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Community Newsletter

A gift provides a comfortable new beginning



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Join us as we come together as one community, united in faith, love and the spirit of Christmas. Bring your family and friends, and share in an evening filled with music and joy, to celebrate this special time of year.
All welcome!



DATE:
Dec 06, 2026.

TIME:
07:30 PM.

VENUE:
Penshurst Memorial Hall.







A gift provides a comfortable new beginning

On the front cover Mr Marcus Rentsch stands with the newly repaired and recovered Clerk of the Court's chair, which resides in the former Penshurst Courthouse.



Marcus arranged for the Clerk of the Court's chair, which is one of the early pieces of furniture remaining in the courthouse, to be repaired and recovered. Ms Lyn Iredell kindly undertook the repairs and renovation of the chair at no cost and the Mt Rouse & District Historical Society is grateful for her contribution to maintaining the original furniture which is on display in the former courthouse.

The former courthouse is now the Mt Rouse & District Historical Society home and is open on the first Saturday of the month 9.30 am - 12.30 pm for visitors or any enquiries on local history.

Thornton's Engineering to close at the end of November



AFTER nearly half a century of operations, the Penshurst branch of Thornton's Engineering will be closing it's doors by the end of the year.

According to the Chief Financial Officer, Tim Kurelja, the change is an operational consolidation and is not the result of a downturn in business or an industry closure.

Thornton Engineering was founded in Penshurst by the Thornton family in 1980. In 2000, the company transitioned its primary operations to Geelong to support the delivery of large-scale national infrastructure and energy projects. Over the past 25 years, the business has grown significantly from its regional roots and now employs nearly 300 people across its manufacturing facilities.

The Penshurst workshop has operated as a small satellite site with four employees. "To centralise specialised fabrication capabilities and improve operational efficiency, work currently undertaken at Penshurst is being consolidated into our primary Geelong operations," Mr Kurelja said.

"We are targeting 30 November for completion of the consolidation and intend to put the Penshurst site up for sale.

"Importantly, all four Penshurst employees have been offered ongoing employment with the company in Geelong. Supporting our people through this transition remains our immediate priority," he said.

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Mt Rouse Community Newsletter Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9th December
5.30pm

Penshurst Mens Shed

103 Cobb Street

Everyone welcome



Annual General Meeting

Penshurst CWA

24th November
7pm

Senior Citizens Clubrooms

Bell Street, Penshurst

Members and visitors are encouraged to attend

Penshurst Progress Association Inc

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wed 25th November 2026

Penshurst Memorial Hall - Supper Room

21 Martin Street, Penshurst
at 7.00pm

Business of the Meeting:

1. Confirm Minutes of 2025 AGM

2. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Association

3. To elect members of the Executive

4. Any other business of which notice has been given.

All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Be part of our upcoming events



Penshurst Christmas Lights - yes, the competition is back, sponsored by the Newsletter and Penshurst & District Lions Club. There will be two prizes of $100 each. The town will vote on their two favourite displays. Register your home for our town map.

The new year will be upon us in a blink, and with it Australia Day. One of the key features of the celebration is **Penshurst's Citizen of the Year**. Who will you nominate this year? Closing date for entries is 23rd December.

The entry forms for both events will be in the next newsletter and available from the Penshurst Post Office. Thank you Eileen and Dwyne.

JOB VACANCIES IN PENSHURST

Looking for a summer job?

Penshurst Pool (including other surrounds) is looking for lifeguards to keep the pool open! Great summer job for any age - our oldest and newest guards have been over 50 to year 12 school leavers. Training provided, work on that tan and make some coin....
To apply, visit: https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Careers or contact HILAC on 5551 4300 for more information.

And for the longer term....

Ambulance Victoria is still needing at least 2 more ACOs (advanced first aiders) to get the Penshurst Ambulance back on the road and directly helping our neighbours, friends and family in their greatest time of need.

Casual Employment (you get paid very well for any call outs!)
Apply here: https://paramediccareers.ambulance.vic.gov.au/jobs/AV-RESPONDER
Or call/text local area manager for more information: 0408 516 747

Current Local Jobs & Openings advertised in SEEK and Jora

◦ **Western District Health Service (Penshurst & Surrounds)**

Food Domestic Assistant: Full-time or flexible part-time support for patient and resident wellbeing (approx. $26.96 – $28.16 per hour plus super).

