

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



Rocking it at the VDC.



The first selection of rocks for the Volcanoes Discovery Centre's rock garden has arrived onsite. The Grampians sandstone rocks are part of various types of rocks expected from six quarries, including bluestone from the Kolor property at Penshurst. The rock garden is a major part of the outside works at the VDC which is to undertake a \$330,000 upgrade to its facilities in the next six months.

PIC: VDC management committee member, Brian O'Brien, with the first arrival of sandstone rocks from the Grampians quarry. Rocks are also being sourced from Mt Rouse, Bamstone, Batesford, Mackenzie Creek and Harcourt quarries.

Penshurst Progress Association

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Committee of Management:

Ama Cooke – Chairperson 0402 870 738

Brian O'Brien - Secretary

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Next Meeting - Wednesday 28th September 2022

Community Meeting 7.30pm - Supper Room, Penshurst Hall

Good morning, its Monday and its cold, windy and raining. Not surprising, given La Nina and the expectation that we will have more of the same this year must be a worry to farmers across our region. This sort of weather slows me down and often keeps me housebound. The advantages to my form of volunteering is that I can set my own hours, and stop and read a book



The Listening Post was well attended by the Council

when necessary. My admiration lies with all the people that go to their jobs come rain or shine and end up cold and soaking wet, for various very good reasons. Thank you for your efforts, which keep so many of us in comfort and safety.

Now to the Listening Post. You missed a good meeting. We had five out of the seven Councillors, the new CEO, and various people from many departments willing to discuss a variety of issues that are important to our town. It's lovely to know there are so few Council-led problems here. In the meantime, those of us there had a chance to ask some very serious questions, like when stage 1 of the sewerage project is expected to commence (November this year) and whether they think the \$9M will cover the project and where the funding was coming from. Then there was the survey they were hoping a large number of us would complete, which was to give them a sense of what the town wants for the Small Towns Strategy they are forming .. I have sympathy for

the poor person who has to translate my handwriting. I've included a slightly shorter version of the survey in this newsletter. Please fill it in and pop it into the red box inside the Post Office. In the meantime, the process begins with a visit from some consultants, on the 3rd August, for a walk around town and a general discussion with members of the Progress Association, on these very questions. Your answers will help us help our town.

Talking about helping the town .. How many of you know about all the groups and projects around Penshurst. The majority of them are run by volunteers .. something that is dearly lacking thanks, in part, to our COVID experiences. Some of them are listed on the Community meeting page in this newsletter, then there are places like the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. Drop in there and visit when they are open, its an amazing space will great plans for the future. If you have curiosity about the past of this region

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Pony Club Bush Ride

The Clubs July rally was our annual bush ride at Victoria Point. Weather was ideal and riders enjoyed a few hours riding through the bush and then enjoyed a barbecue lunch and some fun learning archery!



Penshurst Pony Club Rally

1st Sunday each month.

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For an appointment contact -

Eleanor Sheldon Head Therapist M : 0400819408



Penshurst

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Last Fortnight's Crossword - Across: 3 wishful, 6 thinking, 7 dough, 11 sensation, 13 splayed, 15 freckles, 16 remodelling, 18 jink, 20 goddess, 22 syrup, 23 bagel, 24 popcorn, 25 remedy. **Down:** 1 question, 2 spoon, 4 sweater, 5 animation, 8 shallow, 9 clues, 10 breathtaking, 12 xylophone, 14 carousel, 17 linger, 19 lozenge, 21 sticky.

Caramut and District Garden Club

After writing about the dandelion in June, I have had this article about the Hawthorn passed onto me for the garden notes.

Apothecary:

Dear Doctor, Is it true that you admire the Hawthorn as much as you do Nettles?

As an Apothecary I know that Hawthorn has been used as a medicinal plant and food for many years and the Hawthorn has had many varied uses. One common use was for the fruit to be used for heart problems and circulatory disorders. The Seventeenth Century Herbalist Nicholas Culpeper recommended that Hawthorn berries crushed in wine stating they are good against kidney stones and dropsy (a build up of fluid). The seeds from the Hawthorn can be boiled in wine and used for inward pain; it was also known as a diuretic when used for the above complaints. The astringent berries were effective for diarrhoea and used to treat hypertension. Hawthorn flowers or berries were used to make Jellies, wines and the leaves were eaten by farm workers to fend off hunger. Hawthorn is a member of the rose family and the rose hips can be made into a jelly and is very tasty. During WW1, young hawthorn leaves were used as tea and smoked as tobacco. When roasted, the seeds were made into a coffee like drink. The May bush is also a Hawthorn.



