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Story page

Above: Brian O'Brien with old copies of the Penshurst Free Press held in the Penshurst Courthouse.

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Next Meeting - Wednesday 24th July 7.30pm Penshurst Memorial Hall

Good morning everyone,

The community meeting was not particularly long last month. Darren Barber from the Council clearly explained why the budget was so Hamilton-centric, adding that Hamilton, as the main town in the Shire "deserved to shine". I was thinking about a whole lot of other towns that deserve the same, but I understand their sentiments, and hope that, in the long run, some of that shine might trickle down to the towns that still exist, and those struggling to survive. Perhaps, once the Gallery and other projects are completed, there might be more money for the needs of those small towns? It's a rhetorical question.

It's winter and my thoughts turn to daydreams of slow days in front of the fire (or some sort of heating system). The weather is beautiful and ghastly, usually on the same day. The glimpses of sunshine make me long for the warmer weather, which I would not appreciate as much if we had it every day of the year.

Oh, the meeting? Darren did say that a proposal for a 'caravan park extension' would be presented to Council in August, so perhaps we might get some more powered sites. And we were told that we would have improved Christmas decorations, so we asked for banners instead of tinsel wire-framed ornaments.

We were told that seven out of our eight budget items were 'alive', but we could not work out which one was 'dead' when I listed them.

Talking about the sewerage (well, I referred to it vaguely when mentioning the caravan park) residents suggested that the Council might like

to subsidise the cost of pump-outs of the current septic tanks 'every three years'. Something needs to be done about them, but my heart goes out to those with the new systems that have to be checked and cleared every three months.

Changing the subject, I had a phone call from Dan Tehan's office. They asked us to share Dan's speech to the House about the lack of qualified paramedic ambulances in our local region (there is only one) to our Facebook page "Penshurst Victoria". I know the petition only asks for it for Hamilton, but the ambulance will be available to all of us when the need arises, so to give support to the request, there will be a petition around town that we are asking people to sign. You'll find it at the Penshurst Bakery, Post Office, Takeaway, Supermarket and our AgnVet Hardware stores.

A reminder of Summer near Yatmerone Reserve



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Family historians and lovers of Penshurst's amazing history will benefit from a \$4000 grant from the Public Records Office.

Life member of the Mt Rouse and District Historical Society, Brian O'Brien, applied to the PRO for a digitisation grant on behalf of the society.

Mr O'Brien said the grant would see the digitisation of the Penshurst Free Press from 1919 to 1928.

"The grant will enable the State Library (who have the original hard copies) to work with the National Library who have the much lauded Trove system," he said.

"Trove has massive collections from Australian libraries, universities, museums, galleries, archives and historical societies. Family historians especially value its extensive newspaper collections."

Mr O'Brien said Trove had already digitised the Penshurst Free Press from 1900-1918. "The grant will enable Trove to make the Free Press available online from 1919-28. It will especially benefit family historians to see what Penshurst was like in that decade," he added.

"Anyone who has done family history knows it's just not about discovering personal details of relatives long gone, but their lives have to be set in the context of the society they lived in at that time. This is where newspapers are so valuable because they are often the only source to show what a small town was like at this particular time for our ancestors, what were the main issues and who were the personalities of the town."

Mr O'Brien said while it was gratifying to get the grant, there was still much work for future town historians.

"It's roughly \$4000-\$5000 to digitise every decade," he said. "The Penshurst Free Press was published until 1980 so that leaves another 52 years to digitise! That's about another \$40,000-\$50,000 needed. I have started it off by applying for this small grant but I hope some future historical members pursue similar grants in the next few years.

There's a lot left to do," Mr O'Brien said.



Above: The final Penshurst Free Press, edition, Jan 19, 1980.

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SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM July 2024

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION	
July 4 th	AM: Exercises, Mind & movement, Morning tea & Quiz.	Sheppard Centre	
	PM: Bakery for lunch then to the Volcano Center.		
July 11 th	AM: Exercises Mind & movement Morning tea, Quiz, Lunch PM: A touch of Christmas in July	Sheppard Centre	
July 18 th	OUTING: Dunkeld Light Horse Museum & Dunkeld Museum. Lunch at Mt Sturgeon View Cafe	Outing	
July 25 th	AM: Mind & Movement, Morning Tea and Quiz. Lunch. PM: SPKR – Stephen (Brenda's son) on W.A. adventures.	Sheppard Centre	



Enquiries & cancellations Phone: 55518381

- ~ Community are welcome to join the Exercise Group from 10am – 10.45am Followed by Morning tea & a chat
- ~ Should you wish to stay for lunch following exercises & morning tea, exercises cost is included in the daily fee.
- Weekly costs vary depending on the monthly program
- ~ Bookings essential
- ~ Please phone to discuss and register attendance

Program subject to change at short notice





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ICONIC PARKING METRES UP FOR GRABS

Council is excited to invite you to snap up your own piece of Hamilton history as we open Expressions of Interest for the sale of our 'vintage' parking meters.

