

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



A Project of the Peshurst Mens Shed Inc

PENSHURST PONY CLUB RALLY

The Peshurst Pony Club were excited to finally be able to conduct a rally at the weekend under Covid rules. 15 riders enjoyed instruction from Benji Eccleston and Megan Johnson. Benji focused on flat work and flexion while Megan instructed riders over poles. Three groups were able to rotate around each activity. The new fenced in arena was a hit with the junior riders, giving them the confidence to push that bit further without the fear of their ponies "taking off".

Our next rally day will be the first weekend in November.



**Left-Right,
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Next Meeting: AGM 25th November 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

Good evening everyone,

First thought is do I 'call it' this month, and say we are not having a meeting - although we do need to set a date for the AGM - it would be 25th November. We could set the date by email, and I think I will do that. At the AGM the current committee stands down and a new committee is elected. Would you like to be part of the committee that watches over the town and works with the Council to create growth and change for Penshurst? It can be a very interesting, and sometimes frustrating, experience. If you would like more information, contact me.

We would also like to have a youth committee on the PPA. Is anyone interested? Ask your teenagers please. This is their home too.

Next, we had a phone call from FRRR asking where the new printer, if we got the grant, would be housed. I am hoping it's a sign of good things to come. The meeting to decide the grants is not until the 10th December. My answer to them was - in the PPA office in the Hall, where the current printer is available to anyone in town to use. Ring me to arrange a time. The cost is minimal.

Next - we have had a suggestion about installing cricket nets in the Gardens, at the old Tennis Court site. Is it a good idea, and feasible, because I think it would work? I need some people, who know cricket, to give me advice. Please ring me.

Lastly, the 2041 project online meeting was very interesting, with representatives from both Penshurst and Tarrington attending. Andrew Goodsell, SGSC, will be bringing the information to Penshurst as soon as we can have meetings again. It would be worth your while to have representatives from each of our businesses,

groups and committees at that meeting, because the project will change the face of the town, part of it being upgrading the look of the main street and other local businesses. It will provide a framework for both and town and the Council to focus on what we need to help maintain what we have and grow our town. We look forward to that gathering.

Have a great fortnight and be safe,
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John, Judy & Nicole

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Penshurst Branch

Locally we have been busy. Below is a snap shot of some of our activity.

- Last financial year we responded to over 100 call outs. In the first three months of this financial year we have already responded to 40 call outs;
- Most of our call outs have been located in Penshurst/Penshurst district (56%), Hamilton (21%), followed by Macarthur and Caramut;
- Sunday is our busiest day of the week whilst Tuesday is the quietest
- The majority of call outs (85%) are in "polite" hours, that being 7am and 10pm

Every thought about becoming an Ambulance Community Officer

Ambulance Victoria is seeking expressions of interest from Penshurst residents who might be interested in becoming a part-time Ambulance Community Officer (ACO).

If you would like to know a little more about the nuts and bolts of what is involved, please send an email to penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au.

CPR & AED Awareness



Shocktober is a month-long campaign to highlight the importance of knowing where Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located and to ensure that all AEDs are made publicly accessible and registered through Ambulance Victoria. Restart a Heart Day is held on October 16 and is a global initiative to raise awareness and educate the community about CPR and AEDs.

Did you know that only 1 in 10 Australians survive a cardiac arrest? Together we can improve cardiac arrest survival rates by knowing how to perform CPR and use an AED (defibrillator).

Do you know how to perform CPR? Or how to use an AED?

- You can learn from home by watching paramedics Jess and Luke in the video <https://youtu.be/oH7KciZ3UAQ>.

Know where your nearest AED is

CPR and defibrillation are critical for survival – for every minute that CPR is delayed, survival decreases by 10 per cent.

