

MT ROUSE News & Views



Community Newsletter



What a busy newsletter year we had. So many beginnings, so much progress. Changes all around us, many continuing into our 9th year.

Here are some of our front pages and many events over the past year.
More photos over the page.

Looking forward to Year



Everyone is busy. We look forward to sharing the happenings around Penshurst in this coming Newsletter year.



More photos from year 8



Emma **KEALY MP**

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Thank you, Penshurst.

After nearly 14 wonderful years, the time has come for our family to say goodbye to a place that has become so much more than just the town where we lived and worked.

When we first arrived in Penshurst and took over the local grocery store, we were starting a completely new chapter of our lives. From our very first day, the people of Penshurst welcomed us with kindness, friendship and open arms. We will never forget how quickly you made us feel like we belonged.

Over the past 14 years we have had the privilege of being part of this wonderful community. We have watched families grow, shared countless conversations across the counter, celebrated the good times and supported one another through the difficult ones.

Most importantly, Penshurst is where we raised our family. Our children have grown up surrounded by people who knew them, cared about them, and made them feel at home. For that, we will always be incredibly grateful.

Running the grocery store was never just about running a business. It gave us the opportunity to become part of the everyday lives of the people in this town. Many of you started as customers and became friends, and those friendships are something we will carry with us forever.

It is now time for our family to begin another chapter and move back to Melbourne to be closer to our family. While we know it is the right time for us, saying goodbye to Penshurst is incredibly difficult.

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From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for welcoming our family 14 years ago. Thank you for supporting our store. Thank you for your friendship, kindness and countless memories. And most of all, thank you for allowing us to be part of this beautiful community.

We arrived in Penshurst as newcomers, but we leave feeling like we will always be a part of this town. We will miss seeing your familiar faces, the conversations, the friendships and the simple everyday moments that made Penshurst home.

Penshurst will always hold a very special place in our hearts, and we will never forget the people who made our 14 years here so wonderful.

With all our love and gratitude, from our family to yours, Thank you Penshurst.

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Jag & Harbanz



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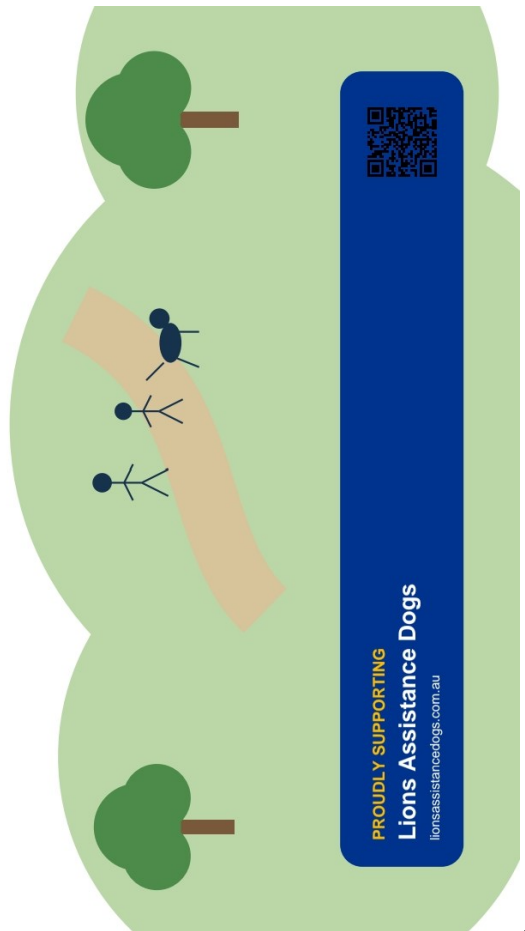
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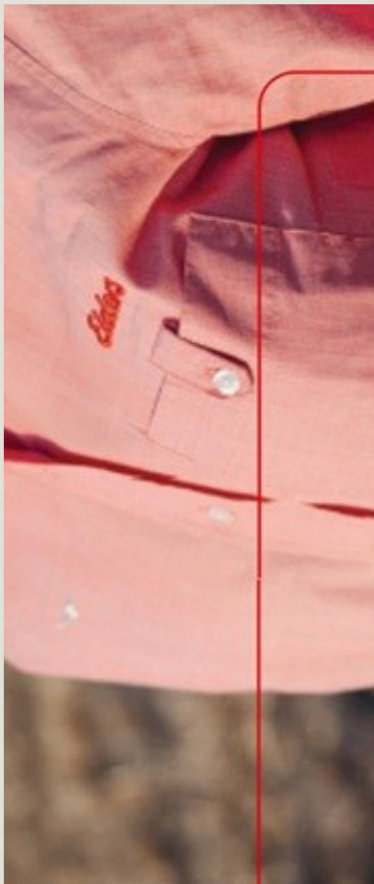
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Thank you Harbanz & Jag

A heartfelt thank Harbanz & Jag as you prepare to leave Penshurst and begin your next journey.

