

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS

*To all our Readers,
Advertisers and
Contributors*

*Merry
Christmas
and*

Happy New Year

*From the editorial team.
Wishing everyone a wonderful festive
season for 2020.*

*See you on
13th January 2021.*



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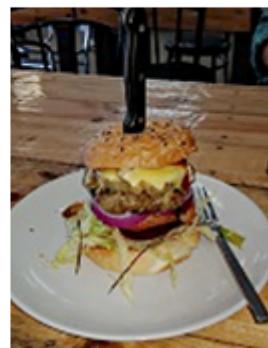
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Santa came to visit on 12th December

Some of the young and young at heart who greeted Santa during his visit to town last Saturday. Our thanks to Santa and our musician Michael Cameron. The gifts of packets of coloured pencils amused and delighted people of all ages. Thanks also to the Progress Association who arranged the visit after the cancellation of our Christmas market.



Hey Ho! And off we go .. The Christmas Sled was provided through a Smarty Grant from SGSC and created by Tom Cooke.

Note the lovely Chinese Lanterns created by the children from Penshurst's schools and kindergarten.

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Christmas
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Santa came to visit on 12th December

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Mark Dalla Costa – Secretary Mary Stewart

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Josh Hewitt - Treasurer

Don Adamson

Next Meeting: 27th January 2021 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

First the AGM, and then our Community Meeting. Would you be interested in being part of a fun and noisy group working for the benefit of our town and district, now and into the future? For more information talk to Ama.

The things I am grateful for ...

As 2020 draws to a close we can look back on all the challenges, the problems and defeats, or we can focus on the good things that a year spent in our homes has provided. What lessons has it taught us about ourselves, about who we care about, and why; and how we feel about other people who show a lack of care and concern for others when their own freedoms are threatened.

I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people for their time and efforts over the past few years, not just today, or this year. A group of us got together to follow my dreams, some of which they shared. From that group came the Men's Shed, the renewed Progress Association and this newsletter. To be specific let me thank:

First my husband Tom Cooke who supports my flights of fancy, puts his muscles where his mouth is, and turns up when volunteers are asked for. When you read this you may have seen the Santa Sled that is sitting next to the town Christmas Tree. The bright colour is hard to miss, and it was all his hard work, with funding from the SGSC Greater Grants, that put it together. He also manages the



town's Facebook page 'Penshurst Victoria', and a variety of others (the Hall, the Men's Shed, the yearly Art Exhibition and Focus on Hamilton Highway to name a few) that provide information about Penshurst across the country.

Next I would like to thank Mark Dalla Costa, who jumped at the chance to help recreate a newsletter for Penshurst over two years ago; who wears the title Editor well and sets up the newsletter every fortnight. Among his many private activities he is also Secretary/Public Officer of both the Men's Shed and the Progress Association, and he is currently Build Manager at the Men's Shed with its unexpected challenges.

Then there is Brian O'Brien has become an asset to the newsletter crew. With his

Penshurst Progress Association

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newspaper experience and connection to the Historical Society, we have benefited from many interesting articles. He, like so many others of us who like to be of service, multitasks with his work at the Volcanoes Discovery Centre, among others. He continues to work for the safety of residents of Penshurst through activities such as the Footpath assessment that we will be, once again, chasing the Council about next year.

On a different path, we have Tony Hogan who volunteered his time and energy to turn our current town webpages www.penshurstvictoria.com.au into a mobile friendly site which is almost complete. It looks great. Tourism is one way our businesses can make income to keep them alive and well in our town, and making it easier to find the town on our mobile phones has become a necessity. We wouldn't like to lose any of them.

Finally I would like to thank every person who appears regularly at the Progress Association meetings. Your comments, discussions and debates help us steer our town on the right path towards a prosperous future.

Now I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a joy and prosperous New Year. Here's to planning for a happier and healthier 2021.

This is the last newsletter for 2020. See you again on the 13th January.

Don't forget to fill in your nomination forms for Penshurst Citizen of the Year. There are spare copies at the Takeaway with the box for lodging your choice. Entries close 8th January 2021.