Nurse Unit Manager: Full-time leadership role overseeing aged care and acute services ($142,105 per annum + super + salary packaging).

Trade Assistant Maintenance: Hands-on maintenance role servicing facilities across Hamilton, Penshurst, and Coleraine ($35.45 per hour + super).

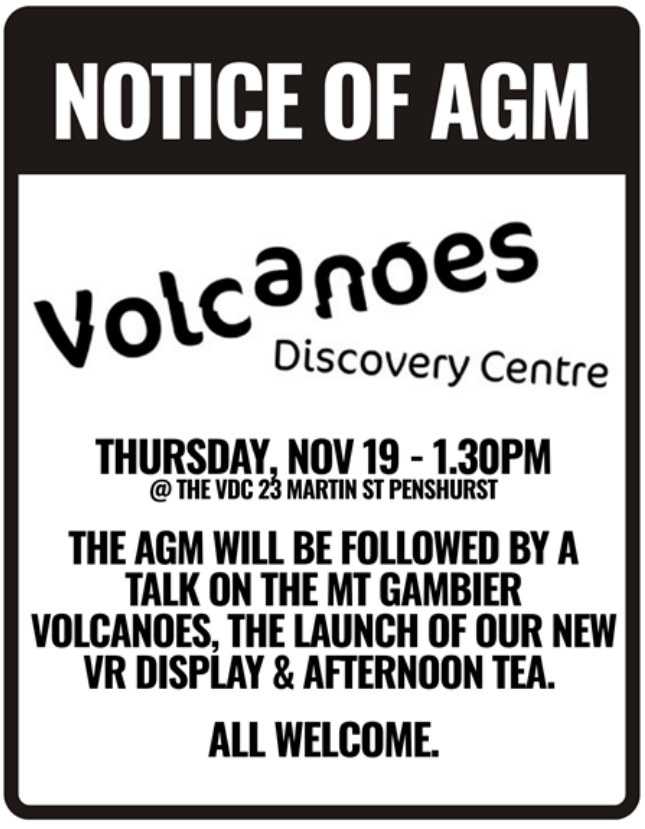
◦ **Leisure & Lifestyle Assistant:** Support role based in Penshurst (approx. $28 per hour). [1, 2, 3]

◦ **Agriculture & Farm Work Agricultural Worker / General Farmhand:** Stud beef and sheep operations with Moyle Pathfinder Pty Ltd in Penshurst.

◦ **Farm Operator / Hand:** Local rural and dairy positions available across nearby Dunkeld, Hawkesdale, and Woolsthorpe. [1, 2]

◦ **Healthcare & Support Services Disability Support Worker:** Offered by Wise Healthcare in Penshurst and Dunkeld ($30.00 – $35.00 per hour).

◦ **Inclusion Support Additional Assistant:** Permanent part-time school-term roles with Gateways Support Services across Hamilton and Penshurst.





Tuesday 1 December 2026
6:00pm
Penshurst Botanic Gardens

Council invite all Penshurst community members to a Town Get-Together. Join the conversation at a community listening session with your elected Councillors and Council staff.

Join us for a light supper, share your ideas and discuss local priorities and projects important to your township.

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JOIN THE TEAM TO KEEP YOUR COMMUNITIES SAFE THIS SUMMER

With summer approaching, Southern Grampians Shire Council is seeking enthusiastic people for rewarding seasonal roles at its outdoor pools.

Council is currently recruiting Summer Casual Lifeguards for the Hamilton, Balmoral, Coleraine, Dunkeld and Penshurst pools, with a particular need for applicants aged 18 years and over at Balmoral, Penshurst and Dunkeld.

If you are an experienced lifeguard, a university student returning home for summer, a parent looking for flexible work, or someone seeking a rewarding seasonal role, Council wants to hear from you.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Director Wellbeing Planning and Regulation Rory Neeson said this is a fantastic opportunity for anyone with a current Pool Lifeguard qualification, or anyone willing to gain the necessary qualifications and spend their summer working in our local communities.

"Our outdoor pools are popular gathering places for families and young children during the warmer months, and we're particularly encouraging adults aged 18 and over to consider applying, especially at our Balmoral, Penshurst and Dunkeld pools," said Mr Neeson.