We are incredibly grateful for the years you have spent serving our community. A local shop is about so much more than groceries - it's the familiar faces behind the counter, the friendly conversations, and the lovingly prepared takeaway meals and fresh produce.

Thank you both for your hard work, friendship, and contribution to Penshurst over the years. You have been a valued part of our town and will certainly be missed.

We wish you both every happiness and success in whatever comes next. Thank you, Harbanz & Jag, and all the very best for your new journey.



Having added to my 'stash', this Editor is hoping that the CWA will continue hosting their De-Stash days. It was so inspiring to see all the wonderful arts and crafts. I'm keeping my hoard in eye view as plans for new creations percolate in the back of my mind. And I have it on good authority that the Devonshire Teas were delicious. Thank you CWA for adding another event to our growing community activities.



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Why do old people love English muffins? Because of the nooks and grannies.

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Ebony Mackay launches Warrnambool in-home tech help for seniors

By Jessica Greenan July 24 2026 - The Standard

Helping your parents navigate technology is a universal experience many don't have time for. Warrnambool's Ebony Mackay said she has "always been the person friends, family and colleagues have turned to when tech issues arise."

"I spent several years working at Telstra, where I helped people with their phones, internet and technology every day - I've also worked in administration for over a decade," she said.

"Eventually, I realised that something that came naturally to me could become a business that genuinely makes people's lives easier."

Warrnambool's Ebony Mackay has launched a new business helping people navigate technology. Having launched The Tech Lady - In Home Support this month, she said a section of society was getting left behind as technology continued to advance. "Particularly the older generations," Ms Mackay said.

"So many essential services from banking to Medicare and government services are now online. My goal is to bridge that gap so that people can stay connected, independent and confident in today's digital world.

"I started The Tech Lady because I realised what seems easy to me isn't easy for everyone, so I decided to combine my knowledge of technology and my passion for helping people to make a difference.

She said it was not the technology itself that people were afraid of, rather the possibility they might make a mistake. "I wanted to offer a service where I could help them understand it better, in the comfort of their own home."

"So far I've mainly been helping seniors and everyday people across Warrnambool. People often reach out because they want someone who can come to them and explain things clearly and take the time to help without feeling rushed, which is why I come up with the in-home support idea. "I'm definitely seeing more families organise tech support for their parents or grandparents."

"Whether it's passwords, smartphones, or smart TVs, most people just want someone to guide them," Ms Mackay said.

"I think people would be surprised by how many people struggle with everyday technology but don't ask for help because they're embarrassed".

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'You have looked at it but you haven't seen it.'

It was just a sentence out of one of my favourite books, 'The hitchhikers guide to the Galaxy.' A far reaching compendium which includes how to make a pan galactic gargle blaster. A refreshing beverage that theological students claim is a vocation.

My more serious quote comes from a discussion where one of the protagonists is excitedly chatting to another about the beauty of a fjord.

'You have looked at it but you haven't seen it'. And it struck me that this is true of me as well. How many times have I 'looked' at a thing of great beauty and not 'seen' it? I did not really appreciate it. I did not really enjoy it, engage with it and be moved by it.

Every inch of our local Grampians opens up the possibility of such an experience. So does the ocean which is only an hour away. You can 'look' at these things for sure, but in order to really 'see' them you first have to stop. Completely stop. Breathe, then breathe several times more. With your gentle gaze caress every detail slowly. Allow the vision to enrapture you, delight you, enthrall you. Do not move away, do not stop seeing it, until it lets you go. Those starry eyed couples who gaze at each other longingly over candlelit tables are experts at this process.

But you don't have to go to the Grampians or the ocean. It can be with the roses in the back garden or the face of someone you see frequently. It happens with me at the altar as the Master looks at me and I look at him. In this exchange, in this living moment, I am not just looking, but I am seeing, as if for the first time.

Of Sin

Sin is something I am imminently qualified to speak about. I went to every lecture in college about sin and I diligently did my homework.