There are many stories about the Hawthorn one being that it was carried by shepherds and grown by their huts to prevent lightning strikes. The Glastonbury Hawthorn is found in England and Palestine and it is said to have been taken to England by Joseph of Arimathea in his journey to spread the word of God. Joseph's staff was said to be of Hawthorn and when he stuck it in the ground, it took root. That is now the site of the Glastonbury Abbey. There is also a story that some of the timber on the pilgrim ship the Mayflower was Hawthorn wood. This plant has featured in English history with many folk stories and legends. Its greatest use has been as a hedge and is found in many places on the side of the road beside paddocks and fields. Some people think of the Hawthorn as a weed but please spare a thought for this historic and useful plant.

Competition Winners for July: Bloom 1st. Marita Smith
2nd. Helen Brown

Special: 1st. Brenda Uebergang 2nd. Theresa Loomes

Produce: 1st. Jan Street 2nd Helen Brown

Our next meeting is at 10am on Tuesday 9th August is the Annual Meeting and will be held at the Penshurst Senior Citizens Rooms. There will be no competition at this meeting.

At the conclusion we will adjourn to Margie Eales' home for a demonstration of pruning by John Harrison.

We will try to be at the Bakery for lunch by 12.30 – to 1 pm. at the latest.



Visitors are always most welcome to attend the meetings.

Penshurst Men's Shed



Got any questions about the Shed?

We are open 10am - 4pm Tuesday & Saturday.

At present the Shed is open to men only. Membership is \$25 + insurance \$30. Next three members get free insurance.

For more information contact Tom Cooke 0488 557 345. See you there.



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Penshurst History in the Spec

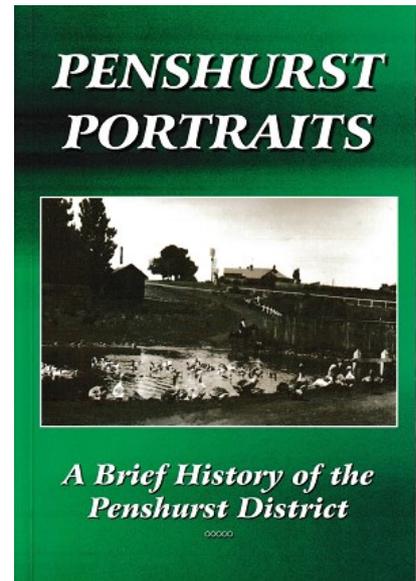
The Hamilton Spectator has begun running extracts from the only official history of Penshurst. The extracts from the book, Penshurst Portraits, which was produced in 2009, are expected to run in each edition of the Spec over the next few weeks.

Penshurst Portraits is divided into themes over the town's 180 years of recorded history beginning with tribal history, early European settlement, education, childhood, medical/hospital history, wartime and sporting events.

The then Mt Rouse and District Historical Society president, Ruth Pihl, wrote the first chapter on Aboriginal society before European settlement, and a number of other chapters in the 100 page book. Other chapters were written by local writers, the late Dr Eric Pihl, Brian O'Brien and Phillip Doherty.

Before serialising Penshurst Portraits, the Spectator published extracts from the Mt Rouse Shire's centenary booklet in 1964, which included many elements of Penshurst's history because the town was the administrative centre of Mt Rouse Shire.

*** Penshurst Portraits is available for sale (\$25) to people interested in Penshurst's amazing history. Contact the current historical society president, John Page (0427035576) or Brian O'Brien (0437844586) for a copy.



Penshurst Progress Association

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... and town, or information to share, there is the Historical Society. For those who love the great outdoors, there are places of beauty and natural significance, such as Yatmerone Nature Reserve that is cared for by the "Friends" group, and Mt Rouse, which the Council is creating a new management plan for. And then there are those like our Ambulance Service and the CFA which are vital to our District, the Lion's Club who manage the Boram Boram cemetery among other things. That's just off the top of my head, there are more.

