

# MT ROUSE News & Views



*Community Newsletter*



*Who can explain  
this mystery?*

*See page 7*

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## **TOWN MEETING**

**A TOWN MEETING IS BEING HELD TO  
DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE  
PENSURST HOTEL. IS IT POSSIBLE  
FOR THE TOWN TO BUY IT?  
TONIGHT WED 1 MAY  
7:30PM - AT THE HALL**

## Penshurst Takes the Lead on Community Safety.

It was terrific to see the level of resident interest expressed at the Community Information Event held last week. Very positive feedback was gained on the work of the Penshurst Emergency Management Committee (PEMC) who have focussed tirelessly over the last two and a half years to improve community safety in an emergency. The information display showed the various key decision points as the committee navigated the 'emergency management system', in the attempt to change the Bushfire Place of Last Resort from the current site (grassed area outside the Senior Citizens Hall on French St) to the Memorial Hall.



The Bushfire Place of Last Resort remains at French St with ultimately the Southern Grampians Shire responsible for any changes or additions to the site. There is continued deliberation occurring at the Municipal Emergency Management Committee level with the PEMC proposal on the agenda next month.

The PEMC however are pursuing the Hall as an informal place of shelter – an additional communal shelter option for residents in an emergency. Informal places of shelter are a valid emergency shelter option and recognised in policy at a state level. There are no formal processes (ie. review process) to ensure they are maintained as a 'safer shelter option' (as there is for Bushfire Place of Last Resort) so it is up to the community to ensure due diligence in managing this shelter option for the community. CFA has recommended that the Hall and surrounds have a radiant heat assessment completed every two years as a regular review process.

This is a community level undertaking that provides the Hall as an emergency shelter option for all hazards, not just fire.

The DRAFT Penshurst Emergency Management Guide on display for public feedback, aims to

provide a community level blueprint for residents and visitors in the event of an emergency, and information to assist residents in developing their individual level emergency plans. This guide has had input from CFA, Vicpol and the WDHS Penshurst campus and is cited within the Municipal Emergency Plan. Having this town level emergency guide in place increases the opportunity for funding to continue to upgrade the Hall over time. One of the key priorities is to raise funds for a generator to provide a back-up power option in the event that the town loses power in an emergency event. The committee is proud of creating this Guide given it is one of the first townships in the Shire to do so.



Above: Draft Emergency Management Guide

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## The Mount Rouse & District Historical Society Inc.

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### ANZAC Day Tribute on the Gates of the Penshurst Court House.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Penshurst Primary School students, the Penshurst Takeaway and everyone who contributed poppies, rosemary, drawings, letters and paintings for the ANZAC Day display on the gates of the old Court House. Also, a shout out to Fiona Hermon, President John Page, and volunteer, Ron Doherty, for their assistance with the display.

This heartfelt display honoring all those who have served abroad and at home to keep us safe, including all men, women and animals, demonstrated that the preservation and nurturing of our ANZAC History is safe in many hands, especially those of our young historians. It is at a time such as this that we do remind ourselves that all of us who live in Mount Rouse and District contribute to our community history. It is on days such as ANZAC Day that we come together to share all of our own familial histories of war and the ANZAC traditions.

We have included two voices here. The first from Clara Doherty who sent in her painting 'dedicated to all the animals and people that fought in WW2'. The second is from Anita Clayton (nee Jardine) who sent in a copy of her father's account of fighting on the Kokoda Track in 1942. An extract when he was severely wounded reads: 'The trek back over the Mountains was very hard many of the boys were collapsing and had to be carried. The last day coming out I was helped by a mate, then I collapsed at the Ambulance Dressing Station.' Harry Jardine was President of the R.S.L Penshurst Sub-Branch in 1972, 73, 74, 75 and 80.

*Lest We Forget.* Joy Doherty, MRDHS Historian/Secretary.