But the sinning did not magically stop once I put on a clerical collar. Relentlessly over the years I have become the master sinner. Once I thought I had actually invented new ways to fall from grace. However it transpires that my ego was over inflated (again) and that all the really clever ways of sinning had already been thought of and honed to an art form.

So here's some of the things I have learnt about sin.

First, we are tempted to sin not with the mundane, routine, dull and boring things. No, we are tempted by sparkly and attractive looking things. Things that are luscious to the eye and the senses. Secondly, you sin before you even realise it's what you are doing. Rarely do you hear the still small voice whispering 'Do you really think it's a good idea to have that second chocolate brownie?' In my vast and wide reaching experience, I've already scoffed it down before I have thought of what numbers might appear on the scales in the morning.

Finally, sin promises you everything but can only deliver disappointment. To push the parable of the second chocolate brownie beyond its logical parameters, the second chocolate brownie promises you a marvellous mouth feel and taste sensation Even better than the first brownie. You might even believe that it has all the 5 basic food groups, sugar, butter, chocolate, fat and flour. You might be seduced into thinking that such a little chocolate brownie could never do much harm.

Ultimately sin no matter which form it presents itself, can only deliver disappointment. It just takes a lifetime to relearn this.

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Hash Brown Crusted Carbonara Quiche

Prep Time 30 mins Cook 1 hour Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

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200g packet streaky bacon
5 eggs
185ml (3/4 cup) cooking cream
125ml (1/2 cup) milk
70g (1 cup) finely grated parmesan
2 green shallots, thinly sliced

Hash brown crust
850g white-skinned potatoes
50g butter, melted
1 egg, separated

Method**Step 1**

For the hash brown crust, preheat oven to 200° C/180°C fan forced. Peel and coarsely grate the potatoes. Use your hands to squeeze out excess liquid. Place potato in a bowl. Add the butter and egg yolk. Season well with salt and stir until well combined. Press the potato mixture into the base and up the side of a 5.5cm deep, 21cm (base measurement) round fluted tart tin with a removable base. Bake for 25 minutes or until lightly golden. Brush with egg white. Set aside to cool slightly.

**Step 2**

Meanwhile, cut three 3cm-wide strips of bacon lengthways from each rasher. Set aside. Coarsely chop the remaining bacon. Place the chopped bacon in a non-stick frying pan. Cook over medium high heat, stirring often, for 5-7 minutes or until golden. Set aside.

Step 3

Reduce oven to 170°C/150°C fan forced. Whisk the eggs in a bowl. Whisk in the cream, milk and parmesan. Season. Stir in the cooked chopped bacon and shallot. Pour into prepared crust. Bake for 20 minutes or until starting to set. Remove quiche from oven. Arrange bacon strips in a lattice pattern over the quiche. Bake for a further 15 minutes or until the filling is set and bacon golden. Set aside for 15 minutes before slicing.



EARLY GREYHOUND COURSING

By Phil Doherty - 26 May 2015 (part 3) Reprinted with permission

Then the Australasian newspaper September 4th 1897 reported that Mr John Mundy, Auctioneer was to sell all of the saplings bred by Mr R B Ritchie the well known courser. Several of the saplings are by the imported dog Happy Gazer, whose veins are full of successful running blood. He being by the great English dog Herschel out of Happy Omen. Happy Gazer himself is the sire of



successful dogs in England. A puppy by him Happy Sight at Altcar this year won the Waterloo Purse and is stated to be at the present time the fastest greyhound in England.

A few days later Happy Gazer was put up for private sale and described in the sale advertisement as a great bargain. Bargain or no bargain it took nine months for Happy Gazer to be sold to a New South Wales greyhound breeder. (Authors Note: R B Ritchie returned to live in Scotland in 1897 after the death of his wife.)

Blakemere, the coursing correspondent for Punch Magazine wrote on 2nd August 1900 that the stud greyhound Duke McPherson last season was looked upon as the most brilliant dog that had gone to slips in Australia for many years. He had pace, stamina and good working qualities. Duke McPhersons sire Happy Gazer was in my opinion a very much abused dog, for on the very day he was landed in Australia and put into quarantine, "dog poor" a most wretched looking spectacle as one who met him on the boat informed me. He commenced stud duties in quarantine with hardly any flesh on his perfect frame. Owing to his ill treatment he was much maligned without the slightest cause. Yet he sired Duke McPherson, Halycon Gazer, General Booth (who won the 1900 Benalla champions cup) and other tremendously fast dogs. Treated properly he would have been a world renowned success. Prior to leaving England he sired Happy Sight, winner of the Waterloo Purse. His brother Happy Relic was also a success at stud.