Have a great month and be safe,
Ama Cooke President PPA 0402 870 738

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In this section we welcome your comments and views. If you have good news or a burning issue please send a letter to the Editor at : mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com.

The Editor reserves the right to decide on which letters will be published and whether to precis longer submissions.

Garbage pickups outside Penshurst

Dear Editor

As newcomers (2 years) to the area, we bought a property within 11kms from Penshurst, 13kms to the Transfer Station , about 17-18 kms to Hamilton, 20 kms to their Transfer Station. We were told there was no road side garbage pick up. My husband quite happily took our rubbish to the Penhurst dump.

With the closing down of the Penshurst dump and Covid shut down, we were luck enough to be able to take it to Hamilton. My husband began complaining about the rising cost.

Our son who live 3kms out side Penhurst told us they had just applied to the Council for road-side pick up and now receives weekly pick ups. He said, "you just need to apply mum." So we did. I was surprised when my husband asked, why we were not told we could apply, the receptionist at the Council said, "we are not allowed to approach the client, the request must come from them."

My question is - HOW CAN WE APPLY IF WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN ??????

Reading the letters about the tip fees in the Mt Rouse News made me wonder - DO PEOPLE KNOW THEY CAN APPLY ?????

We are very happy, we now have weekly pick ups and so does one of our neighbours. As well as our son and his numerous neighbours at a cheaper rate and without the inconvenience of going to the dump.

You have to pay a fee for the bins but its well worth it.

So apply and you may very well receive.

Caroline

Australia Day - a chance to get to know you

The Penshurst Progress Association will again be holding a ceremony in the Botanic Gardens on Australia Day, January 26.

It's a relatively short ceremony and after a feed everyone drifts off home. But the day is a huge, wasted opportunity as far as I am concerned.

Most of the 15 groups mentioned on page 12 under monthly meetings would be looking for members. And people attending Australia Day - especially new arrivals in town - would be looking to join groups. It's the perfect opportunity for both parties - but apart from one occasion in the past 10 years, has been a lost opportunity to connect both.

No other time in the year does this opportunity exist where community groups can recruit members so easily.

The obvious thing to me is that all these groups should take a table down to the park - or just

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have representatives there - to explain why new residents to the town should join their group. If they have brochures, all the better. The PPA is willing to supply seats and chairs to make it easier for everyone to ask questions.

Many groups in country towns especially are dominated by older residents who eventually retire. If they are not replaced by middle aged (or younger) people, then that group dies. It has always seemed to me to be an opportunity to gain new members that goes begging every year.

*** On a related matter, it would be useful if those groups listed on page 12 provided a contact name to the newsletter. The Mt Rouse and District Historical Society is the only group to do so currently. Again, people new to town might think a particular group sounds interesting but have no idea who to approach to get information about joining that group.

It's as simple as groups providing the newsletter with a contact name.

Brian O'Brien

Volcanoes Discovery Centre re-opens on December 27

Penshurst's Volcanoes Discovery Centre will re-open on Sunday, December 27.

Like most tourism businesses, the VDC has been closed since mid-March because of COVID-19.

The decision to re-open on December 27 was taken at the latest meeting of the management committee on December 9.

Committee member, Brian O'Brien, said the committee would have liked to have opened earlier than December 27, but there were extensive COVID-safe plans to implement before the VDC can open its doors.

"We are working our way through these plans at the moment and we have to ensure that physical distancing and cleaning are carried out properly," Mr O'Brien said.

"It's been a long nine months for everyone, but we are excited that we get the opportunity to again open our doors just after Christmas. It's been a long time without any income.

"The VDC hopes to open every day in January but that depends on the availability of its 22 volunteers."