Ambulance Victoria is on a mission to ensure every Victorian knows where their nearest AED is located to increase survival rates. To locate registered AEDs go to

<https://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/find-an-aed>

There are currently two AEDs registered in Penshurst:

- Penshurst Post Office, 31 Martin Street (available 24/7)
- Penshurst Football Netball club, 60-72 Thackery Street

AV would also like to encourage businesses and schools that own an AED to ensure it is registered via the AV website and made publicly accessible so Triple Zero (000) call-takers can direct people to it in an emergency. To register an AED, go to:

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community/community-partnerships/register-my-aed/>

Source: <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community/education/restart-a-heart/>

Monthly Meetings

- Book Club, 2nd Tuesday each month at Senior Citizen club rooms. 2.00pm
- Caramut & District Garden Club, 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.
- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 1230 pm.
- Friends Yatmerone Reserve, 2nd Tuesday each month at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.
- Indoor bowls 2 pm every Monday at Senior Citizens. All Welcome.
- Lions, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.
- Mt Rouse & District Historical Society, 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at Court House. Phone 557 12145.
- Penshurst Bowls Club, 1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room, Penshurst Hospital at 1.30 pm.
- Penshurst Playgroup meets every Monday morning 9.10 am—11.30 am at the pre-school in Watton street. Everyone most welcome. (No playgroup in School holidays)
- Penshurst Pony Club rally, 1st Sunday each month.
- Penshurst Senior Citizens meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street. Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb—Nov at 2.15 pm. Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm
- Penshurst Urban Fire Brigade, 2nd Monday monthly at fire station.

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- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm at Hospital.
- RSL meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

...
THE WORDS YOU
SPEAK BECOME THE
HOUSE YOU LIVE IN
-HAFIZ

“Be a little careful about your library. Do you foresee what you will do with it? Very little to be sure. But the real question is, What it will do with you? You will come here and get books that will open your eyes, and your ears, and your curiosity, and turn you inside out or outside in.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MEDIA RELEASE

14 October 2020



REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY FIRE RISK

Southern Grampians Shire Council Municipal Fire Prevention Officers will commence property inspections over the coming weeks to identify potential property fire hazards around the region.

Fire Prevention inspections are carried out annually prior to the commencement of the fire danger period to ensure properties within our municipality are maintained in a fire safe condition.

Properties identified as requiring preventative works to reduce fuel loads are issued with Fire Prevention Notices, outlining what actions property owners will need to undertake for the approaching Fire Danger Period.

Under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, Council has a legal obligation to reduce the risk of fire within the community. Municipal Fire Prevention Officers therefore have the power to inspect and to issue Fire Prevention Notices within the Shire.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer Jason Barker said it is important for everyone in the community to do their bit to contribute to overall community safety for the 2020/21 fire season.

"By reducing fuel loads on your property you can essentially help to reduce potential fire risk in your area. Decreasing fine fuel loads such as bark, leaves, twigs and long grass from your property can go a long way in minimising the intensity and spread of a potential fire," said Mr Barker.

"If your property receives a Fire Prevention Notice from Council, it's important to complete the works as outlined on the notice within the time frame allocated to avoid receiving a fine.

"It is also just as important to maintain your property for the whole of the fire danger period - and not just as once off tidy up," Mr Barker said.

Residents risk receiving a \$1652 fine if the works identified at their property are not carried out by the specified date.

Last year saw 80 Fire Prevention Notices served, with 15 of those property owners receiving infringements due to non-compliance.

"If residents find themselves struggling to complete works as requested by the Fire Prevention Notice deadline due to COVID-19 or any other reasons, property owners are encouraged to contact Council to discuss their options," said Mr Barker.

The Country Fire Authority has resources available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.

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"Think before you speak.
Read before you think."

Fran Lebowitz



"Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn." **John Wesley**



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

A delicious, creamy pasta dish

Chicken Avocado Fettuccine

Prep Time 30 mins - Cooking Time 20 mins

INGREDIENTS - 4 Servings

500 g chicken breast	2 cup cheese grated
1 tsp olive oil	1/4 cup pine nuts
2 avocado mashed	500 g curly fettuccine pasta
500 ml thickened cream	1 avocado optional sliced

METHOD

Step 1 Cook fettuccine.

