhead bin.
"Do you always carry such heavy luggage?" she sighed.
"No more," the man said. "Next time, I'm riding in the bag, and my partner can buy the ticket!"
4. I decided to leave work an hour early today. The flight attendants started freaking out when I grabbed my parachute, though.
5. A Boeing 737 Max flight attendant walks into a bar and orders a martini. "You're here later than usual," the bartender comments. "Problems at work?" "Yes, just as our flight was about to take off, we had to turn around and wait at the gate for an hour." "What was the problem?" the bartender asks. "The pilot was bothered by a noise in the engine," she replies. "It took us a while to find a new pilot."
6. Why did the airplane get sent to his room?
Bad altitude.
7. What has a nose and flies, but can't smell?
An airplane!
8. A plane lands, and shortly after, the flight attendant comes over the speaker.
"Hi, folks! Sorry about that rough landing. It wasn't the captain's fault. It definitely wasn't my fault... It was the asphalt."
9. I asked a flight attendant to change my seat because of a crying baby next to me. It turns out you can't do that if the baby is yours.

Shhhh.... The editor is having a bad hair day.



Hatches, Matches and Dispatches, Anniversaries and Birthdays too

Email, or phone the editor with your free Community Notices.

Across:

2: Not able or not likely to cause harm.

5: The act or process of joining something to something else.

7: Of or relating to the mind.

8: Very pleasant.

9: Not moving.

11: To grasp the meaning of.

13: Not resolved, still valid, still unpaired.

18: A person who is opposed to the political system in their country and tries to change it.

20: Very small.

22: Made of different kinds of things mixed together or combined.

23: A plant that has small bluish-purple or white flowers.

24: Right or appropriate for a particular person, purpose or situation.

25: Trim, neat.

Down:

1: Covered with short, soft hairs, fur, etc.

3: Having the training, knowledge, and experience that is needed to do something well.

4: Not straight.

6: Tending too often to tell people what to do.

14: Long and not wide.

15: Having ambition.

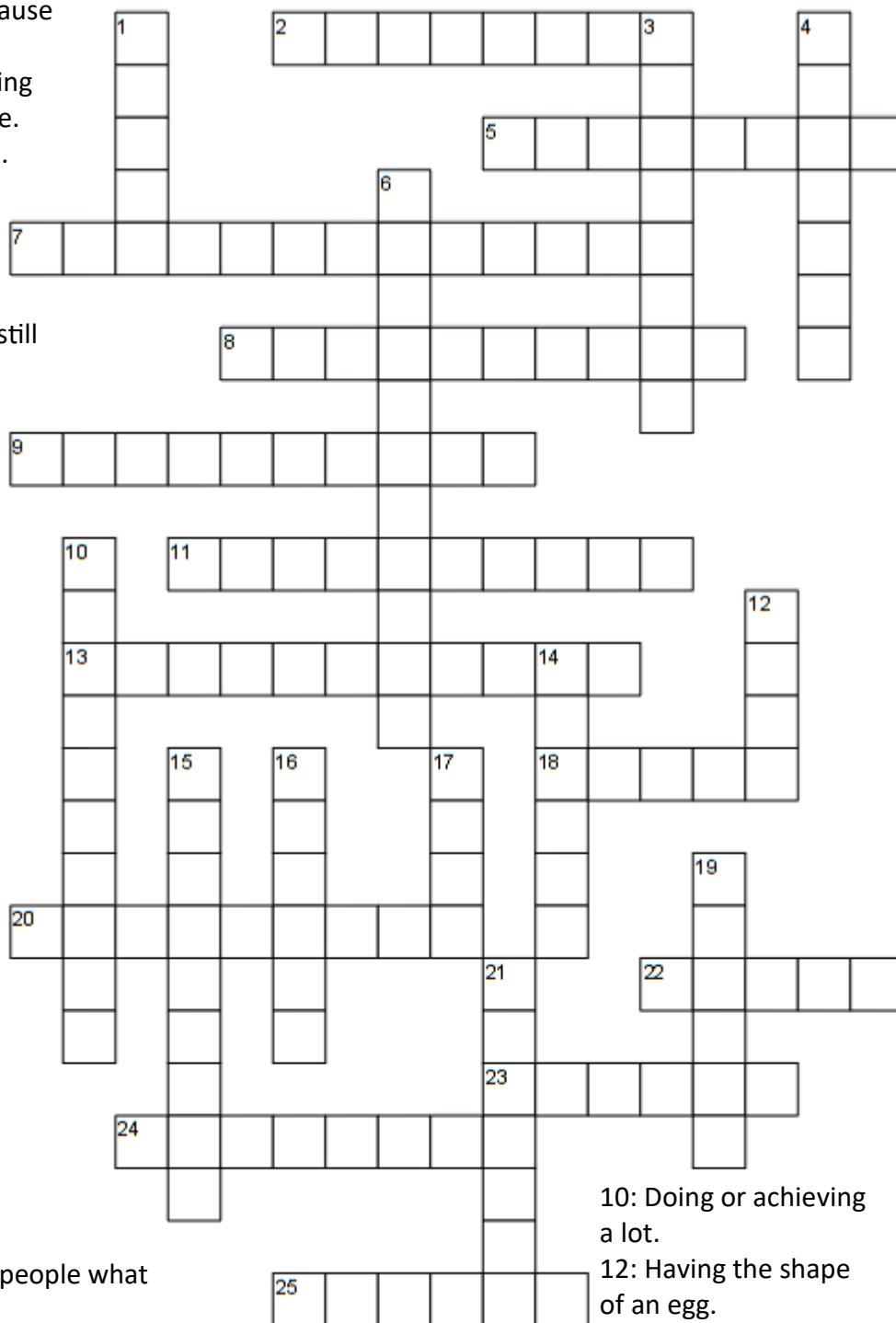
16: To join together.