A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

A truly Australian idea for Christmas

Seafood mixed grill with lemon, olive and parsley dressing

Prep Time 5 mins - Cooking Time 5 mins

INGREDIENTS - 4 servings

8 large tiger prawns, deveined, butterflied
 2 x 200g tuna steaks
 2 calamari tubes, cleaned, scored, cut into bite-sized pieces
 2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
 Red vein sorrel and dill sprigs to serve

LEMON, OLIVE AND PARSLEY DRESSING
 ½ cup (75g) pitted kalamata olives, chopped
 ¼ cup (30g) chopped walnuts
 ¼ cup (60ml) extra virgin olive oil
 ½ bunch flat-leaf parsley, leaves picked and chopped
 1 garlic clove, crushed
 Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon, plus extra slices to serve

METHOD

Step 1 For the lemon, olive and parsley dressing, mix all ingredients together in a bowl and season.

Step 2 Heat barbecue or grill pan over high heat. Brush the seafood with olive oil and season. Place on barbecue or grill and cook for 1-2 minutes on each side or until cooked to your liking. Cut tuna into 2cm-thick slices.

Step 3 Arrange seafood on a platter. Drizzle with dressing, scatter with red vein sorrel and dill, and serve with lemon slices.



perfect for summer entertaining

“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

“The sea hath fish for every man.”

William Camden

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.
- 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.

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

Have you got information, activities or a story you'd like to share?
We'd love to publish it.
Contact Mark or Ama

In the Garden with Janet

Strelitzia reginae Bird of Paradise is a native of South Africa which is why it grows so well here in Australia as our growing conditions are similar. There are 5 species and they all have banana like leaves. The flowers resemble the crested head of a bird. The bottom photo is of a double headed flower which I picked from my garden. They are fairly hardy and grow in almost any soil preferring a well drained soil. I grow mine on a west facing fence. They do best with plenty of light. Watering when very dry will freshen up the plants but not really necessary.

Propagation is by division but you will nearly need a back hoe to divide a well grown clump as the roots are fleshy and go down fairly deep. It is essential that as many as possible be left intact on the divisions. Divisions can take up to three years to establish and flower.

Although we have had rain, there will be sheltered areas in the garden that have dried out and will need to be watered. A good deep soaking is much better than a light sprinkle as it encourages the roots to go down deep and the plant will not dry out so quickly. Mulching also keeps the soil cool and prevents moisture loss. After a very hot day, plants will often droop from the heat, but once the air becomes cooler, like us they spring back to life again. So check the soil for moisture before applying water. Using a finger to push into the soil gives a very good indication of how much moisture is in the ground.

Don't forget to just wander around your garden enjoying the fruits of your labour. Pull out any odd weeds you see and be surprised at the unexpected flowers.



Happy Gardening

Are you Fire Ready?

The question of the Country Fire Service, represented last Thursday morning in Penshurst by Jo Vigliaturo and her colleague Michael Greenham, is "Are we ready for this new fire season"? It was a cool and windy day when the newsletter crew stopped to say hello and join this very important discussion. Jo provided us with information leaflets which are attached to this newsletter. There will be other informative meetings in Penshurst in the new year.

In the meantime, take care and be fire smart!

Sammy Scribe's Christmas**Children's Answers About Angels**

I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. - Gregory 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why but scientists are working on it. - Olive 9