Above: Large blue poppy for the Animals that have served



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**ANZAC Day Tribute on the Gates of the Peshurst Court House.**



Above: Bailey with the donated painting of the Anzac Red Poppy and The Ode in Peshurst Takeaway.



Above: ANZAC Day Tribute on the Gates of the Peshurst Court House



Right: Peshurst Cenotaph on a rainy Anzac Morning.

Lest we forget.



## Rouse Roundup Stockman's Challenge

Penshurst Pony Club held their annual Rouse Roundup Stockman's Challenge under perfect weather conditions last Sunday.

A total of 47 riders enjoyed a variety of phases over the day, they comprised of a Flat Pattern, B Equitation, Time Trial, Racecourse Ride and Obstacles.



As well as many local competitors, there were a few from the Horsham area, SA, Ballarat and Geelong area, some have ridden challenge events previously and there were others having their first go.

To ensure all is fair there were four sections to accommodate all levels, Open, Novice, Encourage and Junior.



Above: Wayne Field from SA holds the flag high during the anthem.



The Picaninny ring was popular with the under 10 age group. (see page 6)

Left: Club member Emily Featherston negotiating the bridge in the Obstacle course.

## Rouse Roundup Stockmans Challenge



Maddison Downes  
contesting the racecourse  
ride on Ranger. Both are  
members of our club.

Willow Spriggs from Stawell, had a great  
time in the Picaninny ring, collecting lots  
of ribbons.



25th April 2024

Alex and Jenni Kinnealy from the  
Penshurst & District Pony Club  
who walked their horses through  
the Penshurst Anzac Ceremony,  
symbolising the soldiers who did  
not return from Service.

(See the Anzac supplement for  
their photo).

Photographer: Tracey Kruger

Tracey Kruger





## *MURDER AT CHATEAU KOLOR! ARREST MADE!*

50 people were in attendance at an auction of the late Baroness Von Munchen's estate on Saturday April 13 at Chateau Kolor in Peshurst, when the arrest was made by Inspector Clu d'eau.

The murderer, Simmie Shade, an illegitimate daughter of the Baroness, confessed after guests spent the evening investigating the crime.

Other crimes were also said to have been committed in the lead up to the commencement of the bidding.

The eclectic group of guests at the auction included antique dealers, prominent members of the church, entrepreneurs, political activists, spies, assassins and a drug dealer.

A highly entertaining and fun night was had by all! All guests were in full costume with pre-assigned characters to play.

They enjoyed Pierrepoint Wines and Suffoir Gin and Beer and wonderful food from Sturgeon View Restaurant.

If you are interested in being part of the next Murder Mystery at Chateau Kolor or are looking for a very special place for weddings, birthdays or any celebration contact Mary-Lou McDonald 0427 500 137



# Happy Mother's Day

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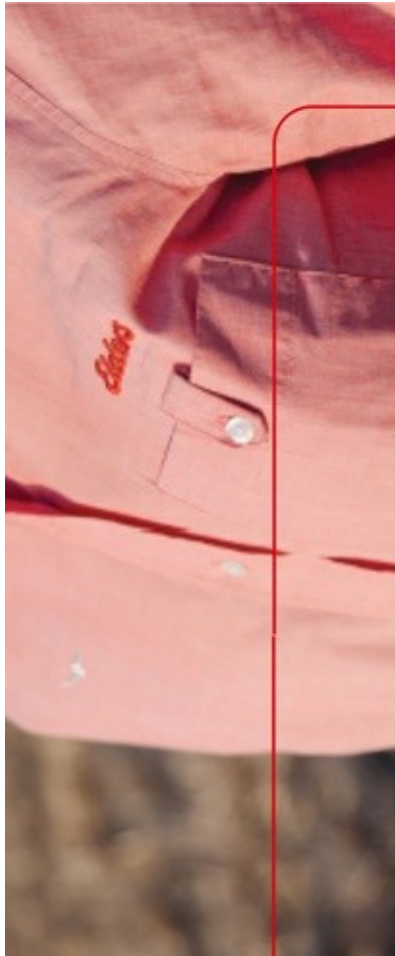
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### I'm writing this on Good Friday

There is a You tube series called 'Letters Live'. In this series Benedict Cumberbatch reads one of Alexei Navalny's final letters dated 17th of January 2024.