"Lifeguarding provides flexible hours, competitive pay and the opportunity to work across different locations throughout the Shire. It's a great way to build valuable skills while enjoying an active role outdoors.

Mr Neeson said the positions suit a wide range of applicants, including locals, people considering a move to the region, university students home for the holidays, and those looking for a change of pace over summer.

"If you've ever thought about becoming a lifeguard, now is the perfect time. Successful applicants can complete their training before the season begins, and training costs will be reimbursed for those who work consistently throughout the season."

Applicants do not need to have completed their qualifications before interviewing, with support and guidance provided throughout the recruitment process. "Life Saving Victoria (LSV) will be holding a course at HILAC on 21 & 22 November, with the possibility of a course at one of the outdoor pools between now and December, alternatively you can find a more suitable location in a nearby town on the LSV website."

For younger applicants under 18, opportunities are still available at the Hamilton and Coleraine pools.

"For many people, our outdoor pools are where summer memories are made. As a lifeguard, you're part of that experience. You're helping create a safe place where kids build confidence in the water, families spend time together, and communities come together over the summer," Mr Neeson concluded.

Applications are now open for the upcoming pool season, which runs from December to March. To apply, visit Careers | Southern Grampians Shire Council or contact HILAC on 5551 4300 for more information.

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Newsletter notes

Good morning everyone. You will have noticed that the newsletter is changing a little. That is because I am learning to create it with a new program. So bear with me as I sort it out.

One thing that doesn't change is our desire for a colourful front page.

So we were wondering -

Would you like to sponsor our colour front page? It costs $30 per issue. I know our readers appreciate each one.

Contact Ama for more information. 0402 870 738

or mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com





Our church has a time capsule.

I discovered some time ago that our church has a time capsule.
It occurred to me that this device would be an ideal way to offer some thoughts, reflections and maybe even some wisdom to those who come after us. But what do you say to a people yet to be born?
I'm writing this in 2026 in my 67th year and I wanted to offer these words to you. You may find them interesting and maybe even helpful.
I had hoped in my lifetime to see the quietening of the guns of war but my dreams were naive and idealistic. With the immediacy with which we can receive images and words from anywhere in the world, I am more acutely aware than ever of our disharmony and animosity.
We were seduced by the internet in this age of the screen. We were promised connectivity one with another. We were told that it would save us time and make our lives simpler. Instead we used the cold hard screen to spread our more spurious thoughts to millions in a matter of seconds.
We work harder now with less leisure time because we are connected to our work, not each other. We expected more of ourselves just as our overseers expected more of us. Work smarter / not harder was a common catchphrase. We lost our identity behind the anonymity of the screen.
But there were silent little ones who believed that all was not lost. There were saints who chose to put others first in visible, tangle, touchable ways and their efforts were all the brighter and more powerful because of the plastic environment in which we lived.
Go gently then friend. Make every unretrievable moment count for where we have failed and gone wrong awry, you have the opportunity to get it right in ways that we never could.

My Tribe

A long time ago I used to sing in a Choral Society. It was a very eclectic group of people of varying talents who were there to make a cheerful noise. I also learnt what the dots and squiggles on the page were all about. We would practice zealously for several months and then put on a concert. Nobody got grumpy if you hit the odd bung note or even several bung notes. Each was there to support their colleagues and to work together for a common purpose. I should also point out that this Choral Society was not connected to my parish in any way. It was a purely secular group, although many of us did practice some kind of faith.
When it came time to leave that parish and move to another, there were lots of things that I walked away from, but I missed the Choral Society in a special way because they were 'my tribe'.
That is, they were a collection of people, a community where I knew I belonged. I had a specific task (usually to make some bodgy tenor type noises) and everyone there supported and encouraged me in my endeavours.
This leaving of 'the tribe' happens all the time. It will be felt sharply by those who are finishing primary school or secondary school in the coming weeks. It will happen to those who simply move from one community to another. It is excruciating for those who are transitioning into care. It's not easy, but it is often necessary. It is harder still for those who are shy and do not make connections easily.
The good news is that we are all called to be welcomers to those who come to our 'tribe'. We were all new once and everyone belongs to a tribe somewhere.