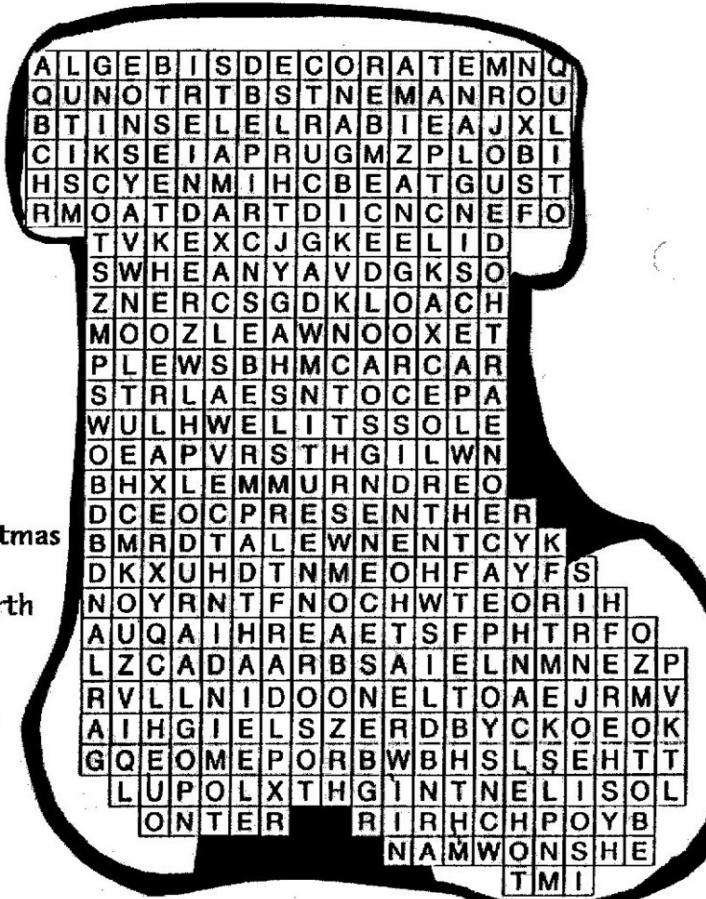
It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew 9

Spot the Christmas Cheer:

The words and phrases below are all tucked away in the stocking. They can be spelt horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line.

Letters can be used more than once. A number of letters will remain unused.

Advent	Angel	Bells
Bows	Bulbs	Candle
Candy cane	Card	Carols
Chimney	Cookies	December
Decorate	Elves	Garland
Holiday	Holly	Merry Christmas
Lights	Noel	Ornaments
Packages	Poinsettia	Peace on earth
Present	Reindeer	Ribbon
Rudolph	Scrooge	Santa Claus
Sing	Sleigh	Silent Night
Snow	Snowman	Snowflakes
Tinsel	Toys	Tree
Workshop	Wreath	

**Riddles**

1. I surround you but I'm not clothes. I am everywhere but I don't take up space. I'm not always here, yet you can use a man-made form of me. I can go through glass but the glass will look just the same. What am I?
2. What runs but never walks?
3. All have tried to catch me, none have kept me! What am I?
4. People have stepped on me, but not many. I never stay full for long. I have a dark side. What am I?
5. What has arms and legs but no head?
6. You breathe out, I breathe in. You let go, I breathe out. What am I?
7. I have skin but no bones. Hit me and I make a noise. I usually come in a set. What am I?

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



**Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL**

7 DECEMBER 2020 - TWO MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

More than \$2 million in community projects will be delivered by Southern Grampians Shire Council in coming months, thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) Program was created by the Federal Government in May 2020 to support Councils in delivering priority infrastructure projects, create jobs and bolster the local economy through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The projects to be funded and delivered in the Southern Grampians Shire under the LCRI program include:

- Hamilton Gateway Landscaping Project
- Lake Hamilton Development (Toilets and Playgrounds)
- Rural Road Numbering Program
- Upgrade common streetlights with VicRoads to LED
- Dunkeld Visitor Hub
- Additional Township Footpath repairs
- Additional Rural Culvert and Drainage works
- Blackwood Road narrow culvert
- Hamilton Gallery Lift

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor, Bruach Colliton thanked Dan Tehan and the Morrison Government for the program, which has helped fund a number of long-awaited projects in the Shire. "The projects funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program will not only create jobs but will be a vital boost to our economy and greatly improve amenity and safety in the region.

"In deciding on which projects to fund, we reviewed list of capital projects that didn't make the cut in this year's budget, our asset management plans, masterplans and other projects in the pipeline that could feasibly be delivered by June 2021, as per the eligibility requirements of the funding," Cr Colliton said. "The Gateway landscaping project commenced some time ago and has seen Coleraine road planted out from Mt Baimbridge Road to Market Place, creating what will be an incredible avenue and entrance into the CBD. "The Lake Hamilton Development project is currently out for tender and will see a redeveloped amenities' block and playground near the boat ramp, greatly improving what is a well-utilised area of Hamilton particularly during the summer months. "The Rural Road numbering project is one we are so happy to be able to deliver through this funding as we know how vital accurate property numbering in rural areas is for emergency services. This funding has meant we have been able to deliver this project without any residential contribution which is very pleasing," Cr Colliton continued.