Do you have some spare time, or a strong desire to give back to your chosen community? New people are welcome.

As we spring from the ashes of the past, because Covid has changed all of us, we have to pick up on some of the projects, and start discussing new ones. How about dances at the Hall? There is a Management Committee, but we can always use new members .. or people who just want to volunteer for a project or two.

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight,
Ama Cooke, Chair, PPA

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



26 JULY 2022

COUNCIL SEEKS ANSWERS FROM GOVERNMENT ON FMD

Acting Mayor of Southern Grampians Shire Cr David Robertson has written to the Federal and State Governments seeking clarity on several points relating to border protection and readiness for an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Australia. In letters to from the Hon. Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Hon. Gayle Tierney, Minister for Agriculture, Training and Skills and Higher Education, Cr Robertson explained Southern Grampians Shire's position as one of the densest populations of broadacre livestock farming in the world, with more than 1 million lambs, 2.3 million sheep and 120,000 head of beef cattle.

"We proudly stand, regionally, as Australia's number one area for agricultural gross value production. Furthermore, the Council owned, and operated, Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange is one of the largest saleyards in Australia based on annual throughput numbers. The protection of this regional industry is paramount to not only the wellbeing of our community, but also the health of our national economy," Cr Robertson said. "The recent reports of FMD in Bali have created considerable anxiety in our community. I understand there is in the vicinity of 260 flights a week between Australia and Bali, which, together with trade and other movements, represents a concerning opportunity for the disease to spread to Australia, the consequences of which, as I am sure you will appreciate, would be catastrophic. "We write on behalf of our community seeking clarity on several points relating to our border protection and readiness for an outbreak of FMD in Australia," Cr Robertson continued. The Acting Mayor requested a response to the following questions:

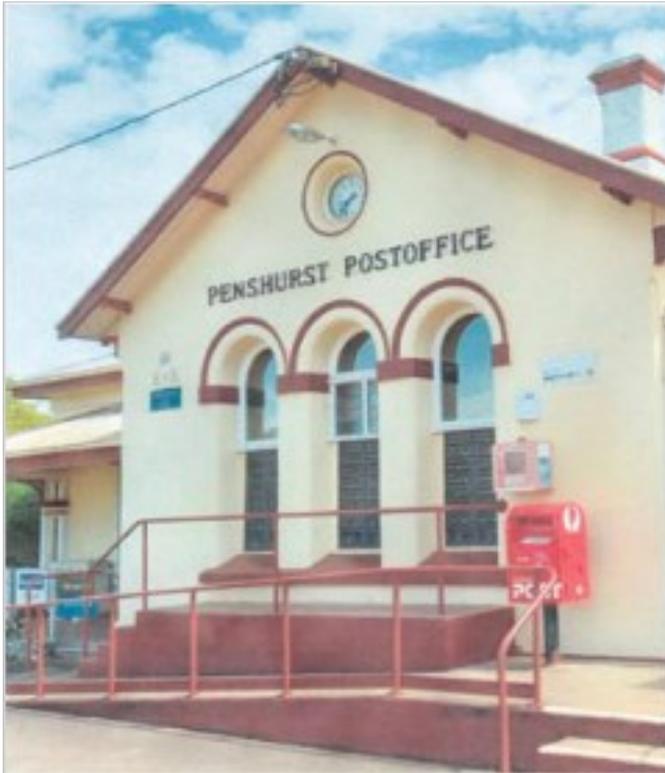
- "Can you provide details of the on-the-ground response; roles and responsibilities of all levels of government, farmers and industry bodies in the event of FMD entering Australia?"
- Are you confident that, in the event of an outbreak, Governments in Australia will be able to work cooperatively and quickly to support farmers?"
- Have any preplanning or preliminary discussions been held with State and Territory Governments, and Industry representatives that would assist a quick financial response in the event of an outbreak?"
- Are the bureaucratic resources and processes needed to implement the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) in place across state and federal government?"

The EADRA sets out a cost sharing arrangement between Industry and Federal, State and Territory Governments regarding compensation in the event of an emergency disease outbreak. FMD is categorised as a Category 2 disease, meaning Government will fund only 80% of the cost sharing, including salaries and wages, operating expenses, capital costs and compensation. A Category 2 disease acknowledges FMD could cause "major national socio-economic consequences through very serious international trade losses, national market disruptions and very severe production losses in the livestock industries that are involved".

