

# MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Penshurst Mens Shed Inc



Penshurst Art & Photography Exhibition was great fun, inspiring, and wonderful to see people chatting together as they admired the Art, Photos, Youth Art and entries from our schools. Here's a glimpse of some of the works that the locals and hundreds of visitors enjoyed from the Opening night, to Sunday closing. PCAi, who hosted this Show, will be back in September with a new Photographic Competition. See you there.

4 of the Artists: from the left - Geoff Forster won – Mixed Medium, Megan Lonsdale - Acrylic, Pastel & Watercolour , Julie Reason – Best in Show (above), and one of our judges, Roger Edwards, well known for beautiful paintings.



A glimpse of the Exhibition - Visitors and locals enjoyed the display.



Above right: We had a photo section, which will now become a whole new town event on September 18 & 19 this year. There will be more pictures on the website in a few days.

[Www.penshurstartexhibition.org.au](http://www.penshurstartexhibition.org.au) Below: The very happy Youth Art section winner.  
And so much exceptional art.



The kids from Penshurst Primary & St Josephs created some amazing drawings and photos.

## STATE GOVERNMENT GIVES VDC \$290,000 GRANT

The State Government has given Penshurst's Volcanoes Discovery Centre (VDC) a \$290,000 grant.

The VDC grant, announced last Wednesday by acting Premier, James Merlino, was one of 30 'shovel-ready' tourism projects across the state to receive \$46 million in funding.

Southern Grampians Shire will also contribute \$30,000 to the upgrade of the centre's facilities, which will involve extensive changes both indoor and outside the facility.

Mayor, Cr Bruach Colliton and chief executive, Michael Tudball, congratulated the VDC on obtaining such a significant grant at a meeting in Penshurst on Monday night to discuss council's four-year plan (2021-2025).

It's understood the shire will make an official comment on the VDC grant today.

The State Government said its VDC grant would assist "development of a high quality visitor experience, that will connect in a unique way to people with scientific, geological and historic interests as well as visitors seeking to better understand the region's unique landscape."

The VDC was the only tourism facility in south West Victoria to receive one of these first grants from the Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

Regional Development Minister, Mary-Anne Thomas said: "These projects will add vibrancy to local communities and ensure ongoing jobs while providing important impetus through construction work."

\*\* More extensive details about the VDC grant will be provided in the next newsletter, as there was limited information available before going to print, in the current issue. Brian O'Brien

### VDC COMMISSIONS PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

A promotional video has been made to publicise the Volcanoes Discovery Centre.

Warrnambool video maker, Colleen Hughson (pictured) visited the area a week ago to shoot scenes at the Centre, as well as on Mt Rouse and at Penshurst's Botanic Gardens, including the wetlands and spring.

Also mentioned in the video are the Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve on the edge of town, and the longest lava flow in Victoria (60 kms) from Mt Rouse to Port Fairy, which resulted from the massive explosions at Mt Rouse around 350,000 years ago.

Other local volcanic features mentioned are Mt Elephant, Budj Bim and Tower Hill.

The 2.5 minute video will be used to promote the centre and surrounding volcanic attractions on the VDC's website, Facebook and at various tourist information centres.

The VDC commissioned the video after receiving a \$1500 grant from Southern Grampians Shire Council.