"Our outer townships and rural property owners will also benefit from additional rural culvert and drainage works, and increased township footpath repairs and maintenance.

"We cannot underestimate the importance, value and timely allocation of these funds into our community at a time when all of Australia is doing it tough as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are all truly grateful and appreciative of the Morrison Federal Government, and in particular the advocacy of Dan Tehan for Regional Australia, and of course south-west Victoria across the Wannon Electorate," Cr Colliton concluded.

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Answers to Riddles: 1. light, 2. water,
3. satisfaction, 4. the moon, 5. a chair,
6. a balloon, 7. a drum.



The Christmas Eucharist will be offered at All Saints Anglican Church Penshurst on Tuesday 22nd of December at 7:00pm. At the time of going to print, you need to book with Fr. David (5571 1317) and BYO mask.

Around the Churches

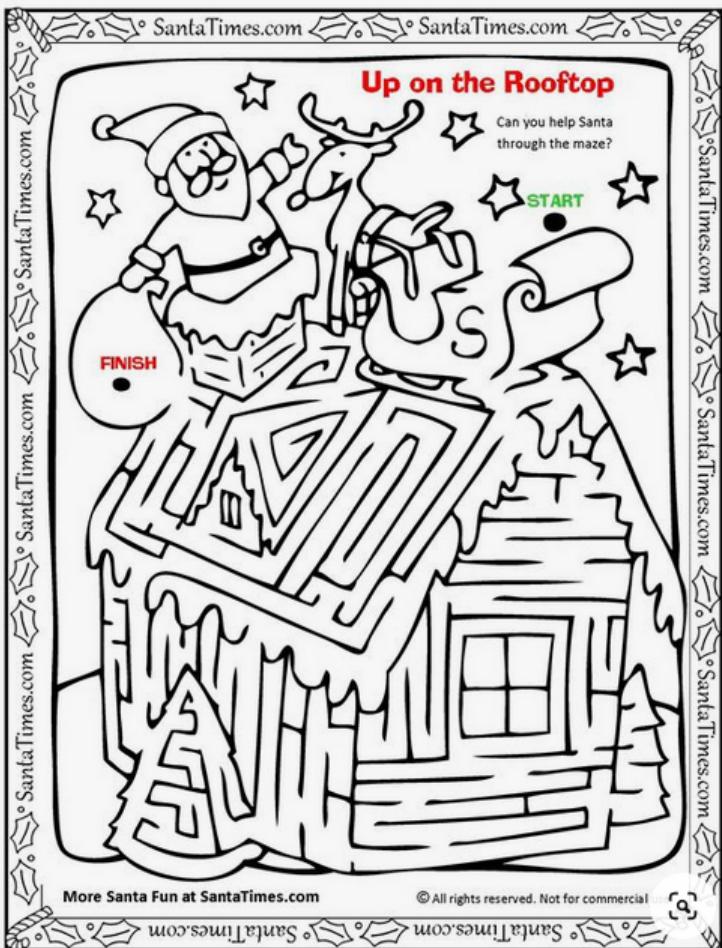
The Value of Encouragement

It happened like this. On a crisp early morning around the lake, I was jogging steadily. Not at lightning speed, just fast enough to sustain the momentum and the stamina. Some folk were doing the same thing except they were going in the opposite direction so we crossed paths twice. On the second time one of them called out very calmly to my breathlessness "Good job!" I was ecstatic. For one thing I didn't think I was doing that great a job. It was one of those mornings when it was just a hard slog and the fugue of the night was stubbornly refusing to lift. So to have a total stranger unexpectedly and without any prompt shout a couple of words of encouragement was quite a coup. And therein lies the potency of their little greeting. That it was an unexpected surprise from an unexpected person.