Alexei died in what might be called 'puzzling circumstances' and that is me pouring a fair amount of chocolate sauce on it. His opposition to one of the world leaders and his ardent desire to offer an alternative are well documented.

His letter is strongly worded and articulate. With him speaking 'from the other side of the grave' his words are both humbling and foreboding.

In his letter Alexei speaks candidly about his interviews with the prison staff who ask him 'Why did you come back? You must have some secret deal, some arrangement that has not come to fruition yet.'

But Alexei... says "No ..there is no such plot. I have my country and my convictions" and goes on to spell out his love of country with the passion of his convictions. This is why he has returned.

There is a very challenging line where Alexei simply says 'That if you do not act on your convictions then you have no convictions at all'.

This is inspiring and sets the bar dizzyingly high. When I look in the mirror and ask myself the inevitable searing questions...

I'm writing this on Good Friday. A day that means different things to different people and we fill this day up according to our convictions.

For many it's a day when we recall and enter into the mystery of The Master who lived His convictions and so found himself dying a premature death at the hands of others. A bit like Alexei, who acted on His convictions and... Would I, could I? Do I have any convictions?

I'm writing this on Good Friday.

### Wicked little letters

I went to see this film the other day. I should probably start with the health warning that some of the letters were technicolour in their content. That's the next level above colourful.

The film starred some well-known folk like Olivia Colman, Edith Swan, Jessie Buckley and Rose Gooding.

The film was based upon a true court case in the 1920's and without giving too much of the plot away, there were a number of wicked little letters that were posted around Littlehampton in England. The letters are crude, insulting, clever and demeaning. Fingers are pointed at who the author might be and.. well... the plot unfolds with a quirky bounce. It's a jolly good romp. The good guys come out trumps whilst the right person / author is caught out and given their just deserts. Aside from just being good fun, I was reminded again about the potency of the written word. The responsibility on those whose written words are read by many people is significant. Once written, whether on paper or on a screen, they cannot be retrieved. You can't pretend that you somehow didn't write them. In this electronic age it's even more salutary because your words can be speedily sent on to countless numbers of people in the time it takes to click a computer mouse. I don't think that there is such a thing as an anonymous email these days. That's why we rightly employ clever, wise people in this burgeoning industry called Cybercrime.

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### CAVENDISH REDGUM FESTIVAL

Wonderful weather and a fantastic attendance, has left organisers of this year's Redgum Festival, thrilled with it's success.

We were very happy to sponsor the event and more particularly the wonderful work of Rob Bast Sculptor in bringing a red gum stump to life, creating amazing sculptures of gorgeous animals for all to admire. The stump will be a lasting treasure for the Cavendish Community and we were pleased to play a part in this.

Congratulations to all who contributed to a great weekend in Cavendish.



### AUSTDRIVE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Another wonderful initiative was successfully completed recently, with the Austdrive Youth Driver Awareness Program completed in Dunkeld. In conjunction with the Dunkeld Lions Club, we supported this great day, which was very well supported and of great benefit to those in attendance. Organisers were full of praise for the program, with invaluable advice received for not only the students, but also the parents present.





## Penshurst Takes the Lead on Community Safety.

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The next steps involve developing the action plan to set up the Hall as an emergency shelter by the next fire season. The committee is seeking community support by way of:

- joining the committee
- registering interest to be on a roster to open the hall in an emergency
- writing applications for funding grants

Having supported the committee to get to this point, facilitator Jo Vigliaturo is wrapping up her time in this Community Based Bushfire management role and thanks the committee of volunteers - Anthony Page, Ama Cooke, Brendan Cottrill, Peter Brown, Richard Bensen, Sue Jellie - for their efforts and commitment to this journey. "This community led initiative is in very good hands with the level of support from the community for this additional emergency shelter option and the interest expressed by a number of residents in stepping up to join the committee for the next stage of this process".