Freshly plucked from the red bricks of Hamilton's CBD streets, these meters will make the perfect accompaniment to any home, garage or man cave. These vintage treasures make a unique conversation starter, statement piece, or perhaps even add a touch of nostalgia.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor David Robertson said there had been significant interest in the sale of the meters.

"Ever since we announced we were swapping over the meters; people have been asking what our plans are for the old ones. Apparently, they are a hot item for collectors and then there are community members as well who are just keen to own a slice of Hamilton history," said Cr Robertson.

"We have over 100 meters available, so we invite you to get your Expression of Interest in as soon as possible. "Money from the sale of the meters will be put straight back into community initiatives for the Southern Grampians Shire. These unique items are expected to go fast, but get in quick as once they're gone, they're gone," Cr Robertson concluded.

To snag your own piece of Southern Grampians history, simply fill out the Expression of Interest form on our website Contact Council's Customer Service on 5573 0444 for more information. But hurry - these unique treasures won't last long!

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Unlock Your Business Potential with Spendmapp: A Powerful Tool for Local Success

Southern Grampians Shire Council would like to let community and business owners know about the availability of Spendmapp, an innovative tool that can provides unique data insights to understand spending habits in the Shire. This initiative aims to support local businesses by equipping with information to support their marketing and promotion campaigns.

What is Spendmapp?

Spendmapp is a powerful data analytics tool that offers real-time insights into consumer spending habits across various sectors. By understanding customer preferences and spending patterns, businesses can make informed, data-driven decisions that optimize marketing strategies, enhance inventory management, and identify opportunities for growth.

Rory Neeson, Director of Wellbeing, Planning and Regulation encouraged business owners to get in touch with Council to utilise this tool. "By leveraging the data insights from Spendmapp, businesses in the Southern Grampians Shire can enhance their planning, boost their competitive edge, and ultimately contribute to the economic vitality of our region."

How Spendmapp Can Benefit Your Business

Understanding Consumer Behaviour:

Spendmapp provides detailed insights into where and how consumers are spending their money. For example, in May 2024, visitors to Hamilton increased their spending on dining and entertainment by 19%, equating to \$89,361 compared to May 2023. This type of information allows businesses to tailor their offerings to meet current consumer demands.

Optimizing Marketing Strategies:

By identifying peak spending periods for specific products or services, businesses can align their marketing efforts to maximise impact. For instance, the second largest trading day in 2023 was Black Friday, when \$1.1 million was spent, with \$350,000 coming from visitors outside the Shire. This data can help businesses plan their promotional activities for maximum effect.

Enhancing Market Performance Tracking:

Spendmapp offers a comprehensive view of spending in your retail area, enabling you to make informed decisions on inventory, pricing, and new offerings. Benchmark your performance against local trends and identify opportunities for improvement and growth.

Planning for Expansion:

If you're considering expanding your business, Spendmapp provides crucial data to help you choose the best new locations. By analysing spending patterns in different areas, you can find the optimal sites for new stores or services.

Get Started with Spendmapp

We encourage all local businesses to take advantage of this valuable resource. For more information on how Spendmapp can help your business, please contact our Economic Development team at ecodev@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or call us at (03) 5573 0240.

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Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.

Philosophy is wondering if that means ketchup is a smoothie.







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Fun facts for a winter day.



A gathering of platypus is a puddle.
A flock of ravens is an unkindness.
A bundle of rattlesnakes is a rhumba.
A bunch of bunnies is a fluffle.
A group of ferrets is a business.
A clump of porcupines is a prickle.
A batch of sloths is a snuggle.
A tumble of armadillos is a roll.
A clutch of kittens is a kindle.
A flock of parrots is a pandemonium.
A gang of vultures is a wake.
A mass of crows is a murder.
A group of larks is an exhalation.

The process of an alpaca giving birth is an unpacking.

I asked my daughter to give me a phone book.

She laughed at me, called me a dinosaur and leant me her phone.

Now the spider is dead, the iPhone is broken, and my daughter is furious.



A variety of jokes

- Why do cowboys write poetry?
 Because they're inspired by the moos.
- 2. Why didn't the angry farmer divorce his wife when she traded their prize milking cow for a book of poetry?

Because he vowed to love her for butter or verse.

- 3. Why did the pine tree get into trouble? Because it was being knotty.
- 4. Do you want a brief explanation of an acorn?

In a nutshell, it's an oak tree.