These fortuitous dollops of sugar from strangers can mean so much to so many and it costs so little. But deeper again, it got me thinking that often we don't realise how talented or persistent or dogged or lovely we truly are. Nor do we understand our potential until someone else calls our attention to our gifts. Why is that? Why are we blinkered in our perception of ourselves? If only we could see ourselves as others see us. Then we could fix some of our ugly bits and rejoice in the enchanting talents. And, I suspect, that we are more acutely aware of the minuscule unglamorous blemishes and blinkered to our attractive parts. We should look out for these little opportunities to sprinkle some sparkle especially to the stranger on crisp mornings around Lake Hamilton. What might happen in our community and to ourselves if we took these moments and encouraged each other? "Good job!"

Fr. David Oulton - droulton72@gmail.com

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

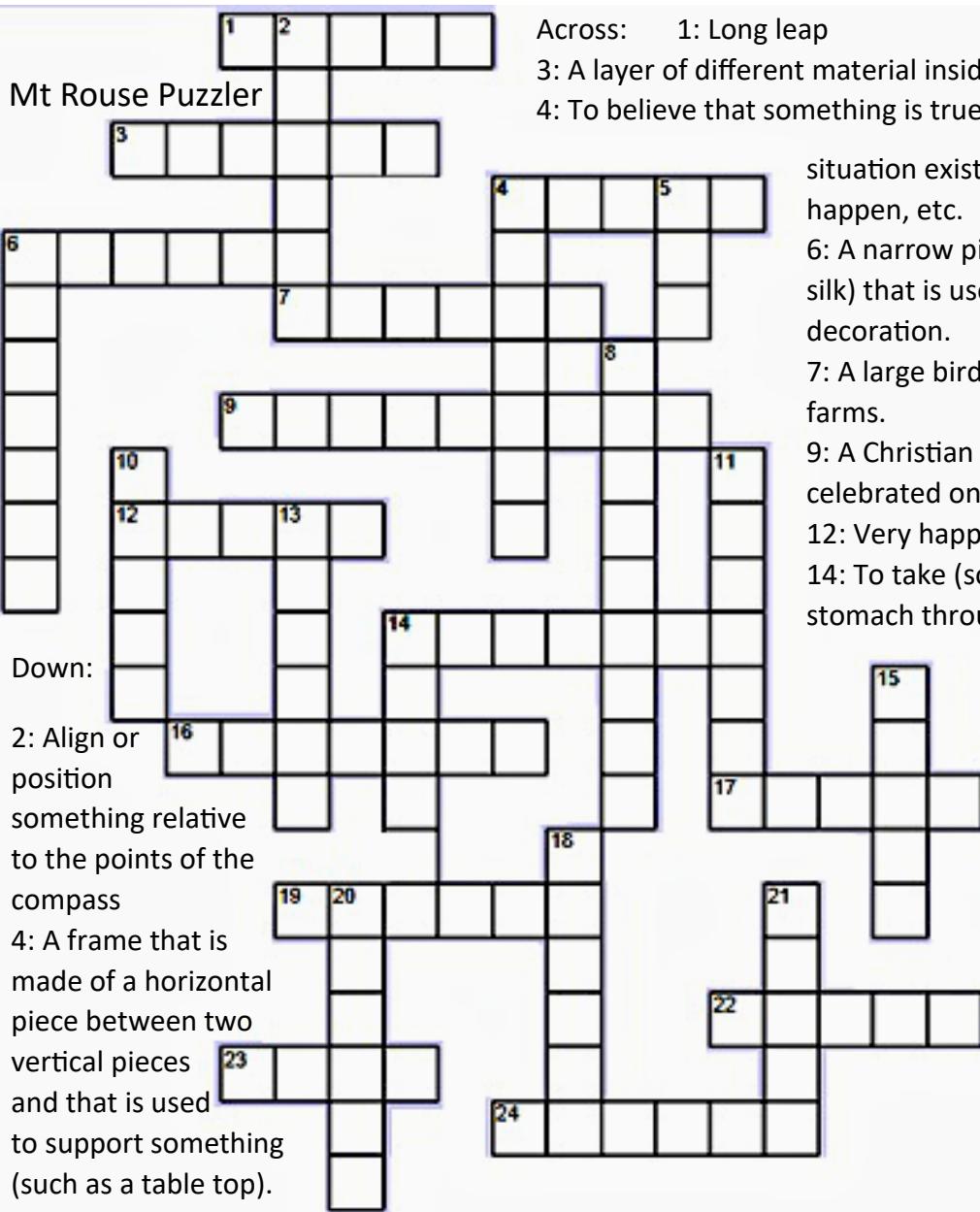


A Page for the Children to enjoy



**ADVENT. ANGEL. BLITZEN. CANDLES. COMET. DECEMBER. HOLIDAY. HOPE.
MUSIC. NOEL. PRESENTS. REINDEER. RUDOLPH. SNOW. TRADITION. TREE**

Mt Rouse Puzzler



Down:

2: Align or position something relative to the points of the compass
4: A frame that is made of a horizontal piece between two vertical pieces and that is used to support something (such as a table top).

5: Not old.
6: A network of tracks.
8: A board or other structure that people walk on to get on or off a ship.
10: Little in size.
11: Of or relating to the way that someone or something looks or seems on the outside.