On this basis, Council has asked the Federal Government to consider that Government agencies should be responsible for 100% of the cost of this disease in the event of an outbreak. "This current situation reinforces the vital need for all levels of government to work together and to have clarity on the plan in place to protect Australia. We look forward to the Federal Government response and stand ready to support them in any way we can on this matter" Cr Robertson concluded.

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Penshurst's News Agency

Daring Bank Robbery at Penshurst 6th August 1898

£600 Carried Off. Interesting particulars.

... continued from last fortnight.

The authorities were not long in getting to work on the case, and on the arrival of the Hamilton train at Ararat, a man, who gave the name James Ryan, was arrested on suspicion of being the man who stuck up the bank. The prisoner joined the train at Glenthompson, and the police found him huddled up in a corner of the carriage as if sick. His neck was bandaged up, but on removing the linen the police could see nothing indicative of illnesses, and continued to search the man. A revolver and 40 rounds of ammunition were found in his possession, and when asked to account for these, he explained that they had been given him by a man he did not know.

Ryan declined to make any statement, and was locked up in the local watchhouse. Constables Burke, O'Donnell, and Thompson, dissatisfied at finding on £2 12s. in the accused's pocket, then commenced a search along the railway lines, and at the junction of the Hamilton line, near Alfred-street, they found a bag which, when opened, revealed several bundles of notes and a bag of money, amounting in all to £562.

The spot where the bag was thrown is one which is seldom visited by anybody. It is believed that the man Ryan threw the bag out with the intention of returning along the line and recovering it, as he feared that to carry a bag would render him an object of suspicion.

On Friday morning the accused was identified as James Slattery, a man well known in the Western District, and formerly secretary of the Shearers' Union at Casterton. In July, 1896, Slattery was convicted of a series of frauds on

sharebrokers, by means of forging scrip and selling it opening in the market. He sold in Adelaide scrip to the value of £3,600, and left for Melbourne with £1,300 in cash and a bank draft for £1,500. The fraud was discovered in a few days owing to one of the purchasers desiring to have his scrip divided into parcels. Slattery was arrested and sentenced to three and a half years hard labour, but by some means he was released in July last.

Writing of the prisoner's identification in a later edition the *Argus* says: "Slattery's silence availed little, because the ticket for the portmanteau at the railway cloakroom discovered in a bag full of clothes, several documents marked "Jas. Slattery", a prayer book, some prayers in manuscript written by a female hand, and last, but not least, a convict's discharge in the name of Jas. Slattery, issued by the South Australian penal officers. The discovery of money and the man's identity cleared the case of all difficulty.

During the night the prisoner was restless and in the morning when he finished the frugal meal allowed by the authorities, it was seen that he had used his pannikin of water for other than drinking purposes. The black beard, which had so well fitted the character of the armed desperado, had changed its colour in parts, and had become a ridiculous piebald of black and yellow and sandy. The last colour made Slattery's features more familiar to his acquaintances, and paved the way to the complete identification ...



James Slattery

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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

www.mtrousehistoricalsociety.org.au Facebook: Pensearch-Historical-Society

Daring Bank Robbery at Peshurst 6th August 1898

£600 Carried Off. Interesting particulars. From page

... by the police through the marks on the body (noted in the *Police Gazette*), and a missing toe joint.

The fact that on Friday letters and telegrams addressed to James Ryan were received at the Ararat post-office led to the belief that Slattery had an accomplice, but it transpired later that the missive were from a young woman with whom Slattery was acquainted, and to whom at one time he was engaged to be married.

Slattery was presented before the Ararat Police Court on Tuesday morning, and was remanded to the Peshurst Court. The accused was forwarded to Peshurst by the first train.