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More Mum jokes

1. My mother used to say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.
Lovely woman, terrible surgeon.
2. I was once abducted by aliens.
They made me wash my hands, blow my nose, clean my room, and eat my vegetables…
Turns out I was on the mothership.
3. What do you call a short mother?
A minimum.
4. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".
5. What's my mother going to do?
They call our language the mother tongue because the father seldom gets to speak.
6. My mum used to feed my brother and I by saying, "Here comes the train", and we always used to eat it straight away.
Otherwise she wouldn't untie us from the tracks.

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Sunday - CLOSED

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HELP SHAPE HOW COUNCIL COMMUNICATES AND CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITY

Southern Grampians Shire Council is reviewing its communication and community engagement approach to ensure it continues to reflect the needs, preferences and expectations of the community. Residents are encouraged to share their views on how they would like to receive information from Council and participate in local decision-making.

Community feedback will help shape the development of Council's Communication and Engagement Strategy 2027-2031, which will guide the way Council communicates, engages and works with residents across the municipality over the next four years.

As technology, communication channels and community expectations continue to evolve, Council is committed to providing information that is accessible, timely and relevant, while creating meaningful opportunities for people across the Shire to have their say on matters that affect them. Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said community feedback will play an important role in shaping how Council connects with residents across the Shire now and into the future.

"We're committed to keeping our communities informed and engaged in the projects, services, programs and decisions that matter to them," said Cr Heslin.

"We know people access information in different ways, whether that's through social media, newspapers, radio, email newsletters, our website or word of mouth. We want to better understand what currently works well and importantly where we can improve."

Residents can complete our survey online, which takes approximately 5-10 minutes, pick up a hard copy at Council's Brown Street office or visit Council's engagement website at Communications and Engagement Strategy | Engage Southern Grampians

Feedback closes 5:00pm Friday 20 November 2026.

MAYOR ELECTED FOR SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

Southern Grampians Shire Council elected Councillor Dennis Heslin unopposed as Mayor for 2026/27 at the 27 October Statutory Meeting. Councillor Jayne Manning was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

Newly re-elected Mayor Heslin said it was an honour to represent the people of the Southern Grampians and communities for a third year.

"Having the opportunity to be a Mayor of the Southern Grampians region is a real privilege that I don't take lightly," Mayor Heslin said.

"As we enter the third year of this Council term, we will continue to work together to deliver tangible change, guided by our shared goal of improving amenities and access for people across the

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region. The designs of our three major projects are progressing well and are positioning us in the best way possible to make these projects a reality for residents.

“These projects will not come at the expense of roads, services or the everyday needs of our community. Through our annual budget and grants processes, we will continue supporting community projects while managing ratepayers’ money responsibly.

“I’m extremely grateful for the opportunity to lead such a dedicated team and look forward to driving better outcomes right here in the Southern Grampians,” said Cr Heslin.

Councillors were appointed as representatives of Council for the following committees:

Audit & Risk Committee: Cr Henry, Cr Ramsay-Grounds
Planning Committee: Cr Manning, Cr Henry
CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee: Cr Heslin, Cr Barber, Cr Henry
Hamilton CBD Revitalisation Advisory Group: Cr Barber, Proxy Cr Manning
MAV: Cr Manning, Proxy Cr Henry
Southwest Victoria Alliance: Cr Heslin
Rural Councils Victoria: Cr Campbell, Proxy Cr Manning
Green Triangle Action Group: Cr Rainsford, Proxy Cr Campbell
Ansett Museum Board: Cr Barber, Proxy Cr Ramsay-Grounds
Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group: Cr Manning, Cr Ramsay-Grounds
Council also made the decision to continue with the 2:00pm start time for Council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Council determined the upcoming schedule of meetings for 2027 which will be made available shortly via the Council website.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2027 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Nominations for the 2027 Southern Grampians Shire Community Recognition Awards open this Sunday 1 November 2026. Community Recognition Awards are presented on Australia Day to shine a spotlight on those within our community who make significant contributions to the people and places that call Southern Grampians home.

These awards recognise the quiet achievers, leaders, and everyday champions who make a real difference in our communities.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin said last year’s awards recognised many deserving residents for their significant community contributions, and he welcomed nominations for others to be honoured for the 2027 awards.