People's Choice - Mr Roar - Nastassja Zaadstra



## Volcanoes Discovery Centre



**OPEN DAY**

**Sunday, April 18**

**FREE ENTRY**

**TALKS ON VOLCANOES -**

**11am, 2pm**

**Everyone Welcome**

## Riddles

1. What's the coolest letter in the alphabet?
2. If someone were to write a biography about us, the following could be reported: #1 - Every basketball player needs a good one. #2 - we can be seen on most Christmas trees. #3 - One of us is a famous Captain. #4 - We are often delivered in square rings. #5 - We often accompany a line and a sinker. Based on the biographical information above --- Who/what are we?
3. A little girl named Sasha was left home alone with her butler, chef, and gardener. Sasha's parents went out on a date night and came home and found their daughter stabbed to death. The police questioned the chef first, the gardener second, and the butler last. The chef said, "I was in the kitchen preparing dinner for my little Sasha I would never do anything to hurt my princess". The gardener said, " I was outside working on the plants ... I was about to come in and take a shower". And the butler said, " I was cleaning Sasha's room ... I didn't even have a knife on me anyway so I couldn't have killed her". Automatically the cops knew who it was and arrested them. Who and How?
- 4 I am missing from every emotion, the alpha of the black and white herd. I am the end of the written notion, and yet I am the least used in a word. What am I?
5. The king of the jungle, rare as gold, black as night, in light not there and night not seen. Goes in water, goes on trees, goes in caves, goes on the ground. Claws of knives, teeth of swords, roar of death but silent as a mouse. What is it?
6. What can be used only once and after it's used it will be gone?
7. I have no life, but I can die. What am I?

## Penshurst Progress Association

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***Next Meeting: 28th April 2021 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.***

At the moment I can barely speak. That may surprise or amuse some folk, so its ok to laugh. I actually talked so much over the 3 days of the Art Exhibition, that I wore myself husky. The smoke from the fire at Mortlake didn't help, and wasn't a welcome addition to the first few mornings. It brought to mind the **Survey that Jo Viglaturo from the CFA has asked us all to answer**, to help plan a more resilient town for everyone. If you haven't filled it in yet, please dig it out or go online and complete it there. There's a box at the supermarket for the paper version, and some lucky person is going to win a \$50 shopping voucher. The online link is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/penshurstsurvey>

We are about to start rewriting the Community Plan. The meeting with Council on Monday has laid down some very interesting suggestions, which has the Council delighted. I wrote a brief comment about it further into the newsletter. There will be a lot of information to share over the next few months, and we have been told that the Council has a renewed vitality and a firm focus on making the whole Shire safe, resilient and abundant.

The two photos are a brief glimpse into the room. There will be other meetings to discuss and prioritise the requests and suggestions that have been given to the Council. We have until the end of April to give more, so next fortnight I'll include the list for everyone to review, and add to. It's up to us



New and familiar faces filled the room with an abundance of serious comments and good ideas.



to create our reality. The Council wants to help (are you still laughing?) and we are going to encourage them every step of the way.

Best foot forward ..

Have great fortnight  
and be safe,  
Ama Cooke  
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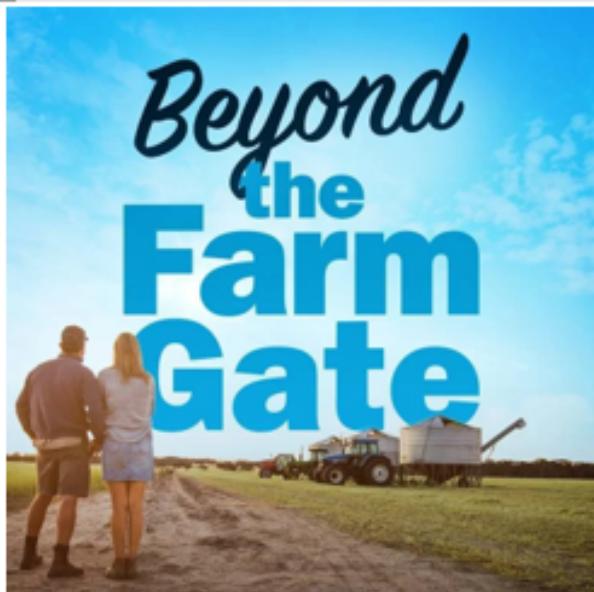


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### Beyond the Farm Gate podcast



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## Penshurst Pony Club Challenge Clinic

The Pony Club ran a Stockmans' Challenge clinic Sunday 14th March at our grounds. Thanks to preparation work by Norm Rentsch, the Pony Club grounds looked amazing on the day and were the subject of many compliments.

40 riders attended and received instruction from Tim Chamberlain, Annette Thomas, Colleen Claridge, Jenni Kinnealy and Sarah Dyson.