13: The language of the Gypsies.
14: A circular curving line that goes around a central point while getting

Across: 1: Long leap

3: A layer of different material inside something

4: To believe that something is true, that a particular

situation exists, that something will happen, etc.

6: A narrow piece of cloth (such as silk) that is used to tie things or for decoration.

7: A large bird grown for its meat on farms.

9: A Christian holiday that is celebrated on December 25.

12: Very happy and cheerful.

14: To take (something) into your stomach through your mouth and throat.

16: A pencil made of metal or plastic with a lead that is moved forward by a mechanical device.

17: A series of thoughts, visions, or feelings that happen during sleep.

19: To give a sign of respect to (a military officer, flag, etc.) by moving your right hand to your forehead.

22: Feeling pleasure and enjoyment because of your life, situation, etc.

23: A period of twelve months, especially from 1 January to 31 December.

24: Producing a lot of light.

closer to or farther away from it.

15: A thin, flat piece of cut wood or other hard material, often used for a particular project.

18: Someone or something that leads others.

20: At all times.

21: The central or innermost part of something.

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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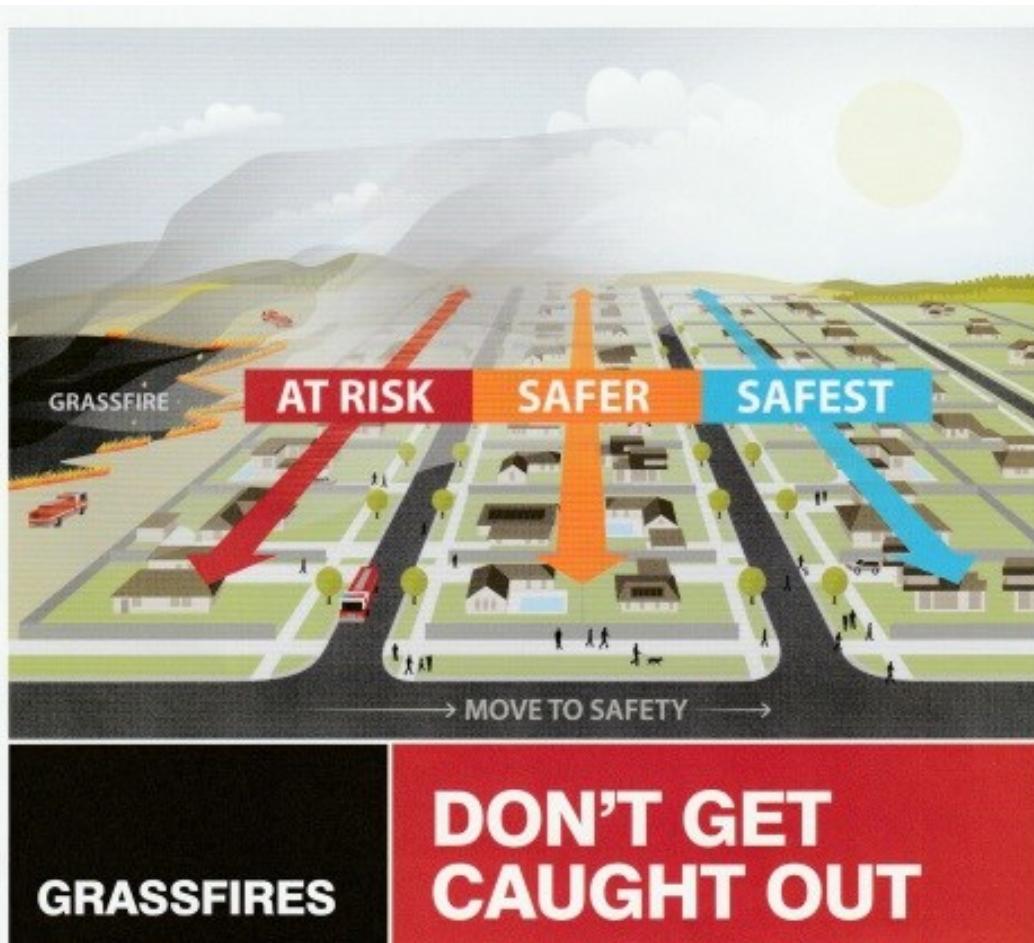
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The Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community. This is to help prevent fires from starting.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>