"Our community is full of remarkable people who generously give their time, energy and care to support others across our region," Cr Heslin said.

"Whether they're volunteering, leading community initiatives, supporting local groups or lending a helping hand to those in need, these individuals and groups help to make the Southern Grampians a wonderful place to live.”

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The Southern Grampians Shire 2026 Community Awards includes four categories:

Young Citizen of the Year - For residents under 25 who have made a significant contribution to the community, either this year or over several years.
Citizen of the Year - For residents aged 25 and above who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community in 2026 or over a period of years.
Community Event of the Year - Recognising an outstanding event held between 30 October 2025, and 30 October 2026, whether it was a single-day, multi-day, or virtual event.
Community Recognition Award - For individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to the local community over the past year or beyond.

Award recipients will be celebrated at the Southern Grampians Shire Council official Australia Day ceremony on 26 January 2027, to be held at the Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

Nominations close on Monday, 30 November 2026 at 5:00pm. Forms can be accessed online via Southern Grampians Shire - Civic Events Southern Grampians Shire Council or collected from Council's Customer Service Centre at 111 Brown Street, Hamilton. For further information, contact Council at ausday@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or phone 5573 0444.

"If you know someone who goes above and beyond to make our home a better place, I encourage you to take a few minutes to nominate them and help them be recognised for their incredible efforts."



A page of intentional randomness

How to report town problems (street signs etc) to council.

The easiest way is to either email or phone a Community Partnerships Officer. They will report the fault to the right department and follow up to make sure the problem is addressed.

Chief Joseph: "The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it."
Khalil Gibran: "And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair."
Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The earth laughs in flowers."
W. H. Auden: "We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know."

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The Lions Sunday morning ramble produced more than just good exercise, good company and a great morning tea, it provided mana for the soul - the gently running creek through the Penshurst Botanic Gardens.



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Crispy Roast Potato Caesar Salad

Prep Time150 mins Cook 40m Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

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1kg baby coliban (chat) potatoes, unpeeled, halved
2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
20g butter, melted
20g (1/4 cup) finely grated parmesan
150g streaky bacon rashers, chopped
3 baby gem lettuces, chopped
3 eggs, soft-boiled, quartered
Shaved parmesan, to serve

Caesar dressing

125g (1/2 cup) whole-egg mayonnaise
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp water
1 tsp Dijon mustard
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
20g (1/4 cup) finely grated parmesan
2 anchovy fillets, finely chopped
1 small garlic clove, crushed

Method



Step 1
Preheat oven to 230°C/210°C fan forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Step 2
Place potato in a large saucepan of salted water. Bring to the boil and cook for 10 minutes or until just tender. Drain in a colander and set aside for 5 minutes to dry out.

Step 3
Meanwhile, to make the Caesar dressing, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, water, mustard, Worcestershire, grated parmesan, anchovy and garlic in a jug. Season.

Step 4
Transfer the potato to the prepared tray and drizzle over oil and butter. Sprinkle with grated parmesan and season. Roast, turning halfway, for 30 minutes or until golden and crisp. Cool for 10 minutes.

Step 5
Meanwhile, place bacon in a non-stick frying pan and heat over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until crisp. Remove from heat.

Step 6
Place lettuce, potato and half the dressing in a large bowl. Toss until coated, then transfer to a large shallow serving bowl. Top with the bacon and egg. Drizzle over a little more dressing. Scatter with shaved parmesan. Season and serve with remaining dressing.