Instruction covered Flat Pattern, Cross country, Time Trial, Obstacles and B Equitation. It proved to be a very enjoyable and informative day.

Thanks to girls in the canteen Joan, Marjorie, Rachel, Marie B and Jenny M for producing yummy food.

Our next big event is the Rouse Roundup on 16th May.



Lauren Rentsch on Skeet's



Suzy Evans on Jack



Mia Richie on Uppy.



Rachel Cameron on Britta



Alex Kinnealy on Trooper

Georgia Adams on Paddy



## In the Year 2020

In the year 2020, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Australia and said:  
"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans." He gave Noah the blueprints, saying:

"You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. "Noah!" he roared. "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a Building Permit. I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I've violated the Neighbourhood By-Laws by building the Ark in my back garden and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Local Planning Committee for a decision. Then the Local Council and the Electricity Company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead



obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go! When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the Australian Environmental Agency ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building gang. Immigration are checking the Visa status of most of the people who want to work. "The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience. To make matters worse, the Taxation Department seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it will take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

"Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky."

Noah looked up in wonder and asked,

"You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord.

"The Government beat me to it."

## At what age are we considered a senior?

It's the age-old question about, well, age. When your back starts to hurt a bit more or you're having more difficulty hearing everyday conversation, it's common to wonder,

"Am I getting old?"

The statement of "age is just a number" could be just that.

As life expectancy for humans increases, so does our perception of what age we consider 'old'. We have better medicine, lifestyle, and disease prevention than ever before. We have more science promoting healthy life practices that keep us younger for longer.



### So, when are you considered old?

The World Health Organisation believes that most developed world countries characterise old age starting at 60 years and above.

***We have been told that the joining age for Senior Citizens is 55 .***

### PENSHURST SENIOR CITIZENS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, curfews, quarantines, and similar restrictions being implemented in numerous countries and territories around the world, our Local Senior Citizen's club also came to a halt over the past year.

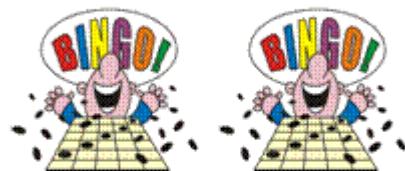
Now as restrictions have been lifted and there are no longer any limits for visiting people or having social get togethers, the senior citizen's club is pleased to announce that we are resuming our club activities commencing with BINGO on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

The club hopes to have Indoor Bowls and Cards again and would like to hear from anyone interested to discuss suitable day, times etc.

A 'lunch and social day' is also being organised for the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

See the next Community Newsletter for details about this day.

### Penshurst Senior Citizens



Tuesday  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 2021  
2pm Eyes down 2.30pm  
Afternoon Tea  
At clubrooms Bell street

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**PLACES OF INTEREST  
IN PENSURST**

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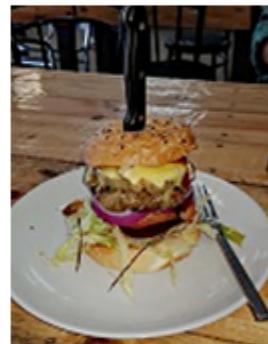
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Friday & Saturday 7 am - 8pm    Sunday 8 am - 7 pm

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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Brighten up your weeknight dinner using roasted autumn vegetables and baked ling.

### Roast ling with autumn vegetables

**Prep Time 15mins - Cooking Time 40 mins**

#### INGREDIENTS - 4 servings

400g butternut pumpkin, cut into 3cm pieces	Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
2 leeks (pale part only), thickly sliced	2 thick slices sourdough, crusts removed, roughly torn
8 whole garlic cloves	2 tablespoons thyme leaves, plus extra to serve
1/2 cup (125ml) olive oil	
4 x 200g ling (or other thick, firm white fish) fillets	200g portobello mushrooms or other large flat mushrooms, sliced

#### METHOD

**Step 1** Preheat the oven to 200°C. Place the pumpkin, leek and garlic in a roasting pan. Drizzle with 1/4 cup (60ml) oil, season and toss well to coat. Roast for 20 minutes or until pumpkin is slightly tender.