For further information contact Richard Bensen, Community Safety Penshurst Brigade on 0427517729.

"Water links us to our neighbour in a way more profound and complex than any other."  
John Thorson



NATIONAL  
**WATER WEEK**

**Poster Competition**

**Water for all, inspiring action**

Help celebrate National Water Week this year by creating a poster that demonstrates how water for all inspires action.

A fun activity for the home or classroom in the lead up to National Water Week 2024.

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## A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

**Garlic Butter Roasted Mushrooms**

Prep Time 5mins    Cook time 20mins    Serves 4

From [www.recipetineats.com](http://www.recipetineats.com)

## INGREDIENTS

500g / 1lb mushrooms , button or Swiss brown / cremini OR 8 large (like portabello)	1/2 tsp each salt and pepper
50g / 3 tbsp unsalted butter , melted	Optional Finishing Flavour
1 tbsp olive oil	1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
2 garlic cloves , finely minced	1 tsp fresh thyme leaves (parsley also good for colour)

## METHOD

Preheat oven to 220°C/450°F (200°F fan).

Toss mushrooms with butter, oil, garlic, salt and pepper in a large bowl using a rubber spatula.

Spread on a baking tray and roast for 25 minutes - do not toss or turn.

Remove from oven. If using lemon and thyme, push mushrooms together onto one side of the tray, drizzle with lemon, sprinkle with thyme and toss. Serve immediately!

**How to roast LARGE MUSHROOMS (eg portabello)**

Place mushrooms cap side down (ie stems facing up) in a medium baking dish (so they are kind of snug - they shrink).

Spoon 1 tsp of butter over each mushroom, then use the rest to brush the edges (or carefully drizzle over edges).

Drizzle over olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Roast for 20 minutes (tender but still a slight firmness) or 25 minutes (tender) - no turning. There will be juices in the pan and plenty pooled in the mushrooms caps.

Squeeze over a bit of lemon juice, sprinkle with thyme. Serve mushrooms, drizzled with pan juices .



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**Wicked little letters**

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The lesson for all those who stroke the keyboard, and especially myself is 'Be careful.' Read and re-read, your words before they are sent off into the cyber cosmos. Our wicked little letters are more easily found out in the 2020's than they would have been in the 1920's.

Fr. David Oulton p. 0435 867 040  
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**Jokes to make you jump**

1. Why did the bicycle refuse to jump? It didn't want to tire itself out!
2. Did you hear about the frog who couldn't jump? He was feeling a tadpole down.
3. What do you call a rabbit with a great vertical jump? A hare-raising athlete.
4. When the mattress tried to jump, it just couldn't get a spring in its step.
5. What happened when the inventor created a machine for jumping in time? It was a leap year.
6. Why don't skeletons jump out and scare people? They don't have the guts for it.
7. What do you call a grasshopper that can't jump? A little down in the hop.
8. Why don't we ever see politicians jumping hurdles? They're too busy trying to jump to conclusions.

**Penshurst Shed**



Continues to be open

**Saturday & Tuesday**  
**10am - 4pm**

Talk to the crew for more information about the Shed and its activities.  
We are open for everyone.

