

# MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



## Visitors to Peshurst last week had a wheelie good time.

Were you one of the lucky people who got to see the beautiful vintage cars, with their drivers, who stopped in Peshurst last week? The newsletter crew had a chat with both groups and found they had come from places all over Australia, e.g. Tasmania, Queensland and the ACT. The borders are open and the travellers are out and about again.



Right:

Noel Baker, owner, from Kilmore & Andrew Bailey, from Sorrel, Tasmania, were part of a small group of Rolls Royce enthusiasts who visited earlier in the week.



Above:  
Alvis owners Sean & Karen Heffernan from Queensland in their 1948 TA 14 Duncan FHC.

More photos on page 5.



## LIONS CLUB OF PENSURST & DISTRICT

### SKIN CANCER CHECKS

The Lions' Free Skin Check and Awareness Unit is coming to Penshurst on **Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>**. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful service coming to our town and would encourage all the Penshurst community residents to hurry and book an appointment to take advantage of this free service. It would be a shame if we couldn't fill the appointments to ensure the Unit will attend.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and Lions Clubs in Victoria and Southern NSW are doing something practical about reducing that level and its impact on families.

Early detection of skin lesions potentially saves lives, so this visit will be a timely support and reminder to local people of the need to take care of their skin.

The airconditioned van has three fully equipped screening rooms and an entry foyer, as well as a disabled lift and entry at the rear.

To book a free Skin Cancer Screening, local and surrounding residents should contact Sue Jellie on 0418 141 301.

**LIONS V DISTRICTS CANCER FOUNDATION INC**  
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***Next Meeting - Wednesday 27th April 2022 Community Meeting***

***7.30pm - Supper Room, Penshurst Hall***

Good afternoon, or in this case, morning, I hope you are having a good day.

First we would like to congratulate the team from Chateau Kolor for their well-attended market. I've been told the High Teas were wonderful. I also noticed the Lion's Club working at full steam to give everyone a little taste of sausage heaven. It's lovely to see life returning to our new normal, and how the increase in visitors benefited some of the businesses in Penshurst that day as I drove through the town on the way home.

I have a friend who is a published author. There isn't a topic she can't create a story around. I couldn't imagine her ever having writer's block, and I get to benefit from her stories in creation, glimpses of which arrive in my inbox, later to reappear as the finished works. So when I get writers' block, I think of her.

To me, writer's block is like our winter desire to hibernate. The colder the weather gets, the busier life is outside myself, the more I just want to tuck in with a good book, written by someone else. At present I am thinking of ghost stories, because I bought one from the book sale in the Hub recently, and finally started reading it last night. I know, it's Tuesday morning and the newsletter is finished, apart from this column, but it should have been done days ago .. or so I tell myself. But I had writer's block. And to some degree, I still do.

I wish there were some profound changes to report for the Progress Association, but mostly we are in waiting mode .. waiting for the council to get back to us about various projects we have

on the bubble, but no. So if they won't come to me, I'll go to them. There are a great many phone calls in my immediate future. I have a list, but that doesn't mean I'm going to fall over. (That word 'list' should be a crossword clue - it can also mean "to lean to one side, especially as a result of damage".) How this relates to my topic I have no idea, but I've been remembering a few years ago when I went through a stage of writing children's ghost stories, or having them write themselves. Back then I didn't know why they started, or why they stopped, but it was fun at the time. But first there's the paperwork for a couple of meetings .. the first being the Penshurst Creative Arts AGM, that will be happening soon. It exists to run the Art Exhibition and the new Photo Show Tom and I are planning for September. Would you like to help? We can use some new committee members and love when people volunteer to help, as Lyn and Daryl Torbet, and Lisa Gonnet, did at the last few Art Shows. Thank you guys. And then there's the Progress Association, which works for the betterment of the town, from ideas we create ourselves, or those provided to us. What would you like to see happen in Penshurst? It's your town too. The choices shouldn't be left to the same small group of people who seem to volunteer for everything, much as we love them for it.

Sometimes, when life feels just too complicated, it's great to step outside yourself and do something completely different, even if only for a little while. Have you tried it?

Back to thinking about ghost stories. Have a great fortnight and be safe, Ama Cooke PPA



Penshurst Mens Shed

Success! We have a new management team at the Shed.

Thomas Cooke, Gerry Van Ekeren & David Goulter

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting last Sunday. From that group we developed a new strategic plan to reopen the Shed and start building much needed benches and other projects.

Are you interested in becoming a Shedder?