**Step 2** Meanwhile, drizzle fish with 1 tablespoon oil and sprinkle with lemon zest. In a separate bowl, combine the sourdough with thyme and remaining 2 tablespoons oil.

**Step 3** Remove the pan from the oven and add the mushrooms. Gently toss to combine. Place fish on top of the vegetables and top with sourdough crumbs. Return to the oven for 15-20 minutes until the fish is cooked through and sourdough is crisp.

**Step 4** Divide fish and vegetables among plates, then scatter with thyme to serve.



"Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him.

Teach a man to fish,

and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity. "

Karl Marx



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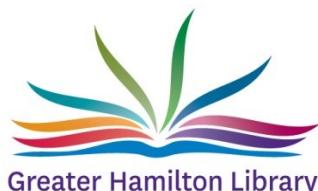
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Southern Grampians  
SHIRE COUNCIL**

17 MARCH 2021

### DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS ARE CHANGING

From Monday 22 March, Council's disability parking permit system will move to a new online platform as part of a State-wide change.

The new Accessible Parking Permit (APP) Scheme will require all applications to be made online, streamlining the application process and significantly improving the administration of disability parking in Southern Grampians Shire.

The new APP Scheme aligns with the national Australian Disability Permit Scheme (ADPS) and provides for an easier and fairer system across Victoria, ensuring parks are available for those who need them most.

Many improvements have been made, including:

- making sure the eligibility criteria for a permit is consistent across the state,
- allowing occupational therapists to complete assessments, in addition to GPs,
- introducing a permanent disability classification, so many will no longer have to return for reassessment,
- increasing the permit length from three years to five years for individuals,
- providing temporary permits for 6, 12 or 24 months, and
- a new single permit design to be used across the state.

The double time (green permit) will remain under the new scheme, allowing people with limited mobility additional time to park for double the time in a regular parking space. The blue permit will allow people who've been assessed as needing additional space (such as wheelchair users), to park in a disability parking bay.

One of the most significant changes is that some permits will be valid for longer, meaning permit holders don't need to reapply as often, and permit holders assessed as having a condition or disability that permanently affects their mobility will no longer have to visit a medical practitioner to renew their permit.

VicRoads has been working closely with medical professionals, disability advocacy groups and local councils for 18 months in the development of the new APP scheme.

All existing Southern Grampians Shire Council permits will remain valid until they expire.

For more information on the coming changes to disability parking visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/app](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/app) or contact Council on 5573 0444.

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"Politics is not worrying this country one-tenth as much as where to find a parking space."

**Will Rogers**

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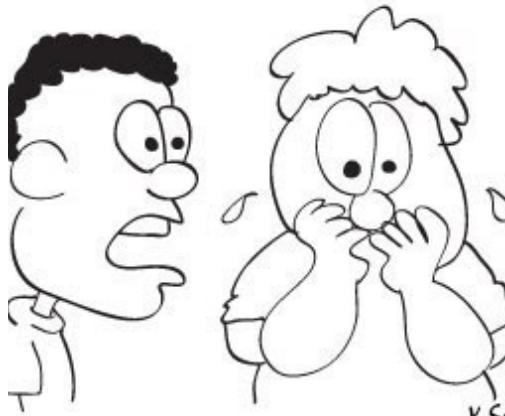
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"I heard of someone who gave up cartoons for Lent."

## Around the Churches

### We are a Work in Progress

Jeanine and I were doing a little walk called 'Venus baths' at Halls Gap the other day. It is a small walk of about 1 kilometre. It is gentle and great exercise. You get to see how the weather and water has shaped the rocks into what they are today. There's one of those nifty plaques where you can read all about this process and what has happened over the last couple of thousand years. It is quite remarkable.

It occurred to me that we too are continuously being fashioned into something quite special and lovely. We are tempted to think of the ageing process and how we are not perceived as being quite as outwardly gorgeous as we were in our younger years. But there is something else going on. The rough edges are smoothed away. The colours are heightened, and we understand that there is more than what meets the eye.