HARRY JOHNSTON

Another well-known breeder and courser was Harry Johnston who with his brother John Attwill Johnston won the 1890 Waterloo Cup, at the oval near Diggers Rest, with Referee a completely unknown dog. The greyhound weighed fifty four and a half pounds and was by Boccaccia out of Westhorpes sister. Harry also won the Melbourne Oaks in 1909 with his dog Fuchsia.

On 25 and 26 of July 1906 the Punch Magazine reporter covering the Hamilton coursing clubs meeting held at Croxton (actually McIntyres 3 miles north of Penshurst) noted that after a dozen courses had been ran and the hares becoming scarce they moved to Mr A Burgers paddock. The following day history was made in Mr Burgers paddock. The going was very wet in the morasses and swamps but really splendid on the higher levels. If hares were not very numerous it was surmised the heavy weather had driven them into the crops and timber, there can be no doubt they were specially strong, and I had the unique experience of going through

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a days coursing of fifteen courses without a kill. The first time in my memory of such an occurrence. On the second day there were only two kills, and they both effected by the winner, Hamilton Jim (grandson of Referee). On the Thursday I had another record broken. Up to then the longest course I had ever timed was 5min 16sec, at Leigh Road last year. But last week I saw one that lasted, according to my minute recording chronograph 6min 20sec and then the hare badly beat her pursuer. I do not write pursuers as it was the assistant in a bye that ran this very long course. Airly Hope had her sister Brownlow, by Boule d'Or-Lady Jackson to assist her, and they had one of the gamest hares I ever saw to course. As this puss thrice dashed through a creek and seemed to enjoy her douche. After coursing 1min 45sec their quarry blinked both dogs at a fence, when Mr Johnston at once secured Airly Hope. But Brownlow before being picked up sighted her game once more, and at once gave chase, puss again dashing through the creek with Brownlow after her and giving a trial from the time the two dogs were slipped of 6min 20sec. She beat Brownlow at a hedge and galloped away as strongly as possible.

This was more proof of the quality of the Mount Rouse hares. Harry Johnston later told Punch Magazine that he had the honour of breeding a greyhound holding an English and Australian record.

Henry Angus "Harry" Johnston was a small dairy farmer whose property of 30acres was on east side of the highway just north of the creek at Boram Boram. His brother a contractor lived next door. Of the two well-known greyhound breeders and coursers in the Penshurst district Ritchie and Johnston, one owned thousands of acres and the other 30acres. Both were to breed champion open coursing greyhounds.

PENSHURST COURSING CLUB

The Penshurst Coursing Club (PCC) held most of their open course meetings on the Blackwood Estate which was described by Punch magazine in 1904 as *the great coursing ground of the nineties* (1890s). Other district properties used for coursing included Devon Park, Burnbrae and Woodhouse Estates.

James Dalton, PCC secretary, wrote in a letter to the Punch Magazine (8th April 1915) that *the club had a fair number of owners and a large number of dogs but little coursing could be done due to the lack of rain*. Coursing was not held during dry times (i.e. summer or drought) as the hard ground could be injurious to the dogs. The 1914-15 drought didn't break until late April.

Dalton also noted that the club was *financially strong due to the sale of hares to other clubs*. Eight hare drives (to capture hares) were held and 246 hares sold to Horsham, Geelong, Werribee, and Wonthaggi. With little coursing happening, my grandfather Patrick Doherty, decided to sell three November 1913 born greyhound puppies, for the low price of £5 each. The pups were by Jack Tar out of True Forever. Patrick was on the committee that in 1918 contemplated forming an enclosure (Plumpton).

One of the reasons Penshurst managed to keep going as an open coursing club longer than others was the boxing of hares for backup purposes. This strategy came from club secretary James Dalton. The hares were captured the day before by netting. On the day of the meeting if enough hares weren't found in the open the boxed hares were used. The Penshurst Free Press reported that *with few exceptions the dogs were given big tasks* (meaning the boxed hares were given a

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Your Council
Your Community****COMMUNITY VIGILANCE URGED FOLLOWING DETECTION OF
AVIAN INFLUENZA IN HAMILTON**

Southern Grampians Shire Council is urging residents and visitors to remain vigilant and avoid contact with sick or dead birds and wildlife following confirmation that the avian influenza strain H5N1 has been detected in the Southern Grampians.