At present the Shed is open to men only. Membership is \$25 + insurance. The first 10 men to sign up will get free personal accident insurance for the year (value \$30).

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## Visitors to Peshurst last week had a wheelie good time.

Some of the Alvis Club's motor cars.



The Volcanoes Discovery Centre was one port of call for members of the National Alvis Rally last week. They enjoyed their visit while some townsfolk appreciated the time to admire the variety, sleek design and

dedication of care the owners showed in their cars.

The Alvis car club was established in 1919 by T.G. John, as drivers and owners began to appreciate these sporty cars with their efficient engines and ability to maintain speed. It continues to this day, with more than 200 cars still active in Australia. The club website gives more details for anyone who is interested in these beautiful vehicles. [www.alvis.org.au/](http://www.alvis.org.au/)





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**Annual General Meeting**

Penshurst Creative Arts Inc

The AGM of the association will take place on

Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm

At Penshurst Memorial Hall

21 Martin Street

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**Really Easy Riddles**

1. Mississippi has four S's and four I's. Can you spell that without using S or I?
2. There's a one-story house where everything is yellow. The walls are yellow. The doors are yellow. All the furniture is yellow. The house has yellow beds and yellow couches. What colour are the stairs?
3. A girl fell off a 20-foot ladder. She wasn't hurt. How?
4. Grandpa went out for a walk and it started to rain. He didn't bring an umbrella or a hat. His clothes got soaked, but not a hair on his head was wet. How is this possible?
5. You're in a race and you pass the person in second place. What place are you in now?
6. What four-letter word can be written forward, backward, or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?
7. What is at the end of the rainbow?



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**Penshurst Portraits - Timelines**

Over the past couple of years, the newsletter has been exploring some of the town's history compiled by Phil Doherty and the Historical Society. The Society also has a book called "Penshurst Portraits: A Brief History of the Penshurst District", published in 2009, which provides a timeline of the people, growth and changes in the town. Glancing through it, my eye was caught by Ruth Pihl's summation of her chapter called, "Penshurst ... The Future". She wrote,

*"As urban life is becoming more complex, stressful, complicated and expensive, people may well decide to opt for rural, small-town life as an alternative, though not even the most optimistic among us would dare predict the prosperity and growth of the past. Neither would this be sought. Penshurst people are proud of their past, seemingly content with the present but, like Australians everywhere, somewhat uncertain of the future. We are left, like Pandora after curiosity caused her to open the box and expel all the nasties—with nothing but hope".*

How pertinent are those words in light of the last three years of the spread of covid in the world, as we see the increase of newcomers, often city people, into the properties in town and around us. Like those who first moved into our region, we are all living on hope of a safe and prosperous future. And we can all hope that we have learned the lessons of the past, and do not need to repeat them.

Here is the start of the Penshurst's time from the book. It will continue for a couple of issues:

Prehistory to 1830s - Aboriginal tribes settled permanently in fertile, well-watered country.

1836 - Major Thomas Livingstone Mitchell sighted and named Mt. Rouse after the Colonial Under Secretary, James Rouse, during his explorations in the Western District. Mitchell did not set foot on Mt Rouse but observed from the vantage point of the nearby Mount Napier.

Ca. 1839 - The first white settler known to move into the district was John Cox. He called his settlement Mount Rouse Stones. He was forced to relinquish his land in 1841, which became part of the Mt. Rouse Aboriginal Protectorate. Early settlers' names included Ross, Ritchie, Donaldson, Hutton, and Burchett.

1841 to 1849 - Mount Rouse Aboriginal Protectorate established. It was 10 miles square. Charles Weightman Sievwright was appointed Assistant Protector by John Augustus Robinson, Protector of Aborigines. His appointment at Mount Rouse lasted three months after disputes with Robinson, and he was replaced by Dr John Watton, who moved to the township later named Penshurst and took up medical practice.

1850s - The first settlement in Penshurst was about three kms along the Hamilton Road, but lack of water drove the settlement back to the spring, which became the town water supply. The spring has, at different times, been fenced, walled with rocks, roofed and unroofed. The constant flow of water supplied the original swimming baths, below the spring, before the Olympic pool was opened in 1960.

1851 - The township still known as Mt Rouse, was surveyed by CC Horrel.

1852 - The first town blocks were sold.

(More next fortnight)

The Mt Rouse & District Historical Society is open the first Saturday of every month,  
9.30am - 12.30pm at the Penshurst Courthouse next to the Post Office.