**Contact**

Tom Cooke 0488 557 345

**Hospital Ladies Auxiliary needs your help**

**“We are a small group of ladies that cater for funerals, birthday parties and other small events. Over the years our team has become smaller and we are seeking new members.**

**To all the newcomers in town, why not join us ladies. If you are interested just phone Judy on 0437 702 619”.**

**Penshurst Progress Association** ABN 35 622 662 815

president@penshurstprogresss.org.au 0402 870 738

**Next Meeting - Wednesday 22nd May 7.30pm** Penshurst Memorial Hall

*Given the content and size of this newsletter, the PPA report is having a fortnight off.*

*We'll be back next fortnight.*

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Mount Rouse  
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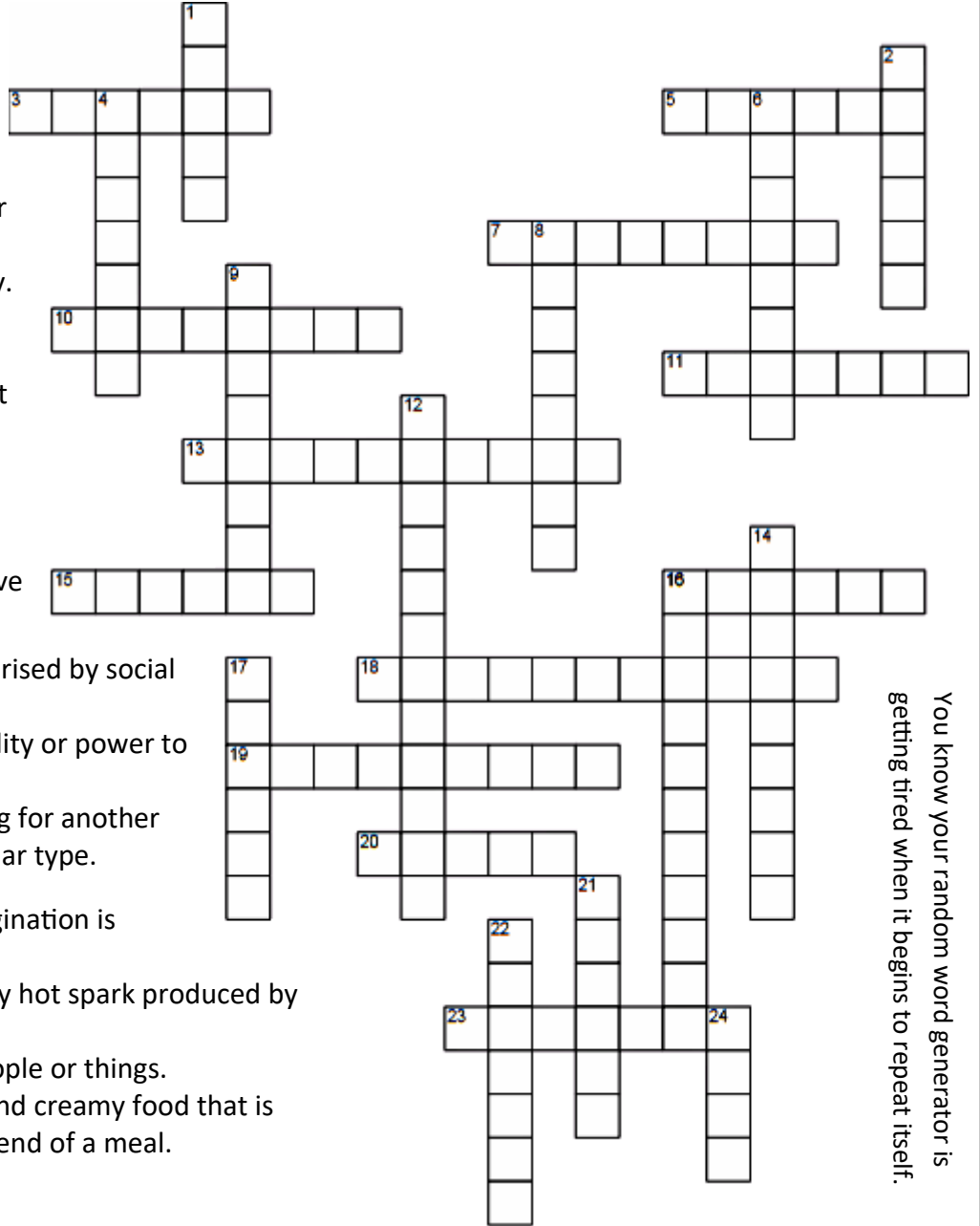
Across:

- 3: A grey or white powder produced by crushing. Inclined to be hot or spicy.
- 5: To move with an unsteady motion.
- 7: Understood though not clearly or directly stated.
- 10: Quiet and calm.
- 11: Admiration felt or shown for someone or something that you believe has good ideas.
- 13: Favouring or characterised by social equality.
- 15: A person with the ability or power to control others.
- 16: To exchange one thing for another thing, especially of a similar type.
- 18: Someone whose imagination is shared with others.
- 19: An enormous and very hot spark produced by thunderstorms.
- 20: A group of twelve people or things.
- 23: A thick, sweet, soft, and creamy food that is usually eaten cold at the end of a meal.

Down:

- 1: Deep sea fishes play area.
- 2: Deepness.
- 4: A great place for ducks and small children.
- 6: A reptile that can kill people by breathing on them or looking at them.
- 8: A small flying insect that bites.
- 9: The order in which things happen.
- 12: An activity in which someone shows, describes, or explains something.

- 14: Water tumbling from high places.
- 16: To adjust or mark a measuring device so that it can be used in an accurate and exact way.
- 17: The official residence.
- 21: Chosen, done, etc., without a particular plan or pattern.
- 22: To err on the side of.
- 24: To shine with low light and heat but usually without flame.



You know your random word generator is getting tired when it begins to repeat itself.

Answers from last fortnight. Across: 4 discover, 7 stage, 9 service, 10 hobbyhorse, 13 link, 16 letterbox, 17 forest, 18 notice, 20 conventional, 22 overcharged, 23 sequence, 24 complex. Down: 1 hammer, 2 unrest, 3 network, 4 distribute, 5 leash, 6 presentation, 8 achievement, 11 bulletin, 12 constituency, 14 ignorance, 15 cow, 19 collar, 21 possible.

**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, Sheppard Centre, - Penshurst Hospital. Please contact Fiona Social Support Group Coordinator on 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

**Mount Rouse & District Historical Society**

- Meetings - 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. New members are most welcome. Contact Joy Doherty 0408 360 801.
- The Court House open for Visitors 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

**Friends Yatmerone Reserve**

- Meeting 2nd Tuesday every second month, commencing February at Volcanoes Discovery 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. penshurst.vic@lions.org.au

Penshurst Book Club - meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 2pm. Contact Ruth Pihl on 0490418313



**AmbulanceVictoria**

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

Ambulance Victoria is looking for people to join the Penshurst team. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/careers/become-a-first-responder/>

**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**

- Meets at the club rooms in Bell Street.
- Bingo.

Contact Helen Brown 0409 934 495

**Penshurst Church Services****Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor**

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**Penshurst Anglican Church**

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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



## Mythical Creatures - Cockatrice



A cockatrice is a mythical beast, essentially a two-legged drago, wyvern, or serpent-like creative with a rooster's head.

Described by Laurence Breiner as "an ornament in the drama and poetry of the Elizabethans", it was featured prominently in English thought and myth for centuries. They are created by a toad or snake's egg hatted by a chicken.

We wouldn't want to see them in our backyards around here.

The cockatrice has the reputed ability to kill people by either

looking at them - "the death-darting eye of Cockatrice" touching them, or sometimes breathing on them.

It was repeated in the late-medieval bestiaries (books about beasts) that the weasel is the only animal that is immune to the glance of a cockatrice. It was also thought that a cockatrice would die instantly upon hearing a rooster crow, and according to legend, having a cockatrice look at itself in a mirror is one of the few sure-fire ways to kill it.

Weasels can be tricky and smelly, and also very loving. I've never heard that about a cockatrice.



The world is full of stories - can you write one about him? Would you like a pet weasel, just to keep the cockatrice away? Why would you do if they actually met and became friends instead?

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