The process is invisible and yet it is quite powerful. I know I am quite a different person at 61 than I was at 21. The Master Carpenter is continuously working on us to fashion us into something quite exquisite. This was eloquently captured by Kaouther Adimi in his book "A Bookshop in Algiers". He writes:

"He brought us into the world, shaped us, coaxed us, told us off sometimes, always encouraged us, praised us beyond our merits, brought us together, smoothed us, polished us, set us righted us, often raised us, inspired us. Never once did he say a word to suggest that we were anything else than a child of God. We were marching toward a magnificent future and we would bring heavenly glory to earth. We are his dream, his joy, his delight, his prize, his love".

**Fr. David Oulton - droulton72@gmail.com**

"We're all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress. "

**Tennessee Williams**

## Community Meetings

### Caramut & District Garden Club

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

### Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room 1.30 pm.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm.

### Mt Rouse & District Historical Society

- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- Meeting 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. Phone 557 12145.

### Friends Yatmerone Reserve

- Meeting 2nd Tuesday every second month, commencing February 2021 at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

### Lions Club of Penshurst & District

- 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.  
[penshurstlions@gmail.com](mailto:penshurstlions@gmail.com)

### 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. Phone Jenni 0409 962 969

### Penshurst Senior Citizens

- meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street.
- Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb -



### Ambulance Victoria

The Penshurst Branch is staffed by local Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs).

Ambulance Victoria is regularly looking for local ACOs. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please email [penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au](mailto:penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au)

Nov at 2.15 pm.

- Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm
- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senior Citizen club rooms. 2.00pm

### Penshurst Urban Fire Brigade

- 2nd Monday monthly at fire station.

### RSL Penshurst

- meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

## Penshurst Church Services

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor

Service every Sunday 10.00am

### Penshurst Anglican Church

5pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

For further details contact Janet Kelly  
on 5576 5247

### St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

### St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

1st Sunday No Service

2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 8.30am

5th Sunday Mass 8.30am

Thanks to the author, Philip Doherty, of the Mt Rouse and District Historical Society for providing this article. We hope the many new residents to Penshurst enjoy learning about their adopted town's history.

### Naming Penshurst's Original Streets, 1851. (Part 4)

#### 9. RITCHIE STREET

James Ritchie was born 1812 Blyth Scotland. Ritchie and partner James Sceales took up the "Blackwood" run February 1842. By 1845 Ritchie had bought out his partner. He later purchased "Woodhouse" from Adolphus Sceales. When James was accidentally killed in 1857, as he was unmarried, his brothers Daniel and Simon took over the running of Blackwood and Woodhouse.

Daniel Ritchie was elected the first Mount Rouse Shire President in 1863.

#### 10. SCALES STREET

James and Adolphus Sceales (Scales).

James arrived from Leith, Scotland where he had been a Chief Magistrate. He settled on Blackwood with James Ritchie 1842, selling out to Ritchie in 1845.

Adolphus held Woodhouse station from March 1848 to June 1854 He also leased the Kolor and Purdeet stations, surveyed from the Aboriginal Protectorate from September to December 1851. The runs were not stocked and he relinquished the leases, which ended up with David Hutton (Purdeet) and John and Daniel Twomey (Kolor).

#### 11. WATTON STREET

Dr. John Watton (pictured left) arrived in Melbourne in 1839. The 1841 the census recorder came



first to John Watton's station, his 'address' given as Djerriwha ... Weerabin'. [?] Simon Staughton purchased the Brisbane Ranges - Exford run from Watton shortly afterwards. Of the 10 adults who were living and working at his station, 5 were shepherds, so this was clearly a substantial enterprise.