5. What do you get when you cross a tabby cat with a lemon tree?

A sour puss.

6. Did you know that I can cut down a dead tree just by looking at it?

It's true. I saw it with my own eyes!

A pair of jumper cables walk into a bar. The bartender says, "I'm fine to serve you but you better not start anything".

7. What has 10 letters and starts with G-A-S? Automobile.

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Of Faith and Doubt.

When we think about the faithful worshipper we swiftly jump to the conclusion that they never have questions, doubts or dry prayer days. Their book of life is all sorted and has been read, digested and enjoyed with no tricky bits to negotiate.

But to claim that we have all the answers, to swear assuredly that we are right and you are wrong is breathtaking in its audacity, inappropriate in its rudeness and just down right dangerous in its self entitlement.

Any honest God botherer will tell you that there are always doubts, questions and wrestling. Frequently there are days when our prayers are nothing more than authentic tears and passionate fist shaking.

So if we have given the impression of being smug "know - it - alls" then we have done ourselves a disservice and have cheated others of a wild adventure. A perilous, risky, thrilling ride where we are always learning new things and continuously confessing that we think differently now. Surely when we admit that we haven't got the answer, we create a void, an opportunity to grow and an experience to relish and enjoy.

Faith and doubt are one package and they need each other. They are on the same single continuum and not at war with each other. The two sides to the single coin. They are forever calling to one another, confronting each other complementing each other.

Nick Cave captured this exquisitely when he said "The tragedy with easy Christianity is that it takes away the adventure we are called to have with God. When all risk and courage are eliminated, so too is the passion and the mystery."

So give me the adventure and the questions. Give me the colour, the sparkle and the surprises. Give me the doubts and give me the faith.

"Throwing bombs over my shoulder"

It was a little line that caught my attention. It slipped past very quickly but it made me stop and think; the words rattling around long after the words had finished making a sound.

I've known people who have left organisations and on their way 'out' have thrown a bomb over their shoulder. It's not a courteous thing to do and it leaves a mess for the next person and those who are trying to settle them in.

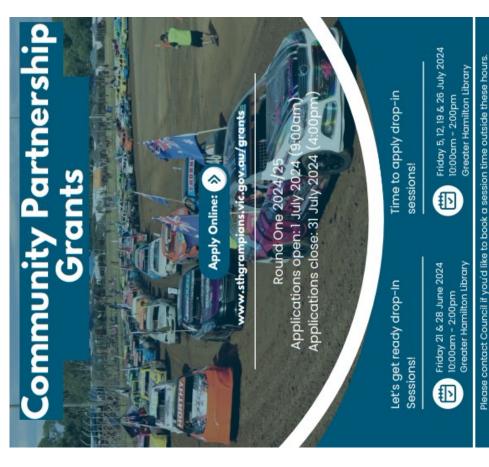
But that is not what this person was referring to. They were talking about the process where they tried to obliterate their past and ...I get that. I really do. To chuck a bomb over your shoulder and completely eliminate what has gone before. There are things in all of our lives that we wish had never occurred. Errors of judgement, the unexpected illness or death, the unravelling of a relationship. Sometimes it's a combo of all of the above.

And while the past is the past, it can never be completely extinguished. We are all products of our past no matter how shady or scarred or icky. The trick I think is to learn from what has gone before and to use that as jet propulsion fuel for the future. To hopefully not make the same mistakes again. To be shinier, wiser, smarter, gentler and maybe even smile more. To reach out a hand to those who have fallen in the same pothole that we fell into. To be able to say ... 'This is what I found helped me when the wheels fell off.'

The past, is the past, is the past and far from demolishing it we can actually learn from it, put our anger and bombs away and look forward to the future.

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Southern Grampians Shire Council



Thursday 18 July 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm Penshurst Hall

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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Italian-style sausage stew with polenta

Prep Time 10 mins Cook time 25 mins Serves 4

From taste.com.au

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp olive oil

8 Coles Italian Style Pork Sausages

1 eggplant, halved lengthways, thinly sliced

2 zucchini, thinly sliced

200g Portabella mushrooms, quartered

2 x 410g cans Ardmona Rich & Thick Basil

& Garlic Chopped Tomatoes & Paste

1 1/2 cups milk

1 cup instant polenta

1/2 cup basil leaves

METHOD

Step 1

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook sausages for 8 mins or until just cooked through. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2

Add eggplant, zucchini and mushrooms to pan. Cook for 5 mins or until softened. Add tomatoes and 1/2 cup water. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 12 mins or until tender. Slice sausages and add to pan for the last 2 mins of cooking.

Step 3

Meanwhile, bring milk and 1 1/2 cups water to the boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add polenta in a steady stream and cook, stirring, for 5 mins or until soft and creamy. Serve with stew and top with basil.