Step 2 Cut chicken breast into bite sized pieces. Lightly brown chicken in olive oil, adding pine nuts halfway through.

Step 3 Combine cream, mashed avocados and cheese and add to chicken.

Step 4 Allow to simmer, stirring regularly until fettuccini is ready

Step 5 Serve in bowls with optional sliced avocado and top with some grated cheese.

Notes This is very easy to make and it tastes great! I find it very filling though, but it seems to reheat well and even makes a great dip with or without the chicken. My kids love it too, they call it Shrek spaghetti as the sauce is green!



“In Old Havana, the names of the streets before the revolution provided a glimpse into the city's state of mind. You might have known someone who lived on the corner of Soul and Bitterness, Solitude and Hope, or Light and Avocado. “

Brin-Jonathan Butler

Dunkeld & District Community Bank Branch

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Our customers and the community, make our job very rewarding. We asked Jo Frost, one of our customers about their experience with the Dunkeld and District Community



Bank. Here are her responses:
1/ For those who are not familiar with you, can you give us a bit of information about yourselves? We moved to Dunkeld from Nareeb five years ago. I am a real estate agent with Elders Real Estate and Anthony is the Operations Manager with the P & A Society and has a private

gardening business. Chloe is 14 and Angus is 12. They both love playing sport with the local Rams Football/Netball Club.

2/ What decided you to commence banking with the Dunkeld & District Community Bank?

We built a house last year in Dunkeld and decided this was a great time to move all our banking across to the Dunkeld & District Community Bank, to not only makes things easier,

but to support the local branch which in turn supports our local community.

3/ How long have you been associated with Dunkeld & District Community Bank? We bought shares when it first opened and moved all our banking needs across 12 months ago.

4/ What has been the highlight of your involvement with Dunkeld & District Community Bank? The fabulous, personal, caring service we receive from all the staff, who will always go the extra mile to meet our needs and answer questions.

5/ What would you say to anyone contemplating becoming a customer of the Dunkeld & District Community Bank? Do not hesitate! You will be delighted with the attention to detail, excellent service and it's a great feeling knowing your support is benefiting the wider community whether you are involved directly or not and that's a good thing. Thank you Jo for sharing your experience!

Little Blue Towels

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MEDIA RELEASE

16 October 2020

**GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY BRINGING OUT THE LARRIKINS
FOR CHILDREN'S WEEK**

Greater Hamilton Library will be hosting the "Larrikin Puppets" online this year to celebrate Children's week.

Larrikin Puppets' popular puppet shows are colourful and exciting theatre performances for children and their families featuring intriguing characters, catchy original songs, funny skits, jokes, games and live interaction. The puppeteers have received training in the USA under Jim Henson puppeteers from The Muppets and Sesame Street. Highly entertaining and captivating, Larrikin Puppets' fast-paced, feel-good puppetry celebrates fun, kindness and play while nurturing child development, encouraging audiences to talk, dance, sing and play along with wide eyed wonder, joy and laughs from beginning to end.

The virtual event, supported by the Victorian Government, will run over three days, Monday 26, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 October at 11am on the Greater Hamilton Library Facebook Page.

The "Larrikin Puppets" will aim to raise awareness of the Children's Week theme "Celebrating the right of all children to choose their own friends and safely connect with others". The children will engage in creative play with the puppets through dance, songs and story times.

Greater Hamilton Senior Library Officer Ms Jenny Poynton said she was really looking forward to being able to host an event like this for children in the Southern Grampians Shire community.

"Children learn so much when they engage through play. The Larrikin Puppets will work with the children to expand rhyming skills, build on vocabulary, fine and gross motor skills as well as working on social and emotional well-being for themselves and others.

"This year has been a challenging one for our kids. We can't wait to see the Larrikin Puppets share a positive and uplifting experience with our children, while also promoting these important skills", Ms Poynton said.

Although the Greater Hamilton Library remains closed until the lifting of further State Government restrictions, there are still a range of free resources services and available for residents.