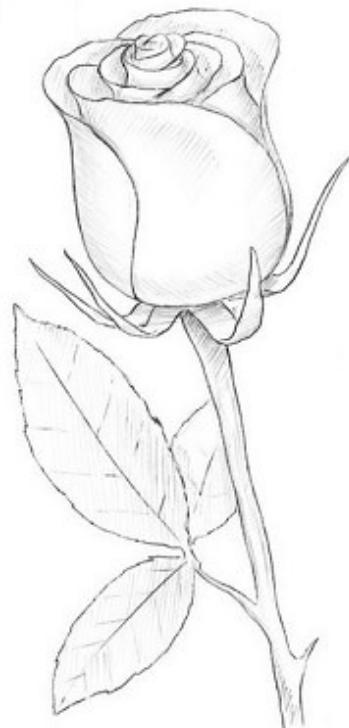
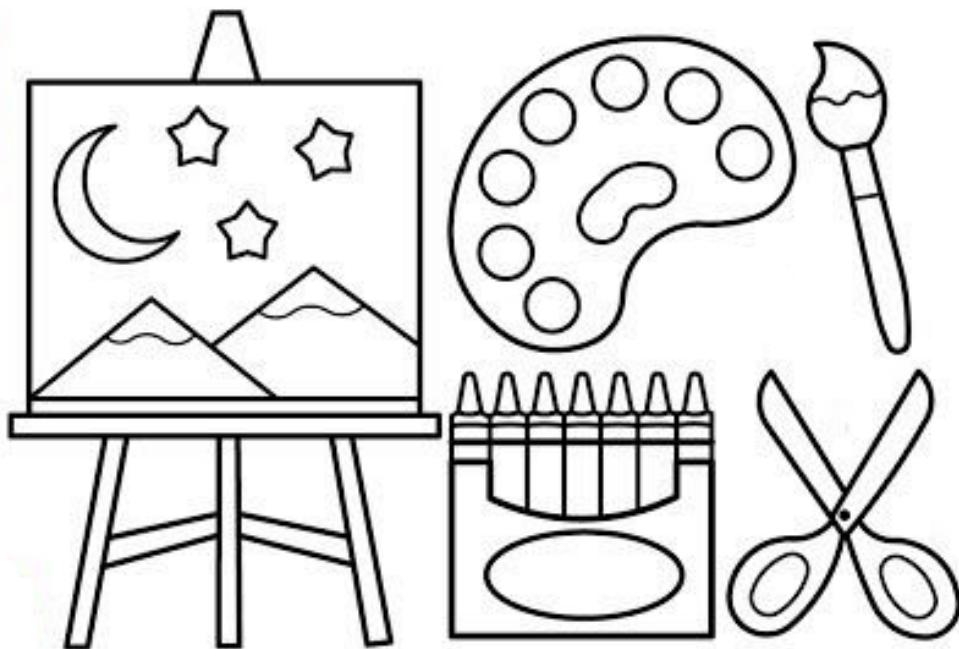
By July 1842 Charles La Trobe approved George Robinson's (Chief Protector of Aboriginals) plan for unsuccessful squatter Dr John Watton to take temporary charge of the Mount Rouse Reserve. The Government appointed Watton as a medical officer and not an assistant Protector - presumably as a financial saving. Dr. Watton was still at the Protectorate when it closed in 1849.

That completes our story on the naming of the first streets. We will continue this series in the near future.