The Fire Danger Period has been declared for the (final) municipality in the Southern Grampians Shire Council - South - **21st Dec 2020**.



CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each municipality (shire or council) at different times in the lead up to the fire season. It depends on the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and other local conditions.

Once the Fire Danger Period has been declared, fire restrictions come into force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements.

Grassfires can start anywhere and spread quickly.

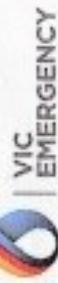
On the urban fringe...

If you live next to grassland and a grassfire starts, walk at least two streets back from the fire.

If you live two or three streets away from grassland and a grassfire starts, stay where you are – grassfires are unlikely to spread into built up areas.

Never drive if you can see smoke or fire. Thick smoke will make it hard to see and traffic jams and accidents are likely.

Keep the roads clear for the emergency services.



WARNINGS AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

What are warnings?

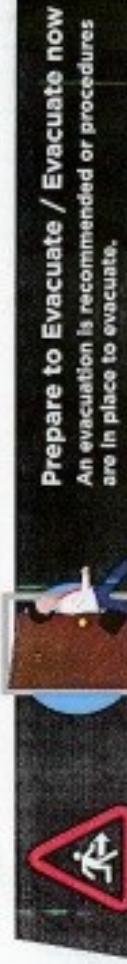
What do warnings mean?

A warning will be issued when any type of emergency could impact you or your property.

Warnings aim to provide you with the best advice and information on what is happening to help you make good decisions to protect yourself and others.

Remember: Do not rely on an official warning to leave. Emergencies can start quickly and threaten you within minutes.

Always use more than one source for your emergency information.



Prepare to Evacuate / Evacuate now

An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.



Emergency Warning

You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately. You will be impacted.



Warning (Watch & Act)

An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.



Advice

An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.



Phone alert
SMS to mobiles
Calls to landlines



Sirens
Continuous tone
for 5 minutes



Television
Sky News



Social media
fb.com/VicEmergency
@VicEmergency
1800 226 226



VicEmergency app
Apple and Android
mobiles and tablets



VicEmergency website
emergency.vic.gov.au

How do I find warnings and stay informed?

Australia Day Nomination Form

Penshurst Citizen of the Year

Name of Nominee:

Reason why you nominated him or her (or group):

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Your name:

All Nominee names are kept confidential

Contact no:

Thank you for submitting your nomination

Date:

Please return by email or drop in the Red box at the Takeaway
by 8th January 2021. Thank you.

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