SLATTERY'S LOVE STORY

The history of Slattery and the young woman referred to has been peculiarly chequered. When she was but 19 years of age she was engaged to be married to Slattery, who was at the time a prominent shearers' champion, and a prospective labour politician. She was heiress to £500 upon coming of age, but whom she achieved the distinction and the money Slattery promptly borrowed £400 of it. With this he started a betting and stockbroking career, which led him eventually to the Broken Hill scrip frauds. The proceeds of the frauds were in part devoted to the settlement of this liability, but the young woman was honourable enough so soon as she learned the source from which the money came to hand it all over to the police. It is curious that subsequently she entered the service of Mr. Gosslett, late manager of the Bank of Victoria at Peshurst, the institution which has just been robbed by her old-time lover. She left the situation some

time ago, but kept up a correspondence with Slattery, and probably it was the desire to see her which brought him back to the district in which he had been formerly well know. The two had appointed to meet at Ararat to-day, and said the young woman was at the station awaiting the train when she heard of Slattery's arrest. It is said they were to be married; if so, the bridal day was sadly miscarried. On Friday afternoon, when Slattery was taken back to Hamilton, the young woman was at the station to see him. The site of him, crestfallen, doggedly silent, and wearing piebald hair, was, however, too much for her, and she burst into loud and hysterical crying, and had to be taken home from the station in a cab. Slattery was unmoved. He will remain in Hamilton gaol till Thursday, when the case will be mentioned in the police court.

Riddles

1. Why would it be boring to eat at a restaurant on the moon?
2. Why should you never iron a 4 leaf clover?
3. Take two numbers, such that the square of the first, plus the square of the second, shall equal 8; while the first, plus the product of the first and second, shall equal 6. What are the two numbers?
4. What is it that is full all day and empty at night?
5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
6. Imagine you are in a room, no doors, or windows or anything, how do you get out?
7. What kind of can never needs a can opener?

Answers page



Time to fess up. I am a first generation Australian. Yep, my dad was a pom and came to this land as a teenager.

This confession should not come as a complete surprise. Most of us would only have to go back three or four generations to discover that we are relatively fresh to this land.

I was reminded of this when gazing at a picture of some migrants arriving on a ship. There are seven people in the photo. One is waving ecstatically. A young child has a calm look on his face, wondering what all the fuss is about. Two others who are possibly a couple, have that look on their face which screams "What have we come to?" There is an old man in tears. Whether his tears are for the joy of arriving or the nostalgia of what has been left behind is difficult to say, but the droplets are authentic and honest.

When I look at this motley crew I am inspired. They have come from what was known and sure to a place where everything is unknown and unsure. This new land has a different climate, a different currency, a different way of doing things. For some of the pilgrims there was the added complexity of a different language to struggle with.

We owe a lot to these courageous adventurers. We would not be the people we are today without their very bold decision to travel halfway around this precious planet of ours and start afresh. It was a huge gamble and for some it did not pay off. Our predecessors have entrusted us with a rich heritage founded on hard work. This leaves just one question to be answered. What am I entrusting to the future generations that will come after me?

Everything you need to know about Jeanine and Fr. David's Long Service Leave

When: Monday 8th of August to Wednesday 14th of September.

Where: New York... to visit daughter Jacky

Because: It's her 30th birthday

Who: Fr. Robert will be celebrating the Eucharist on the weekends while Jeanine and Fr. David are away. To help Fr. Robert with his travelling... .

There will be **no service at Penshurst on Sunday August 28th.**

Fr. David will be back bright eyed and bushy tailed for Sunday September 25th at 4:00pm.

Who else? In case of emergency you should contact Fr. Scott at Warrnambool. Ph. 5561 1687

Question: Will Jeanine and Fr. David miss you?

Answer: Yes.

Fr. David Oulton p. 0435 867 040 droulton72@gmail.com

Riddles answers: 1. Because there is no atmosphere. 2. You don't want to press your luck? 3. 2 and 2. 4. Shoes. 5. A strawberry! 6. Stop imagining. 7. A Pelican.

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 – PENSURST 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 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).

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

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

Service every Sunday 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church

4pm 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

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Creamy Fish Pie

Prep Time 15 mins Cooking Time 1h 10 mins Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

125g streaky bacon rashers, thinly sliced
smoked garlic cloves (from gourmet food shops – substitute ordinary garlic), finely chopped
1/2 onion, finely chopped
200g cauliflower florets (from about 1/4 cauliflower)
3/4 cup (90g) frozen peas

300ml thickened cream
1/4 cup (75g) plain flour
750g firm white fish (we used ling)
1/4 bunch dill, leaves picked
375g puff pastry
1 egg, lightly beaten
Lemon wedges, to serve

METHOD

1. Place bacon, garlic and onion in a large cold frypan and place over medium heat. When bacon begins to sizzle, cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes or until onion is softened, but not coloured.