A Page for the Children to enjoy

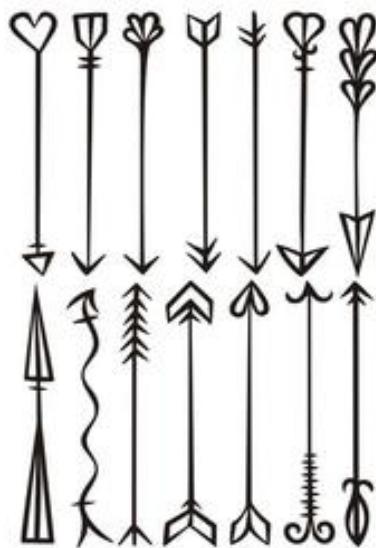
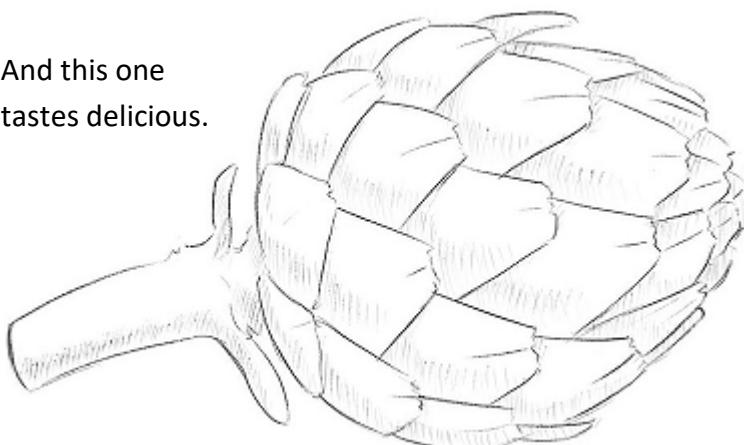
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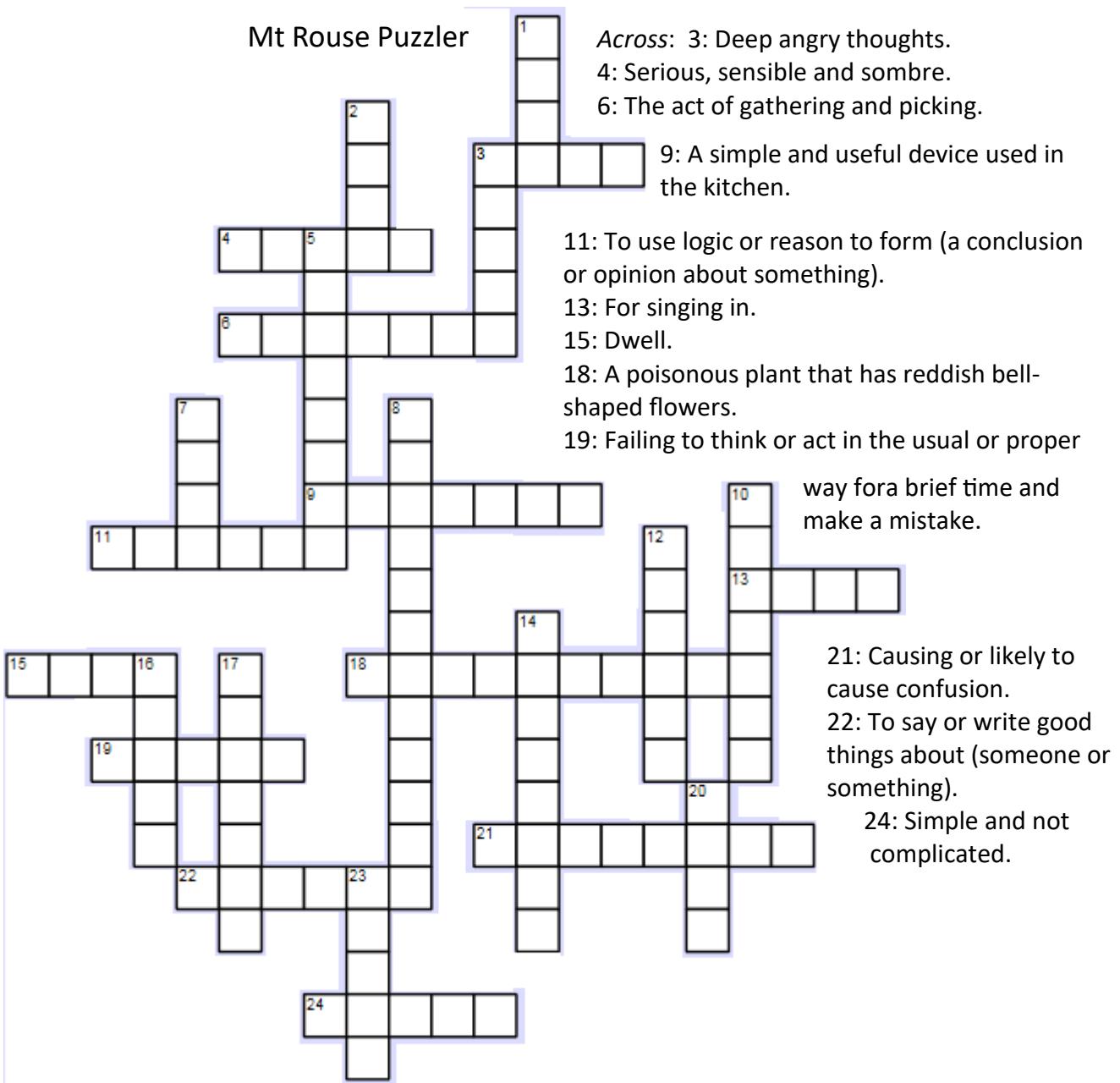
And this one  
tastes delicious.