Online story-time sessions are being held on Thursdays at 11am on the Greater Hamilton Library Facebook page. Library members are able to access 'Storybox' and a great range of online content through the Central Highlands Library Group webpage. Library staff are also offering a 'click and collect' service. If members wish to borrow books, please contact the Library directly on 55730470.

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conscience, 3. a mirror, 4. an exclamation
mark, 5. a balloon, 6. a drum, 7. a wrist

MEDIA RELEASE

16 October 2020

**COUNCIL RELEASES 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Southern Grampians Shire Annual Report, which was published this week, reflects on a year of challenges and triumphs for Council.

The report, which is required to be lodged with the Minister for Local Government by 30 September each year, also showcases the major achievements and milestones of the past financial year.

Among them was the completion of a number of major community infrastructure projects, including the final stages of the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX) project, the Dunkeld Arboretum Dam Wall, the new Flight Aviary at the Hamilton Botanic Gardens and the HILAC floor replacement. The report also highlighted the delivery of 93 percent of the entire capital works program, the commencement of implementation of the Masterplans for both Lake Hamilton and Pedrina Park and planning for the delivery of Stage Two of the Hamilton CBD Masterplan.

Other significant projects showcased in the Annual Report include those led by communities and supported by Council in our townships. These include the Mt Rouse steps and Botanic Gardens in Penshurst, the Cavendish Men's Shed and Recreation Reserve facilities upgrade, Balmoral Recreation Reserve Community Hub, Dunkeld cricket nets and Monivae College Cricket Hub, along with thousands of dollars distributed across our communities through Council's Greater Grants program.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Tudball delivered the annual report at the October Council meeting on Wednesday night.

"This Annual Report is an honest and accountable reflection of the breadth of services delivered by the organisation over the past 12 months," Mr Tudball said.

"I'm incredibly proud of what Council and the organisation have achieved over the last year. I'm very fortunate to lead a team full of passionate and hardworking people who take pride in the work that they do and care deeply about the communities that they serve.

"We will continue to work hard to deliver core services and projects to ensure our Shire recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and remains a well-connected, dynamic regional centre, supporting a vibrant, healthy and inclusive community," Mr Tudball said.

The Annual Report is available to download from Council's website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au. A hardcopy is also available to view at Council's Brown Street customer service centre.

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WORK CONTINUES AT THE MENS SHED



President Nigel Pyne fires up his chainsaw

Mary Stewart hard at work as usual



Rod Orchard reducing the huge pile of mulch



Around the Churches

Ears to Hear

I have often read with frustration the call of Matthew. It's infuriating because it's all over in just one verse. Jesus simply bowls up to Matt's office and says "Follow me". And Matthew does. The whole incident is over in just 30 words. What's going on?

Presumably, this is not the first time that Jesus and Matthew had met. I mean, you just don't leave a well paying job, a plush office, company car and bonuses at a moments notice to follow some itinerant who's wandered in off the street.

No, this is the culmination of a relationship that has been bubbling along for some time. Straight after this little verse Jesus is at Matthew's place and having a dinner party with some pretty shady characters. Probably this is not the first time Jesus had been at Matt's to enjoy a couple of glasses of red ned and a roast lamb.

But there is something else that is puzzling. The master's selection criteria for one of the most important jobs on the planet. This would not be a popular choice for the electorate. Matthew was not the sort of guy you promote to the cabinet, not even the back bench or the local council.

So I must conclude that The Master saw something in Matthew that we of course can't. Not now in the 20th century. When Jesus sits down at the highly polished large oak desk, he doesn't see a tax collector, smartly coiffured with a Gucci suit. He sees Matthew for who he *truly* is.

Matthew gets this. He understands that he is being approached for no other reason than he is wanted for himself.

No wonder Matthew quickly emails his boss and quits. He's got a better offer. Now if we had eyes to see and hearts to understand...

Fr. David Oulton - droulton72@gmail.com

We welcome contributions from the churches that include Penshurst in their parishes.