2. Add cauliflower and peas, stir to coat, then add cream. Bring to the boil and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes or until slightly reduced. Season, then chill completely.

3. Preheat oven to 200°C.

4. Place flour and fish in a bowl and toss to coat. Season, then fold through cooled cream mixture with dill. Transfer to a 28cm ceramic pie dish and chill until needed.

5. Roll out pastry to a 32cm square and use a 3cm round cookie cutter to cut a hole from the middle. Use pastry to cover pie dish, making sure the hole is in the centre. Chill for 15 minutes to firm up, then, using a sharp knife, trim any excess pastry from edges.

6. Brush pie with beaten egg, then place on a baking tray. Bake for 1 hour or until golden and fish is cooked through. Serve with lemon wedges.



Photography Club

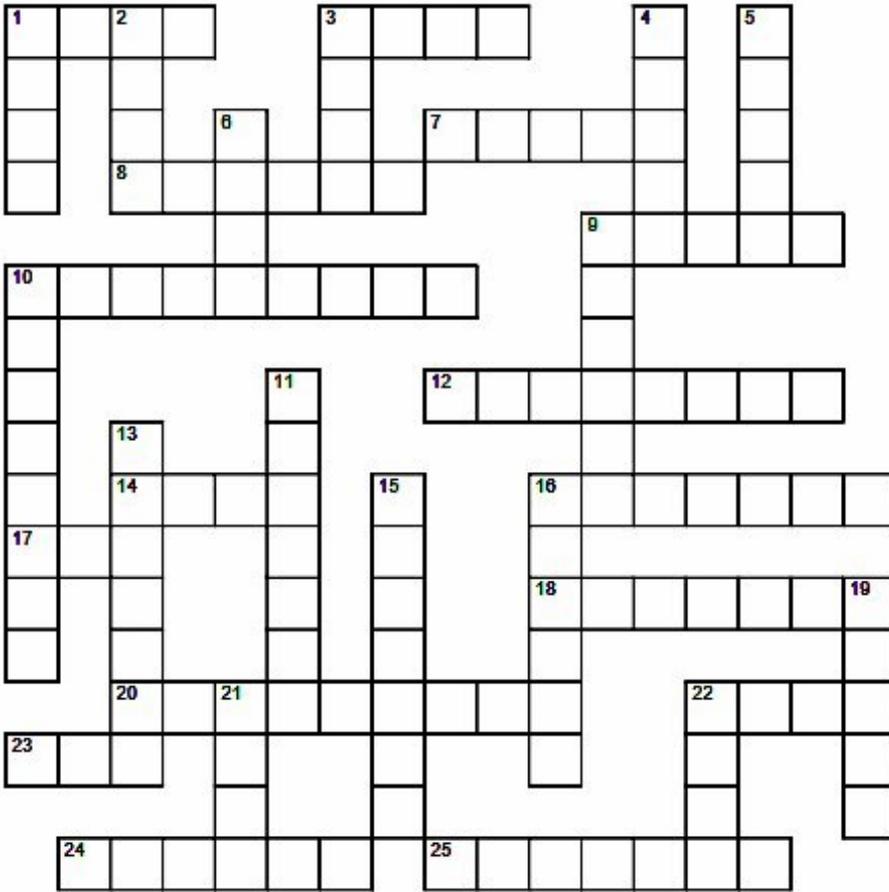


Expressions of interest are requested in starting a photography club for people who like to travel from place to place taking photos and sharing them with each other.

For more information contact Tom Cooke 0488557 345 and David Goulter 0457 331 003.

Down on the Farm

Something for the children



Across:

- 1. Baby cow.
- 3. Might be used to make cheese.
- 7. Used for irrigation.
- 8. Could be used for carrying water.
- 9. More than one goose.
- 10. Used to frighten birds away from crops.
- 12. Structure that makes energy from wind.
- 14. What you find in the chicken coop.
- 16. Slow moving vehicle used to tow things.
- 17. A female sheep.
- 18. A male chicken.

- 20. Colourful plant grown for food.
- 22. Shelter for many farm animals.
- 23. Tool for weeding.
- 24. Group of animals on a dairy farm.
- 25. She lays eggs.