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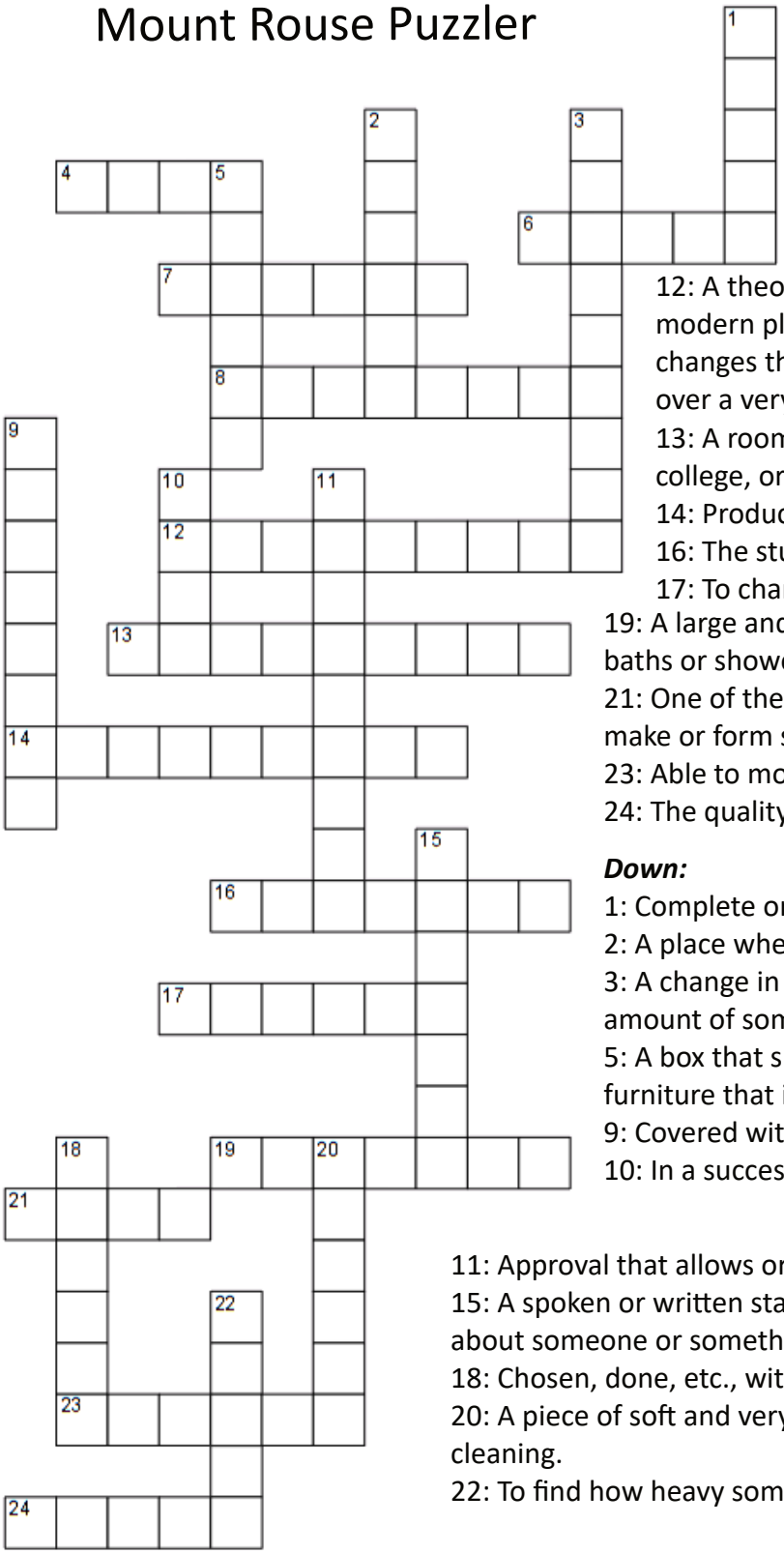
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Mount Rouse Puzzler



Across:

4: A small piece of stiff paper that is marked with symbols or pictures.
6: To show a particular result after a period of time.
7: To excuse; to forgive.
8: Clearly and directly expressed.
12: A theory that the differences between modern plants and animals are because of changes that happened by a natural process over a very long time.
13: A room where classes are taught in a school, college, or university.
14: Producing a result that is wanted.
16: The study of past events.
17: To change to a better state.
19: A large and long container in which people take baths or showers.
21: One of the pieces, sections, qualities, etc., that make or form something.
23: Able to move from one place to another.
24: The quality of being true.

Down:

1: Complete or full.
2: A place where children go to be educated.
3: A change in the form, position, condition, or amount of something.
5: A box that slides into and out of a piece of furniture that is used to store things.
9: Covered with many small marks.
10: In a successful way.
11: Approval that allows or helps you to do something.
15: A spoken or written statement that expresses an opinion about someone or something.
18: Chosen, done, etc., without a particular plan or pattern.
20: A piece of soft and very thin paper that is used especially for cleaning.
22: To find how heavy someone or something is.