Could you fire one of these  
' s'?



What do these images have in common? They all  
are something, or have something, that begins  
with AR? I had 'art' on my mind when I created  
this page.

## Mt Rouse Puzzler



**Down:** 1: Small glass.

2: Small rodent.

3: To not be level or straight up and down.

5: A rack to hold meat for cooking over hot charcoal usually out of doors.

7: Imperial measure, out the back door.

8: A race in which people riding horses jump over fences, water, etc.

10: A very large column of wind that spins around very quickly.

12: A device shaped like a hollow cone.

14: Uncommunicative.

16: Fully and completely correct or accurate.

17: Served with fruit and rice.

20: Bee Colony.

23: Eject lightly.

**Across:** 3 acrobat, 6 fowl, 7 wound, 8 restless, 9 grub, 11 tradition, 14 theatrical, 16 pear, 17 critic, 18 vexed, 19 unusual, 21 robust, 22 breezy. **Down:** 1 astray, 2 bucket, 4 raider, 5 theoretic, 6 feaver, 7 whisk, 10 motionless, 12 ordinary, 13 punch, 14 thriving, 15 languid, 20 smudge.

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Answers to Riddles: 1. The letter 'B', it's surrounded by AC, 2. hooks, 3. the butler, because the police did not mention she was stabbed with a knife, 4. the letter 'Z', 5. a black panther, 6. a bomb, 7. a battery.

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## PENSHURST MENS SHED

### Update

While the Men's Shed is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a little movement on the build project.

The external building has been completed and now the internal work must be done. Have patience, we will be open again very soon.

**Newsletter:** If you have any stories you would like to share events, stories and ideas, please contact Mark or Ama by phone or email.

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### Penshurst's Website

Have you visited the Penshurst website yet?

Not only is the site full of valuable information, but there are links to many of the important organisations within our town.

Would you like to add a link to your website? Email [president@penshurstprogress.org.au](mailto:president@penshurstprogress.org.au)

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and let us know if you have any comments.

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## Snapshots

### Planning our future with the Council

Last night (Monday 22nd) a 24 strong group began the process of planning what our community will look like in four years. A variety of Council people joined us in the Supper Room at the Hall, asking us to tell them what we want and how we envisage the town growing and changing. Some of the highlights were learning there's now a viable sewerage solution, which we'll be hearing more about in the coming weeks. There's so much more to share as the Council weaves our ideas into their plans for the Shire. We'll be talking about it at the Community meeting tonight, 7.30pm.

It was a great meeting and we were congratulated for being the most proactive, and largest, gathering they have had so far. Now we keep our feet on the accelerator, and head into the future.

On the reverse of this page is the document the Council is asking us to use to advise them of our wishes. The box to drop it is at the Post Office. In Council terms four years is a drop in a bucket, so let's



give them one full of the Penshurst that our kids will be happy to stay in.

Ama Cooke PPA



### Autumn in the Gardens

With Autumn upon us now is a good time to visit the Penshurst Botanical Gardens.

The leaves on many trees have begun to change colour prior to falling before winter comes.

As the colours of the trees turn to red, orange and gold the gardens take on a magical, colourful beauty.

For photographic enthusiasts this is the beginning of the best time of year to obtain those iconic photos of Autumnal beauty.

Winter is not far away and the trees will be bare.

Have your say. What is important to you for the future of Penhurst?

Return this form to the post box inside the Post Office by the middle of April and help guide the future of your home..

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