Meetings 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. Phone Phil 0458 766 250. For research questions email: [pensearch@gmail.com](mailto:pensearch@gmail.com)

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## Share your thoughts. Shape our future.

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Amelia Earhart

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The wise old priest and I were looking deep into the flames in companionable amiability. That unspoken bond whenever two or more people gather around a fire. It's been going for centuries now. The fire... a meeting place... a cooking place, an eating place, a safe place.

He was senior to me in years of age and certainly years of ordination, so I was respectful and said little. When I did speak I tried to choose my words very, very... carefully.

He looked up mischievously from over the flames caught my eye and simply said, 'I like fires Fr. David' I think the right response for a junior cleric was 'Oh yes'. Neither agreeing or disagreeing. You see how clever I thought I was.

Then in a flat monotone "Yeah... they remind me of hell'.

Now I wasn't really quite sure what the correct response should be. In fact I actually can't quite remember how I replied, so dumbfounded was I by this bizarre turn in the conversation. I think he just giggled and I tried to chortle along with him... unsuccessfully. I mean, how did he know that hell was full of fire. Had he visited lately?

This story came back to when I remembered our forthcoming Easter Service which began with a fire on Saturday April 16th at 7:30pm. We began with a fire outside of the Church and it's a different sort of liturgy. All are Welcome to Christchurch Hamilton as we bless the fire, light candles, retell the story of our salvation, sing the gloria for the first time in 40 days and hear again the puzzle of the empty tomb and the Gardener/ Carpenter /Master who calls each and everyone of us by name. I think I like fires too. They remind me of heaven.

Fr. David Oulton [droulton72@gmail.com](mailto:droulton72@gmail.com)



Riddle Answers: 1. T-H-A-T. 2. There are no stairs - it's a one-story house! 3. She fell off the bottom step. 4. Grandpa's bald. 5. Second Place. 6. NOON. 7. The letter W.

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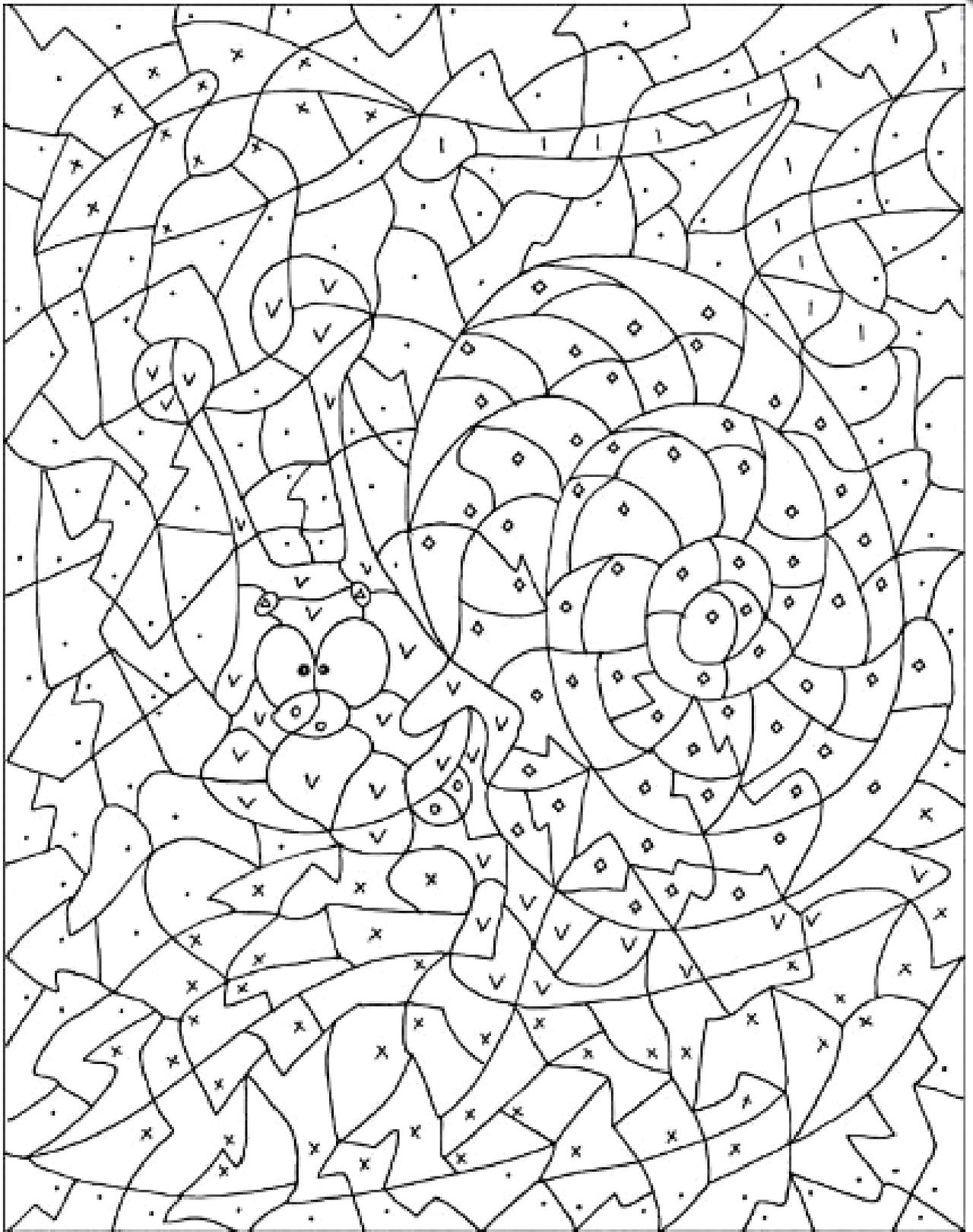
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Something for the children