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL. The current brick school was blessed and officially opened on November 18th 1956. It cost £20,000 and much voluntary labour to complete. The building replaced the old weatherboard school which had served for around 80 years. The old building was moved to face the Watton Street frontage of the church property for use as a church hall

**ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL**



A little more Penshurst History thanks to the **Mt Rouse & District Historical Society** and Brian O'Brien. These two buildings were not included in the Exploring Penshurst booklet, but were in Penshurst Then & Now.



GRANNY HILL'S BOARDING HOUSE: Allotment 4 of Section 27. William Edlich was a blacksmith who owned this property and the adjacent land. When he died in 1890 his wife, Mary Ann (nee Flack), inherited this land with the house containing seven rooms, built partly of stone and partly timber with a roof of iron & shingles. Mary Ann married William Hill in 1892 and operated a boarding house here.

In later years the building became the office for Behncke's Stoneworks. It is now privately owned.

**"GRANNY HILL'S"
BOARDING HOUSE**



A Page for the Children to enjoy

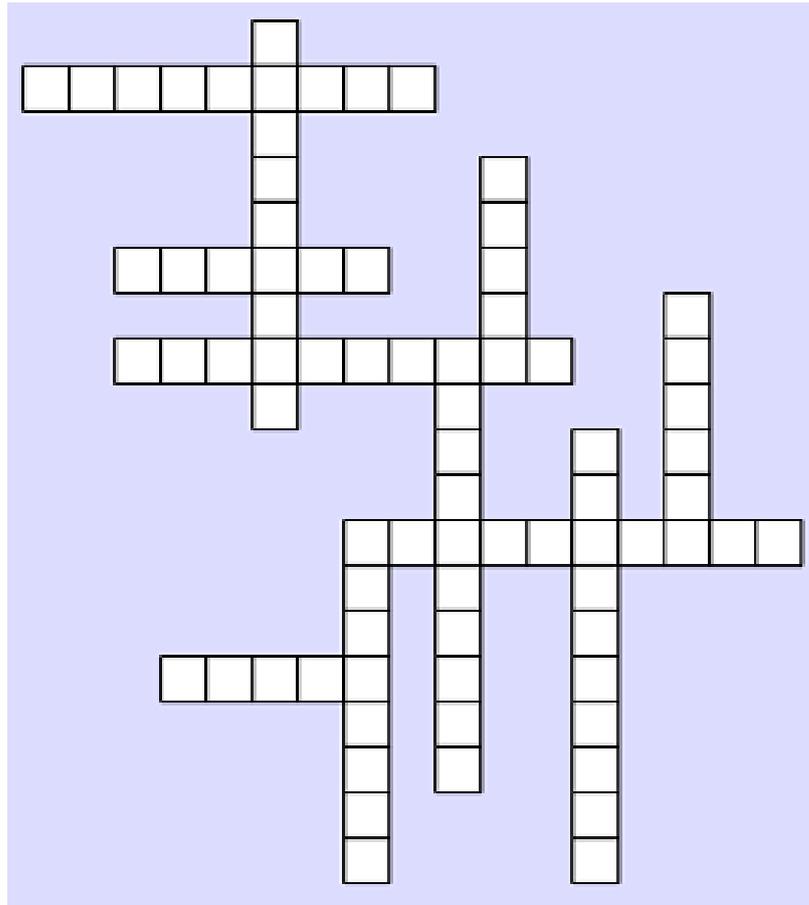
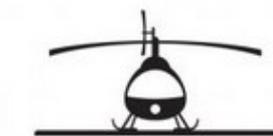
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Eurocopter X3: The World's Fastest Helicopter



The Eurocopter (Airbus Helicopters) X3 is a hybrid helicopter which combines a traditional main rotor powered by two Turbomeca RTM322 turboshafts with a pair of stub wing-mounted propellers to provide additional forward thrust.

A couple more puzzles for the young,
and your at heart.