Department of Agriculture advise that testing has identified H5N1 avian influenza in a single greater crested tern found in Hamilton this week. No further reports have been received.

Chief Executive Officer Tony Doyle said the detection highlights the importance of community awareness and prompt reporting.

"We understand this news may be concerning for our community. The advice from animal health and wildlife authorities is clear. If you see sick or dead birds or other wildlife, do not touch them. Record what you observe, note the location and report it immediately.

Early reporting gives authorities the best opportunity to monitor the disease and help minimise impacts on wildlife, agriculture and our environment," Mr Doyle said.

While the risk to human health remains very low, residents are advised to avoid contact with sick or dead wildlife, including birds and marine mammals.

Mr Doyle said Council was working closely with relevant state agencies and supporting community awareness efforts across the shire.

"As we know, Southern Grampians Shire is home to significant agricultural and environmental assets. We all also have a role to play in helping protect our local wildlife.

"We encourage residents, farmers and visitors to follow biosecurity advice and report any concerns to the appropriate authorities."

What to do if you see sick or dead wildlife:

AVOID - Contact with sick or dead birds, wildlife or their environment.

RECORD - What you see. - The location. - Photos or videos if it is safe to do so.

REPORT - Clusters of five or more sick or dead wild birds of any species.

A single sick or dead seabird, waterbird, shorebird, bird of prey or marine mammal such as a seal, sea lion or dolphin.

Reports can be made through the Agriculture Victoria <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases/H5N1-avian-influenza-H5-bird-flu> or by calling the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888

Signs of H5N1 avian influenza in birds may include sudden death, lack of coordination, tremors, difficulty standing or flying, respiratory symptoms, swelling around the eyes or head, and unusual behaviour.

Poultry owners are also encouraged to review their biosecurity measures, including limiting contact between domestic poultry and wild birds, maintaining clean facilities and practising good hygiene when handling birds or eggs.

For more information or to report sick or dead wildlife, visit the Agriculture Victoria website or call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Your Council
Your Community****COUNCIL TO TAKE REGIONAL ISSUES TO STATE GOVERNMENT**

Southern Grampians Shire Council is calling for greater flexibility and investment from the Victorian Government on issues affecting regional communities.

Following the 11 August meeting, Council will put four motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council in October. These motions will seek statewide action on glass recycling, Crown land assets, public swimming pools and State-owned roads. The motions follow discussions on local issues that Council believes would benefit from a coordinated approach across Victorian local government.

A key issue is the State Government's mandated four-bin kerbside waste system, with Council seeking greater flexibility for councils to determine the services that best suit their communities. In April 2026, Council resolved to delay the rollout of a compulsory glass recycling bin in the Shire, citing the estimated \$1 million first-year cost to ratepayers as prohibitive and questioning the need for the service locally following the introduction of the Container Deposit Scheme. Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Cr Dennis Heslin said local government required greater flexibility to respond to the different needs of communities across Victoria.

"The right solution for Melbourne may not necessarily be the right solution for a regional community," Cr Heslin said.

"We support recycling as we have demonstrated through initiatives like our FOGO service, or the new Organics Waste Facility under construction at the Hamilton Transfer Station. But we have to be sure that new services provide a genuine value and benefit to our communities."

Council is also calling on the Victorian Government to provide adequate funding for the maintenance and renewal of State-owned assets managed by DEECA Crown land committees of management, many of which rely heavily on volunteers. It is also seeking a strategy to support the next generation of volunteers to take on these important roles.

A further motion calls for the State Government to fund a statewide condition audit of public swimming pools, with the results used to inform future funding programs for the renewal of these important community facilities. Council is then calling for the release of State Government data on the condition of State-owned roads, providing transparency around the condition and investment needs of these roads.

"These aren't just issues here in the Southern Grampians. Councils across regional Victoria are dealing with ageing infrastructure, increasing costs and policies that don't always reflect the realities of regional communities," concluded Cr Heslin.

The MAV State Council Meeting will be held on Friday 23 October 2026.

NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTRE A MAJOR WIN FOR SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS FAMILIES

Southern Grampians Shire Council has welcomed today's announcement for a new Victorian Government-owned and operated Early Learning Centre to be built in Hamilton, providing much-needed additional early learning opportunities for local families.