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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

**Pan-fried Asparagus**

Prep &amp; Cooking Time 25 mins Serves 2

## INGREDIENTS

 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 teaspoon coarse salt

 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon ground black pepper

3 garlic cloves, minced

250g fresh asparagus spear, trimmed

## METHOD

Melt butter in a skillet over medium-high heat.

Stir in the olive oil, salt, and pepper.

Cook garlic in butter for a minute, but do not brown.

Add asparagus, and cook for 10 minutes, turning asparagus to ensure even cooking.

**Scalloped Potatoes**

Prep &amp; Cooking Time 1 h 15 mins Serves 6

4 cups thinly sliced potatoes

3 tablespoons butter

3 tablespoons flour

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups milk

1 teaspoon salt

1 dash cayenne pepper

1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup grated cheese, to sprinkle on top  
paprika

In a small saucepan, melt butter and blend in flour.

Let sit for a minute.

Add all of cold milk, stirring with a whisk.

Season with salt and cayenne.

Cook sauce on low until smooth and boiling, stirring occasionally with a whisk.

Reduce heat and stir in cheese.

Place a half of the sliced potatoes in a lightly greased one quart casserole dish.

Pour half of cheese sauce over potatoes.

Repeat with second layer of potatoes and cheese sauce.



Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.

Top with some paprika for colour.

Bake uncovered for about 1 hour at 180°C.

## Community Meetings

### Boram Boram Cemetery Trust

- Contact Jeff Jellie 0407 781 407 or Sue 0418 141 301

### Caramut & District Garden Club

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

### 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.
- Penshurst Social Support Group - WDHS meets every Thursday; for Exercise, Activities, Outings and General chit chat. Join us for lots of fun & laughter at Sheppard Centre - **COVID Permitting**. Western District Health Service – PENS Hurst Campus. Please contact Fiona Social Support Group Coordinator on 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

### 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 Phil 0458 766 250.

### 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 Friday dinner meeting. 3rd Tuesday business meeting, each month at 8 pm at Penshurst Memorial Hall, 21 Martin Street. penshurstlions@gmail.com



**AmbulanceVictoria**

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

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### 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 - Nov at 2.15 pm.
- Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm

## Penshurst Church Services

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor

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### St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