Down continued:

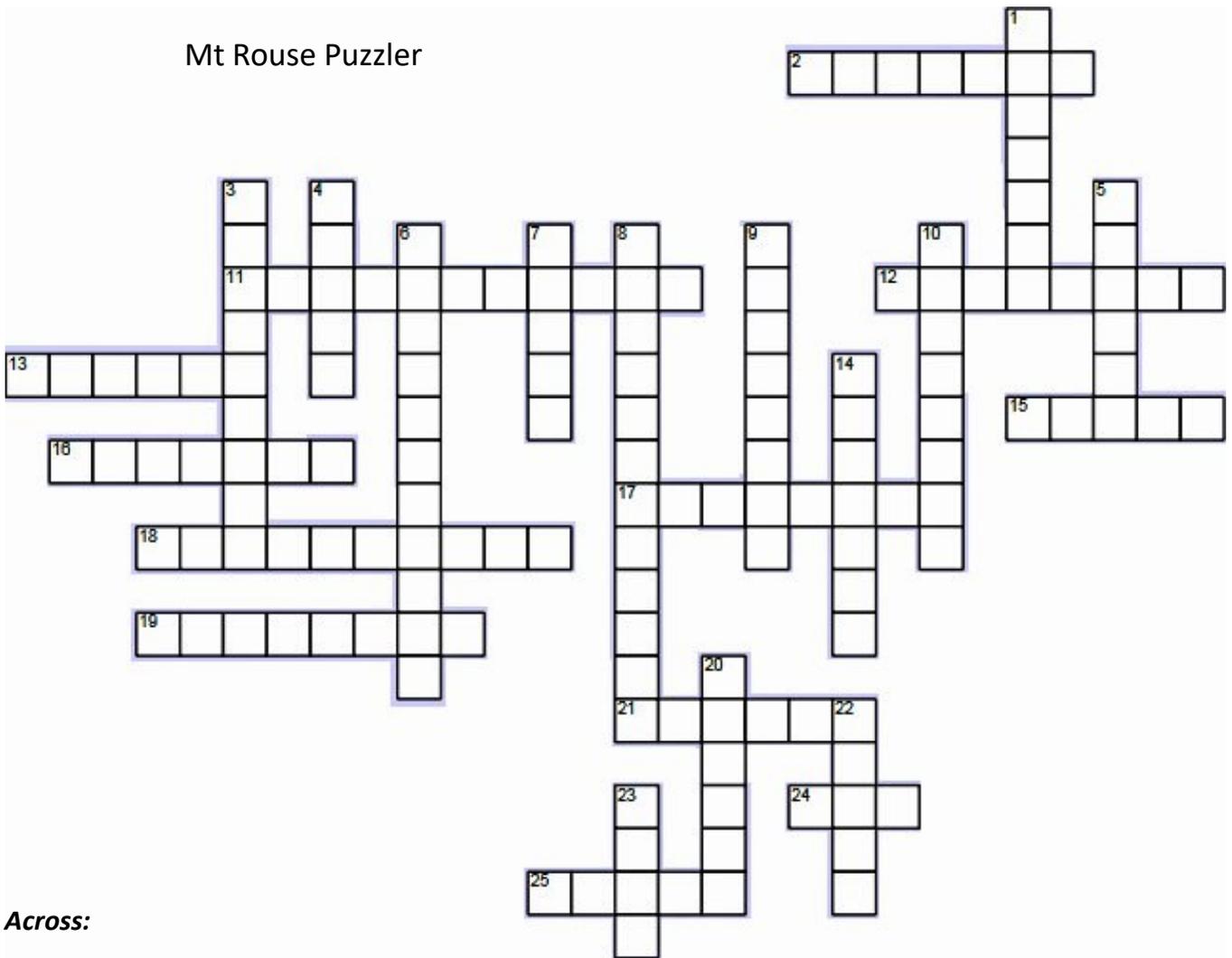
- 16. Poultry raised for Thanksgiving Day.
- 19. A large cattle farm.
- 21. It might be a billy or a nanny.
- 22. Large, tied bundle of straw.