The new 102-place centre will be located at the former vacant Baimbridge College site and will also include spaces for playgroups and maternal and child health services, creating an important space for children and families.

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Your Council
Your Community**

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said the announcement marked a significant milestone the broader Southern Grampians region, following years of advocacy by Council and the community.

"Council has consistently raised this issue with government because we know how significant the early learning and childcare shortage is locally," said Cr Heslin.

"We have heard directly from families who have struggled to find care and from employers who have struggled to attract and retain workers because prospective staff have been unable to secure childcare.

"This announcement will mean more opportunity and more choice. For families who have been waiting for a place or trying to piece together care across different services, additional capacity can make a huge difference to their ability to work, study and participate fully in community life.

"This is a great example of Council and the State Government working together to deliver something that will make a real difference to our residents."

The announcement follows the Victorian Government's 2023 commitment to deliver a government-owned and operated Early Learning Centre in Hamilton. Since then, Council officers have worked closely with the Department to help identify a suitable location for the facility.

"Early learning and childcare is not a luxury. It is essential community infrastructure that enables people to live, work and raise their families in regional communities," said Cr Heslin. "We consistently hear from professionals who want to relocate to Hamilton to work in our hospital, schools, businesses and other essential services, but who face significant barriers because of limited childcare options."

Council has advocated strongly to all levels of government and worked alongside regional partners to address broader workforce challenges within the early years sector, recognising that additional places must be matched by a sustainable workforce.

Mayor Heslin said while today's announcement was a major step forward, planning for the future remained important. "Today's announcement is a positive step in the right direction, but we know demand for childcare in a growing regional community will continue," said Cr Heslin. "We need to keep looking at the broader early years system, including workforce, kindergarten and childcare capacity, so that our services can keep pace with the growth and future needs of our community. "I also want to acknowledge the many local families and community members who have continued to raise this issue and advocate for better outcomes. Council doesn't advocate in isolation. We advocate on the issues our community tells us matter, and childcare has consistently been one of those issues," concluded Cr Heslin.

While there is still work to be done before welcoming the first children through the doors in 2029, today's announcement provides greater hope and certainty for local families and represents an important investment in our children, our families and the future of our region.

The Early Learning Centre will be operated by the Victorian Government Authority, Early Learning Victoria.

Council thanks Member for Western Victoria, Jacinta Ermacora MP, for representing Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn in making today's announcement at the Greater Hamilton Library in Hamilton.

EARLY GREYHOUND COURSING

By Phil Doherty - 26 May 2015 (part 3) (continued from page 12)

good head start) with the result that onlookers had the satisfaction of seeing great sport.

PENSHURST PLUMPTON

On 22nd April 1925 Mr J. J. Collins, PCC secretary, informed the Age newspaper that *the Penshurst Coursing Club intended to form a Plumpton at the Penshurst Race Course*. By April of next year, the enclosed course had been built for a total cost of £750. Most of the funds were raised by netting and selling the famous Penshurst district hares. The first meeting in the new enclosure was held on 23 and 24 June with the Penshurst Cup run in August. Mr S Hutton of the Cheviot Hills Estate donated a valuable cup. Unfortunately a ring-in ran in the August meeting. Saucy Sue, a six times winner ran as a lesser preformed dog, Georgia. After an inquiry two Gippsland trainers were banned for life.

The difficulty of finding enough large open paddocks prompted open coursing clubs to move to the enclosed plumpton courses. In addition hares that were coursed near fences quickly learnt to zigzag through the wire until the greyhounds gave up, or the hares headed for tree shelter belts which made it dangerous for the dogs to follow.

The Penshurst Coursing Club continued to hold hare drives to supply the local plumpton and sell to other clubs, mainly in South Australia. It was said that owners could always rely on the quality of the Penshurst hares.

Sources are from Trove Newspapers on-line including: the Age, the Australasian, Ballarat Star, Bendigo Advertiser, Geelong Advertiser, Herald Sun, Penshurst Free Press and Punch Magazine.

***Hatches, Matches and Dispatches,
Anniversaries and Birthdays too***

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

What is a plumpton: A plumpton is an enclosed ground or a racecourse used for greyhound coursing, and it is also a common place name and surname of Anglo-Saxon origin meaning "farmstead where plum trees grow". Editor

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

More Groans

Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck ...

I've decided: Whatever age I am is the new 30.

Don't let aging get you down; it's too hard to get back up again.

An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. "So," he says, "do I come here often?"