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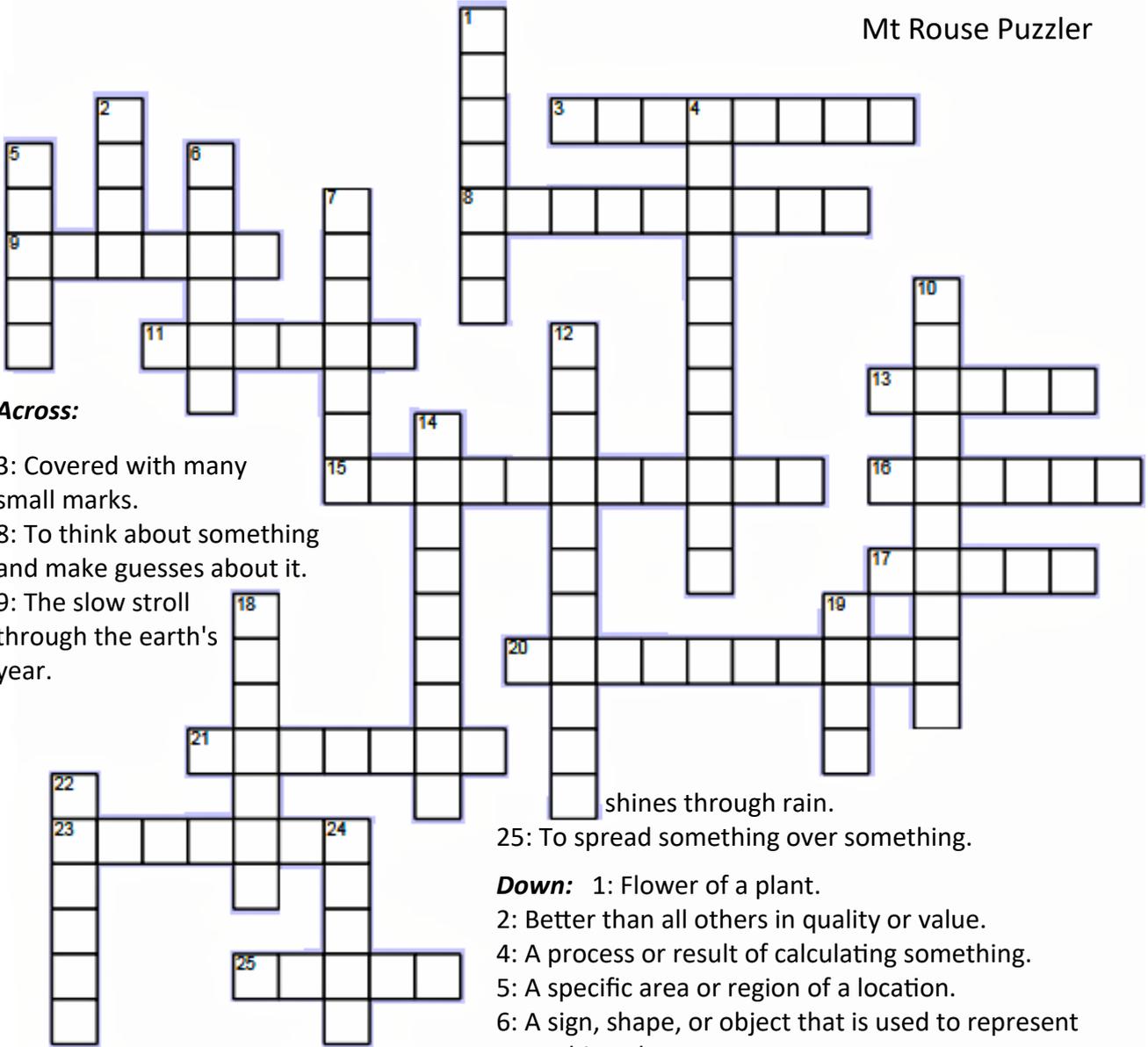
2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 8.30am

5th Sunday Mass 8.30am

Mt Rouse Puzzler



**Across:**

3: Covered with many small marks.

8: To think about something and make guesses about it.

9: The slow stroll through the earth's year.

shines through rain.

25: To spread something over something.

**Down:** 1: Flower of a plant.

2: Better than all others in quality or value.

4: A process or result of calculating something.

5: A specific area or region of a location.

6: A sign, shape, or object that is used to represent something else.

7: A lack of sound or noise.

10: The group of people who are responsible for making the laws in some kinds of government.

12: The art of capturing glimpses of reality.

14: Pasta in the form of long strings.

18: Song to sleep by.

19: To discover something or someone without planning or trying to.

22: Producing a lot of light.

24: To make something such as cloth by crossing threads or other long pieces of material over and under each other.

11: To ask yourself questions or express a wish to know about something.

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

15: A belief that something will happen or is likely to happen.

16: A narrow piece of cloth that is used to tie things or for decoration.

17: Little in size.

20: Greeting.

21: To lift something up.

23: A curved line in the sky when the sun

**Across:** 1 risky, 4 animated, 6 deafening, 8 launch, 10 signpost, 12 miniscule, 17 echoes, 18 mountainous, 21 yawn, 22 inaudible, 23 crawl, 25 swing, 28 leverage.  
**Down:** 2 kitten, 3 camera, 5 eloquent, 7 flowering, 9 limitless, 10 spectacular, 11 much, 13 deactivate, 14 baker, 15 wriggle, 16 shire, 19 syllable, 20 relative, 24 rose.



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