Garlic Bread

35cm baguette

60g butter, softened

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 tbsp fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, finely chopped

Step 1

Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Cut bread into 2.5cm-thick slices without cutting all the way through.

Step 2

Combine butter, garlic and parsley in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Spread mixture over cut sides of bread slices. Wrap loaf in foil.

Step 3

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until butter is melted and bread crisp. Serve.



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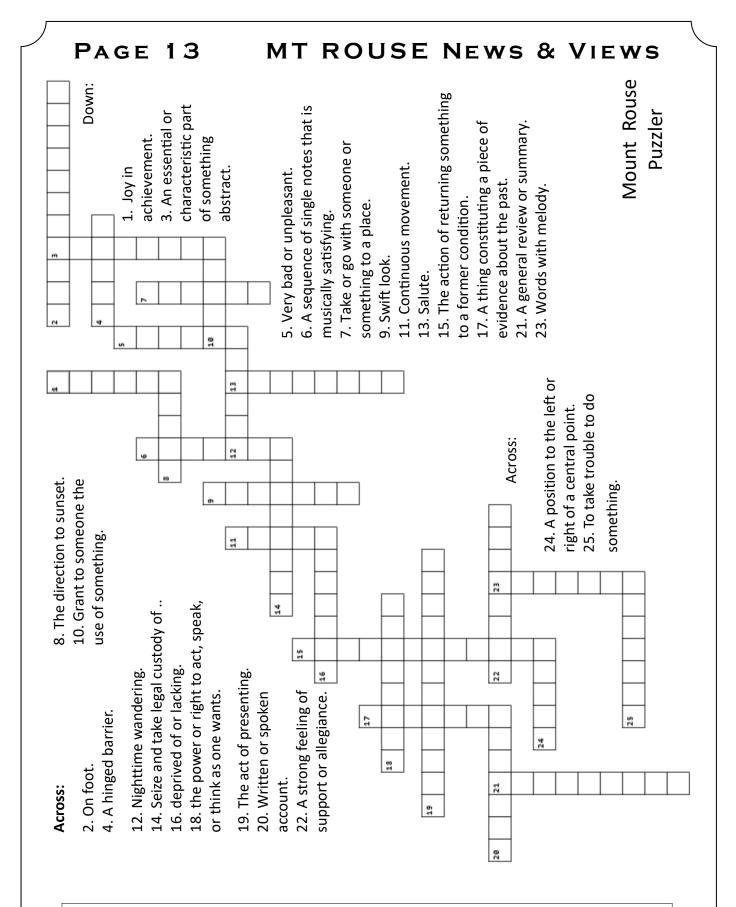
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Answers to last fortnight's crossword. Across: 2 purple, 6 prescription, 10 tune, 12 private, 15 analysis, 18 stimulation, 19 instinct, 20 worry, 21 chair, 23 marketing, 24 suntan, 25 dairy. Down: 1 reduce, 3 chest, 4 compensation, 5 restless, 7 representative, 8 kindly, 9 well, 11 disclose, 13 waste, 14 rain, 16 stomach, 17 microphone, 22 forward.

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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



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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.

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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

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

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 0475685946 & Fr. David Oulton 0435867040

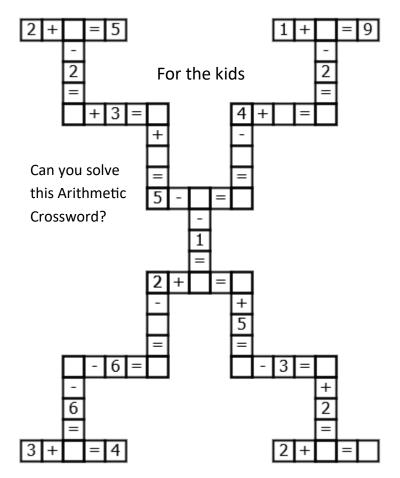
St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

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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

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7	8	6	2	6	2

Above: Find the two numbers that add up to 10 and circle them. The squares can be connected horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

Below left: How does the magic square works? You have to write in every square a unique number from 1 - 9. The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the

diagonal must be the same as the numbers are printed around the puzzle.

			18
			19
			8
8	22	15	15

Right: Calcudoku is a combination of an arithmetic and logic puzzle. The rules are the same as sudoku, but you get clues. Every 'cage', a group of cells, has printed the result of arithmetic operation on all the numbers in the cage.

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^{18 +} 7	16 +	8	72 x	7 -	2			1
2	3	^{30 x}		6	9 /	20 +		
9	19+		²- 7	5		11 +	54 x	2
	7		13 +		3		6	9

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