You know you're getting old when your doctor refers you to an archaeologist.

Answers to last fortnight's crossword.
Across: 2 harmless, 5 addition, 7 psychological, 8 delightful, 9 motionless, 11 understood, 13 outstanding, 18 rebel, 20 miniature, 22 mixed, 23 violet, 24 suitable, 25 dapper.
Down: 1 fuzzy, 3 skillful, 4 crooked, 6 dominating, 10 productive, 12 oval, 14 narrow, 15 ambitious, 16 united, 17 lame, 19 pricey, 21 revenge.

Across: 1: Newly produced, made, gathered, etc.

7: An act of politely or formally asking for something.

8: A public performance of music.

10: A specific form of something that differs slightly from something similar.

12: A running race that is about 42 kilometres long.

14: A system of communication by speaking, writing, or making signs in a way that can be understood.

15: Conventional; adhering to established principles or doctrines.

17: A quality or situation that makes something easy or useful for someone by reducing the amount of work or time required to do something.

19: Existing and respected for a long time.

21: A piece of equipment usually made of cloth that is fastened to people or things and that allows them to fall slowly and land safely.

22: A state that is like being asleep except that you can move and respond to questions and commands.

24: Something, eg. an event or a detail, that is very interesting, exciting, or important.

25: The act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc.

Down: 2: To talk or write about something that you are thinking or feeling.

3: Something said or done to cause laughter.

4: To think about or consider something carefully.

5: Some, or a small number of something.

6: To cause something to reach, often as far as possible, in a particular direction.

9: Should be stored in the fridge at least 4 hours, or left on the counter to rise.

11: An unwanted or forceful entry into a place.

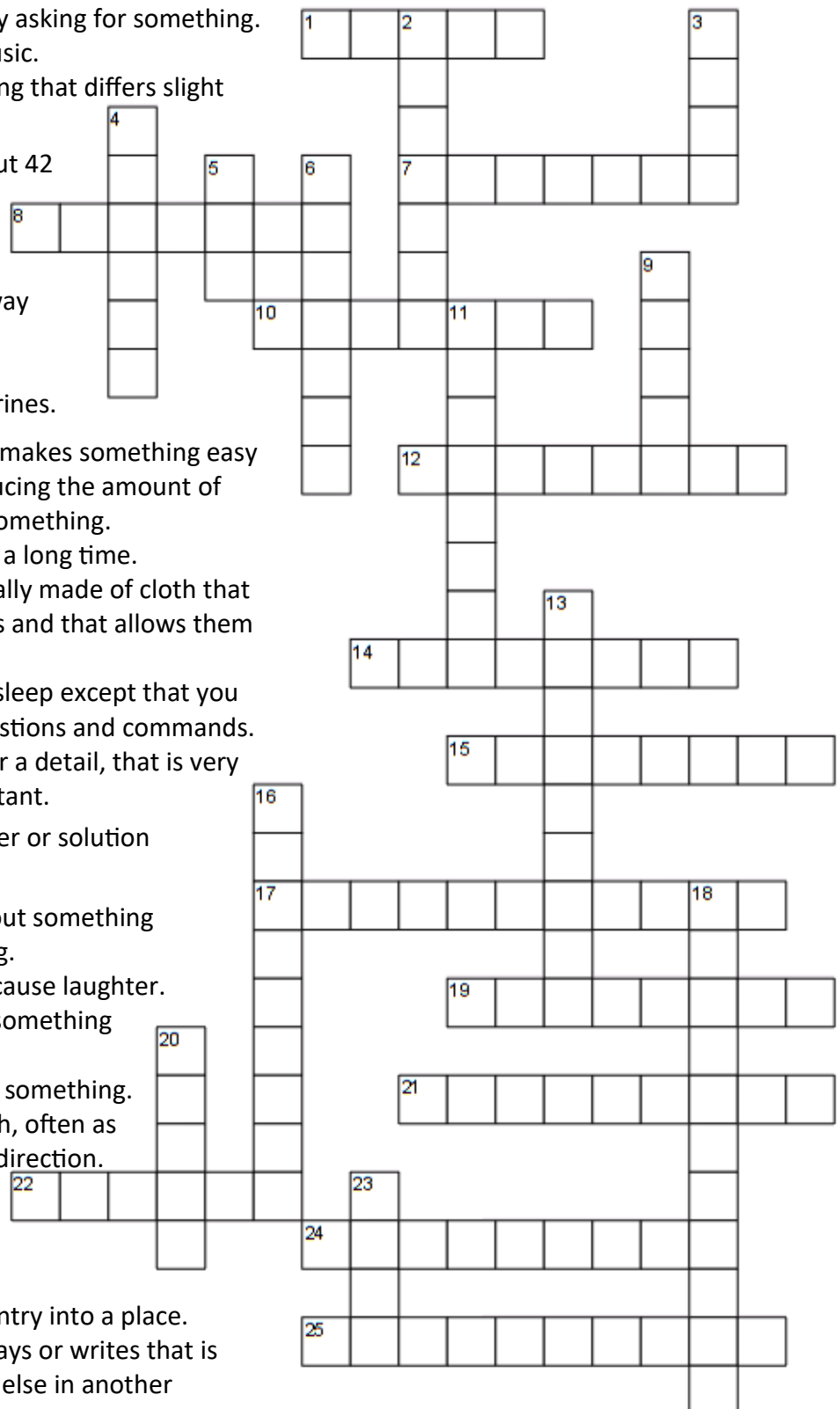
13: Something that a person says or writes that is repeated or used by someone else in another piece of writing or a speech.