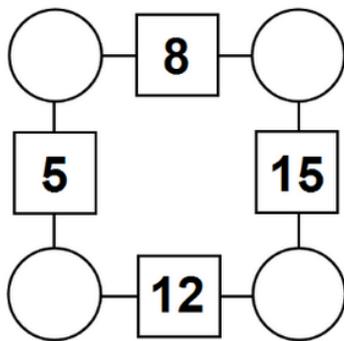
Summer Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these words?

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- krustn -----
- reibsef -----
- dna -----
- ndigvi -----
- timsswut -----
- ahebc -----
- nta -----
- alingsi -----
- tisuwte -----

Fun fact - the Eiffel Tower grows in summer. On a hot day the iron from which it is constructed expands so much that the tower can rise by 17cm!!

The squares hold the totals. What number needs to be in the circles to work this puzzle out?



Medium challenge

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			5	6	8			



Riddles

1. What has arms and legs but no head?
2. What burdens without weight and guides without a destination?
3. You can touch me, but I can't touch you back. You can see me, but I only reflect you and can never reject you. What am I?
4. I'm tall and thin and balanced on a ball. I am upside down. People use me when I get excited. Mathematicians use me even when they aren't. What Am I?
5. You breathe out, I breathe in. You let go, I breathe out. What am I?
6. I have skin but no bones. Hit me and I make a noise. I usually come in a set. What am I?
7. I keep a watch but I have no eyes. I'm a little less than handy. I can be hairy but I'm not on a head. What am I?

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.

Mark Dalla Costa

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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

Visit our site

**www.penshurstvictoria.com.au
and let us know if you have
any comments.**

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – 31st October 2020

The newsletter will be published on Wednesday fortnightly and we would appreciate submissions at the earliest possible time within the fortnight but no later than the Saturday immediately prior to the Wednesday of publishing.

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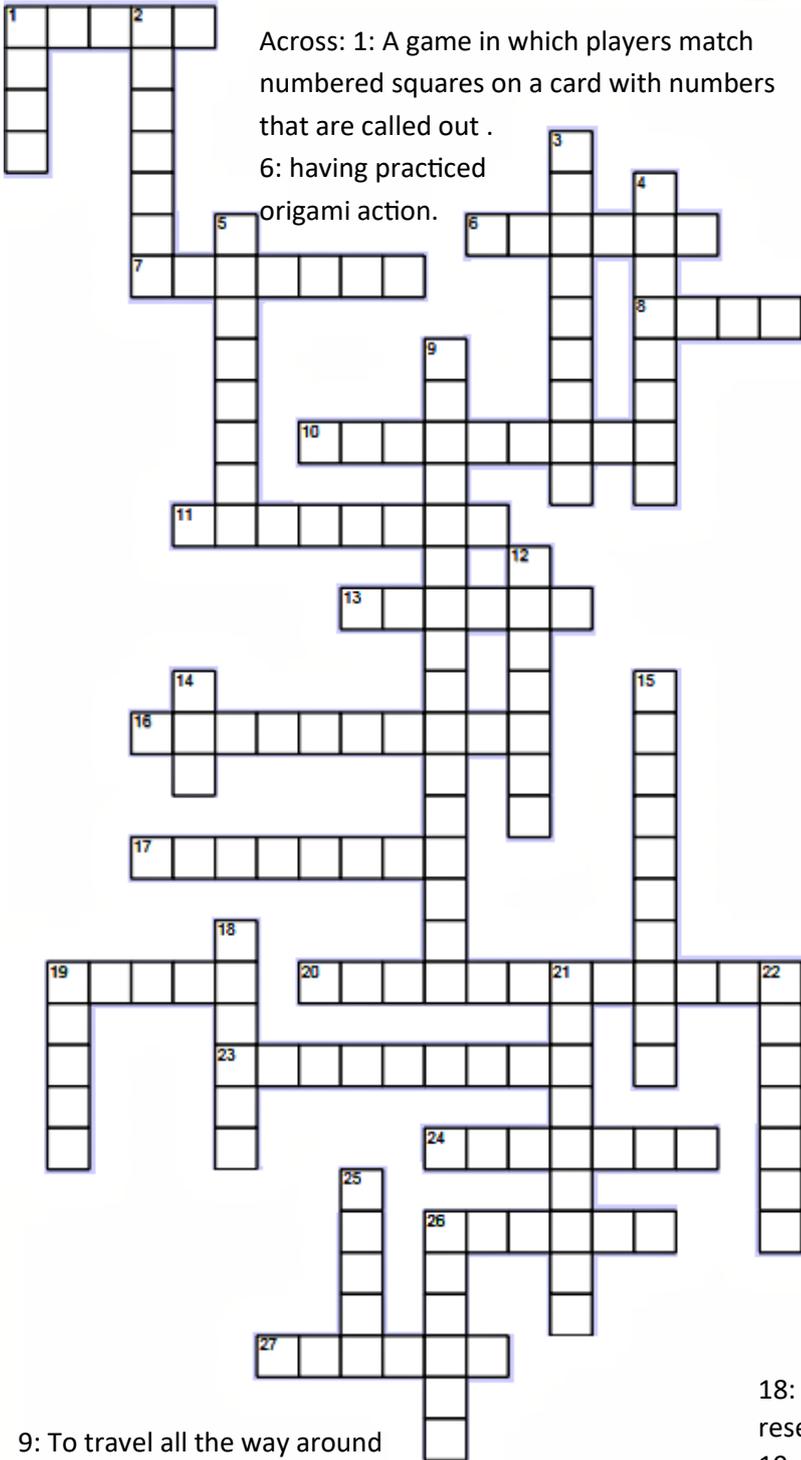
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Mt Rouse Puzzler