Answers from last fortnight. ***Across:*** 4 shaft, 6 turn, 8 package, 9 length, 11 omission, 14 headquarters, 18 holiday, 19 soprano, 20 sand, 21 terrify, 22 owe, 23 cater. ***Down:*** 1 short, 2 rise, 3 guilt, 5 science, 7 payment, 10 gallery, 12 seasoning, 13 fraction, 15 disgrace, 16 wound, 17 latest, 19 subject.

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Unexpected Planet Earth

Earth is our home and a very special place in space! Here are some fun and easy facts about planet Earth:

Where Earth Lives
Third Planet: Earth is the 3rd planet from the Sun, sitting about 93 million miles (150 million km) away.

The "Goldilocks" Zone: Earth is not too hot (like Mercury) and not too cold (like Saturn). It is just right for liquid water and life.
The Blue Planet: About 70% to 71% of Earth's surface is covered in water like oceans, rivers, and lakes.

Time and Spinning
One Day (Rotation): It takes Earth 24 hours to spin around one time. This spin is what gives us day and night.

One Year (Orbit): It takes Earth 365 days to travel all the way around the Sun, which makes one full year.

A Squished Ball: Earth is shaped like an oblate spheroid. This means it is mostly round, but slightly squished at the top and bottom and bulging a bit around the middle because it spins so fast.

What Earth is Made Of Four Main Layers:

The Crust: The rocky outer shell where we walk and live.

The Mantle: A thick, hot layer of semi-molten (melted) rock underneath the crust.

The Outer Core: A super-hot layer of liquid metal.

The Inner Core: A solid ball of iron and nickel right at the very centre that is even hotter than the surface of the Sun!

The Atmosphere: A cozy blanket of air around Earth made mostly of nitrogen (78%) and oxygen (21%) that lets us breathe and protects us from space rocks (meteors) and harsh solar rays.

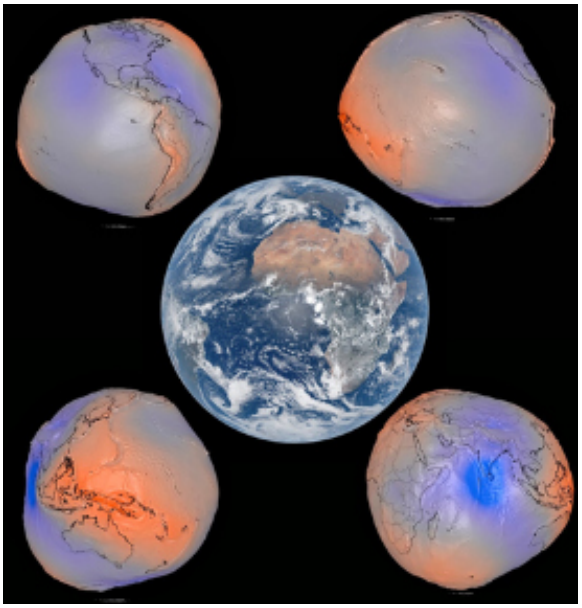


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Cool Earth Records

Our Only Moon: Earth has 1 moon that orbits us and helps make ocean tides.

Deepest Spot: The deepest known place in the ocean is the Mariana Trench, which goes down about 11 kilometres (7 miles).

Underwater Mountains: The longest mountain range on Earth is actually underwater—called the Mid-Ocean Ridge.

A couple of last minute jokes -

Why did the Earth get in trouble at school? Because of its many faults!
The Earth's surface is 70% water, and that water is uncarbonated—therefore, the Earth is flat.

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 10am
  See Garden Club notes for venue or contact Gail 0419 510 364

Country Women's Association
- 4th Tuesday monthly at 7pm at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms. No meeting in December.

Friends of Yatmerone Reserve
- 7.30pm Community Room behind the VDC. 2026 Meeting dates: Bi-monthly, 2nd Tuesday – 10 March, 12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November & 8 December.
- New Members welcome.

Lions Club of Penshurst & District
- Social dinner 1st Friday, Business meeting 3rd Tuesday each month.
- Monthly Park Walk – 1st Sunday each month. Morning Tea provided.
- Contact penshurst.vic@lions.org.au
- Welcoming new members.