16: Not able to do something.

18: The movement of blood through the body.

20: To believe that something is true, that a particular situation exists, that something will happen, etc.

Mount Rouse Puzzler



23: A unit of measurement equal to about 1,609 meters.

The answer to last fortnight's crossword is in this newsletter.



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Can you find all the listed words in the word search to the right?

For the young and young
at heart

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

Can you work
out who did
what?

		superheroes					real names					neighborhoods				
		Criminal Bane	Deep Shadow	Max Fusion	Prism Shield	Wonderman	Cal Copeland	Lyle Lucas	Matt Minkle	Orel Osborne	Peter Powers	Frazier Park	Green Hills	Idyllwild	Libertyville	Mission Vale
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	Orel Osborne															
	Peter Powers															

1. Of the hero who patrols Green Hills and Lyle Lucas, one is "Wonderman" and the other began his crusade in 2007.

2. The person who patrols Mission Vale began 1 year after Cal Copeland.

3. Of the person who patrols Libertyville and

the hero started in 2009, one is "Prism Shield" and the other is Lyle Lucas.

4. Of "Criminal Bane" and "Deep Shadow", one began his crusade in 2011 and the other patrols Libertyville.

5. The five people are "Deep Shadow", the hero who patrols Frazier Park, the person

who patrols Mission Vale, the person who started in 2010 and the superhero who patrols Green Hills.

6. The superhero who patrols Frazier Park isn't Orel Osborne.

7. The person who patrols Green Hills is either Cal Copeland or the person who started in 2007.

8. "Max Fusion" began 1 year after Peter Powers.

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.

Ukulele Group

Meets every Sunday at the Senior Citizens from 2pm until 3pm - Contact Paul 0402 902 013 for more Information

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.

Penshurst Book Club - meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm. Contact Ruth Pihl on 0490418313

Lions Club of Penshurst & District

- Social dinner 1st Friday, and business meetings 3rd Tuesday each month.
Welcoming new members.
penshurst.vic@lions.org.au
- Weekly Sunday Park Walk 10am @ Penshurst Botanic Gardens, with monthly Morning Tea on the 1st Sunday.

What's On Around Mt Rouse - SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Lutheran Church Tabor 10am <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-4pm</i> Ukulele Group 2-3pm	31 Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm Bowls Club Meeting 7:30pm	01 Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm Bowls Club Meeting 7:30pm	02 Healthy Limbs Club - Penshurst Hospital 11:30am	03 WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am	04 <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-3pm</i> Lions Club Social Dinner	05 CourtHouse Open Day 9:30am-12:30pm Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-4pm</i>
06 PARK WALK @ Penshurst Botanic Gardens 10am Lutheran Church - Tabor 10am <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-4pm</i> Ukulele Group 2-3pm Pony Club Rally	07 Caramut & District Garden Club 10am Friends of Yatmerone 7:30	08 Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm	09 <i>Newsletter Year 9 Edition 3</i> Healthy Limbs Club - Penshurst Hospital 11:30am	10 WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am Mobile Library 3-4pm	11 <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-3pm</i> Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-4pm</i>	12 Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm <i>Volcana Discovery Centre 11am-4pm</i>
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2nd Sunday Mass 8.30 am

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4th Sunday Mass 8.30 am

5th Sunday No Service



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