Across: 1: A game in which players match numbered squares on a card with numbers that are called out .
 6: having practiced origami action.

Across continued: 7: Producing or reflecting a bright, steady light.
 8: A proper or reasonable way of thinking about or about or understanding something.
 10: A formal promise or assurance.
 11: A weighted stick that swings back and forth inside a clock
 13: An opening in a wall, door, etc., that usually contains a sheet of glass.
 16: A change made to something in order to correct or improve it, or the action of making.
 17: Appropriate fluent, forceful expressing.
 19: Liquid that is forced out of a container in a stream of very small drops.
 20: A very long-necked dinosaur.
 23: A pain in the stomach or to whinge.
 24: To confuse (someone) completely.
 26: A strong pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that is used in music.
 27: A young cat.

Down: 1: A line of light coming from a source (such as the or a headlight)
 2: A place where plants and trees grow.
 3: To find (a number, answer, etc.) by using mathematical processes.
 4: An action or movement of the body that happens automatically as a reaction to something.
 5: To free (someone or something) from being controlled by another person, group, etc.

9: To travel all the way around (something) in a ship, airplane, etc.
 12: An exciting and usually short relationship between lovers.
 14: A container that is made of a hard material (such as wood, metal, or cardboard) and that usually has four straight sides.
 15: Very large in size or amount.

18: A sign, shape, or object that is used to represent something else.
 19: Little in size.
 21: local news or consumer activity.
 22: To produce small flashes of light.
 25: A mass of air that moves very quickly and forcefully.
 26: A successful way of curing an illness or dealing with a problem or difficulty.

Across: 3 barbecue, 11 daylight, 12 rainbow, 14 cloudless, 16 lighter, 19 mosquito, 20 season, 21 berries, 23 caravan, 22 sandy, 25 salad, 26 icecream, 27 tomatoes. **Down:** 1 heat, 2 sunburn, 4 brighter, 5 picnics, 6 insects, 7 wildflowers, 8 bonfire, 9 daydreams, 10 holidays, 13 salty, 15 snooze, 17 water, 18 bushfires, 24 roadtrip

Tail end

A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN

Tales

To: the citizens of the United States of America

From: Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Continued from last issue

7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.

8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. South African beer is also acceptable, as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialect in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad

14. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776)

15. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 p.m. with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.

God Save the Queen!