Down:

- 1. Grain that grows on a cob.
- 2. Baby sheep.
- 3. Offspring of a donkey and a horse.
- 4. Animal you can ride.
- 5. Barley, wheat, corn, etc.
- 6. 43560 square feet.
- 9. Male goose.
- 10. They watch over a flock of sheep.
- 11. Where animals graze.
- 13. Where honey is made.
- 15. Where fruit trees grow.



Mt Rouse Puzzler

**Across:**

- 2: This thing is a cracker.
 11: Almost invisible.
 12: A system of communication by speaking, writing, or making signs in a way that can be understood.
 13: Grasped.
 15: Including each person or thing in a group or series.
 16: The idea that is represented by a word, phrase, etc.
 17: To argue loudly about things that are not important.
 18: Horses after dark.
 19: Symbolic language.
 21: To shake slightly because you are cold, afraid, etc.
 24: The light side of the earth's rotation.
 25: A tool with a shallow bowl-shaped container and a handle.

Down:

- 1: To tease or deceive for fun.
 3: An object, situation, quality, or action that is not exactly known or stated.
 4: Slightly wet and sticky.
 5: A fastening clip or basic food.
 6: Hard to understand, explain, or deal with.
 7: Something that is unusually good, bad, big, severe, etc.
 8: Violin bows.
 9: A document, chart, etc., that shows the days, weeks, and months of a year.
 10: The best medicine.
 14: A glass used for drinking or head over heels.
 20: Not seen or known.
 22: An area of activity, interest, or knowledge.
 23: A type of gas that is used in brightly coloured signs and lights.



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Questions from the Small Towns Strategy Project

Return this page to the red box in the Peshurst Post Office until 2nd August.

Question 1: Are all relevant and important community infrastructure and facilities show on the plan? You can find the plan at ...

Question 2: During previous consultations with the community over the past few years, a number of improvements, additional services and suggestions have been identified for Peshurst. Please put a tick next to up to 8 items you think Council should prioritise.

Community RETHINK COMMUNITY FACILITY PROVISION

Infrastructure and facilities - Investigate repurposing of swimming pool into a splash park or neighbourhood hub.

- Investigate value or delivering a neighbourhood hub to Peshurst. If a priority, where would it be located and how large a facility would it be?

PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS & KINDERGARTEN

- No Long-day care service in Peshurst

- Promote funding opportunities for infrastructure upgrades and, when appropriate, co-fund upgrades with kindergarten providers.

Lifestyle and Character MAXIMISE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TOURISM

- Better leverage Peshurst's location on the Great Southern Touring Map

- Maximise increased tourism opportunities generated by delivery of Peshurst Volcanic Discovery Centre.

- Increase caravan park capacity and accommodation

- Explore opportunities to establish Mervyn Napier Waller Memorial Walk and set up story boards in the Botanical Gardens.

ENHANCE PUBLIC REALM

- Seek funding to undertake a streetscape revitalisation project, involving improvements to building facades and street tree plantings.

- Investigate how to better utilise vacant heritage buildings.

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Questions from the Small Towns Strategy Project

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**Access,
Connection
and Transport**

IMPROVE SAFETY OF ROAD NETWORK

- Advocate to DoT for broad and ongoing road renewal.

IMPROVE SHARED PATHS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

- Create a walk and cycling loop that connects the Botanic Gardens including main retail strips and Recreation Reserve.

- Improve the walking track to Mount Road and Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve.

- Deliver signage and bicycle parking facilities in Botanic Gardens.

**Infrastructure
(Servicing)**

FINALISE FUNDING MODEL FOR PESHURST ADAPTIVE WASTEWATER SCHEME, TO BE DELIVERED WITH WANNON WATER

- Investment by landowners, Wannon Water, State and Fed Govt to resolve existing septic tank performance.

- Improve water quality at Peshurst Botanic Gardens.

- Increased opportunity for new retail, housing and other infrastructure if town is sewerred.

**Natural Values and
Open Space**

CELEBRATE AQUIFIERS

- Investigate the ground water acquifers underlying Peshurst and surrounds and identify environmental, indigenous and cultural significance.

- Investigate interconnection with the Mt Rouse volcano and nearby wetlands including Yatmerone.

- Explore implementation of the Mount Rouse Reserve Management Plan.

What else would you like to add to this list? List them below.

Thank you for your assistance. PPA Committee