Mt Rouse & District Historical Society
- Meetings – 4th Sunday, January, March, May, July, September and November. 2pm at the Court House. Contact the secretary 0409 765 123.
- The Court House is open to visitors 1st Saturday each month. 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- New Members are most welcome.

Penshurst Book Club
- Meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm.
- Contact Ruth Pihl 0490 418 313

Penshurst Bowls Club
- Pennant Season – October – February, meets 1st Thursday at 7.30pm.
- Contact Alaister 0427 555 973
- Off Season – 1st Tuesday at 7.30pm

Penshurst Hospital
- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday each month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11am
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, bi-monthly, 1.30pm
- **Healthy Limbs Club** – Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am weekly. No appointment necessary.

Penshurst Pony Club Rally
- 1st Sunday each month.
- Contact Jenni 0409 962 969

Penshurst Progress Association (PPA)
- Meets 4th Wednesday bi-monthly at 7pm (July, September, November, January, March, May) Penshurst Memorial Hall. Committee meetings as required.
- Community Markets – Sunday 11 October & 13 December

Penshurst Social Support Group
- WDHS meets every Thursday – Exercise, Activities, Outings and General Chit Chat. Join us for lots of fun and laughter. Sheppard Centre, Penshurst Hospital.
- Contact Social Support Group Co-ordinator on 5551 8381 or WDHS 5551 8683

Penshurst 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 2pm – 3pm.
- Contact Paul 0402 902 013 for more information

Volcanoes Discovery Centre
- Open every Friday 11-3pm, weekends & school holidays 10-4pm.
- Contact President Jo Vigliaturo 0408 544 670
- New volunteers always welcome.

What's On Around Mt Rouse - NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Lutheran Church - Tabor 10am **PARK WALK & Morning Tea @ Botanic Gardens 10am** *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm* *Ukulele Group 2-3pm* ***Pony Club Rally***	**02**	**MELBOURNE CUP** **03** Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm	**04** *Newsletter Year 9 Edition 7* MID-WEEK PENNANT BOWLS Healthy Limbs Club - Penshurst Hospital 11:30am	**05** WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am **Mobile Library Bus 3-4pm** BOWLS CLUB MEETING 7:30PM	**06** *Volcano Discovery Centre 11am-3pm* Lions Club Social Dinner	**07** SATURDAY PENNANT BOWLS **CourtHouse Open Day 9:30am-12:30pm** Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm*
08 Catholic Church Mass 8:30am Lutheran Church - Tabor 10am Uniting Church Service 11am **PUB WORKING BEE & BBQ 10am-1pm** *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm* *Ukulele Group 2-3pm*	**09**	**10** MID-WEEK PENNANT BOWLS Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm ***Caramut & District Garden Club 10am*** Friends of Yatmerone Reserve 7:30pm	**11** Healthy Limbs Club - Penshurst Hospital 11:30am	**12** WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am	**13** *Volcano Discovery Centre 11am-3pm*	**14** SATURDAY PENNANT BOWLS Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm*
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22 Catholic Church Mass 8:30am Lutheran Church - Tabor 10am Uniting Church Service 11am Anglican Church Mass 5pm *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm* *Ukulele Group 2-3pm* *HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2PM*	**23**	**24** MID-WEEK PENNANT BOWLS Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm **BINGO! @ Senior Citizens Club 1:45pm** *(CWA) Country Womans Association 7pm*	**25** Healthy Limbs Club - Penshurst Hospital 11:30am **(PPA) Penshurst Progress Association Meeting 7pm AGM - All Welcome**	**26** WDHS - Penshurst Social & Activity Group 10am	**27** *Volcano Discovery Centre 11am-3pm*	**STATE ELECTION** **28** SATURDAY PENNANT BOWLS Penshurst Shed 10am-4pm *Volcano Discovery Centre 10am-4pm*
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https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/careers/become-a-first-responder/

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

Penshurst Church Services

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church
5pm Mass 4th Sunday each month
For further details contact
Fr. David Oulton 0435 867 040

St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst
2nd & 4th Sunday
11am Service

St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst
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2nd Sunday – Mass 8.30am
3rd Sunday – Lay Service 8.30am
4th Sunday – Mass 8.30am
5th Sunday – No Service



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