17: Having an injured leg or foot that makes walking difficult or painful.

19: Having a high price.

21: Harm done to someone as a punishment for harm that they have done to someone else.

Mount Rouse Puzzler



10: Doing or achieving a lot.

12: Having the shape of an egg.

Answers to last fortnight's crossword.
Across: 3 steward, 4 separate, 7 drill, 8 fragrant, 9 habit, 12 tributary, 14 absolute, 16 generator, 18 winsome, 20 bellucose, 21 puzzle, 24 special, 25 write, 27 poor, 28 random, 29 check.
Down: 1 pottery, 2 manager, 5 expansive, 6 tight, 10 blossom, 11 talkative, 13 reality, 15 word, 17 return, 19 genetic, 22 broom, 23 step, 24 smile, 25 launch.



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HANG GLIDER

Hang Gliders are unpowered recreational aircraft with a delta wing airfoil and a triangular control frame mounted just beneath the centre-of-gravity of the airframe. Pilots lay prone, their body weight suspended in a harness, which hangs from the centre of the aircraft, hence the term “hang” glider. People who fly hang gliders are “hang glider pilots” and the aircraft itself is called a “hang glider”. The most common methods of launching a hang glider are “footlaunching” by running down an inclined slope, or “aerotowing” by pulling the aircraft into the sky with an ultralight. Although there is no motor, experienced hang glider pilots can potentially remain aloft for hours by soaring in “thermals”; a bubble of warm rising air currents, wherein a pilot spirals upward to gain hundreds or thousands of feet in altitude.



For the young and young at heart

TRIKE/MICROLIGHT

Trikes/Microlights are motorized hang gliders, utilizing a seat and a propeller engine mounted behind the pilot. The seat and engine can be mounted in a simple tubular frame or within an enclosed fiberglass fuselage. Whether utilizing a simple trellis tube frame or a more fancy fuselage, they are still considered a trike. There are companies offering tours flying over Hawaii and Lake Tahoe in trikes, which they incorrectly advertise as “hang glider” flights.



POWERED HANG GLIDER

Powered Hang Gliders are exactly the same as an ordinary hang glider, but they have a motorized propeller mounted in the back of the harness. Not only does this allow pilots to remain aloft for longer periods of time, but it also allows them to launch from a flat surface like a field.



WINGSUIT (definitely not a hang glider)

Wingsuits are a uniform worn on the body which creates a nylon web between the legs and arms, turning a human being into a glorified flying squirrel. Wingsuits fly at immensely high speeds, since the “flight” is essentially just falling. Thermaling and regaining altitude like hang gliders is impossible, since the surface area of the wings are so small. Additionally, they must land with a parachute, since their airspeed is so fast. Wingsuiting is probably the most thrilling and dangerous of all air sports.

Community Information

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.
- **Healthy Limbs Club - Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am each week. No appointment necessary commencing 2nd September**

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.

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

Would you like to add your group, club, or meetings etc to our community information page. Do the details need updating?
Contact the Editor.



What's On Around Mt Rouse - AUGUST 2026

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Fr. David Oulton 0435867040

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2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

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1st Sunday No Service

2nd Sunday Mass 8.30 am

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30 am

4th Sunday Mass 8.30 am

5th Sunday No Service



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