

MT ROUSE News & Views



Community Newsletter

Penshurst Grants Roadshow at the Hall - Wednesday 5th February 1pm - 3pm



Penshurst Citizen of the Year

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Tony Doyle, CEO of Southern Grampians Shire, hands Ama Cooke her certificate

Penshurst Citizen of the Year 2025 - Ama Cooke

The newsletter committee has hijacked some pages in this edition from our editor as she has been named Penshurst's Citizen of the Year for 2025.

Ama Cooke has a very long list of community service which shows her commitment and passion for our wonderful town.

The list includes: **Co-creator** Penshurst Progress Association - President 2018-2024; **Co-creator** Mt Rouse News and Views Community newsletter - **Co-editor** 2018-2020, Editor 2020-current; Co-creator Penshurst Men's Shed - Secretary 2018-current; Co-creator Penshurst Creative Arts - Penshurst Art Show 2015-current, Penshurst Photography Show 2022-current; Penshurst Memorial Hall - President 2019 – 2024, Secretary 2017-2019; Penshurst Emergency Management Committee - Member 2021-2024; Mt Rouse and District Historical Society - Secretary 2021-2022; Advance Penshurst - Treasurer/secretary 2013-2014; Volcanoes Discovery Centre - Treasurer/Secretary 2013-2014; Penshurst Agricultural and Pastoral Show - Member 2013-2015.

Together with the Penshurst community we wish to congratulate Ama on receiving Penshurst's Citizen of the Year, she is a very worthy recipient.

The Newsletter Committee

Emma KEALY MP

NATIONALS MEMBER FOR LOWAN



"If you have an issue you need a hand to resolve, or a great idea on how we can make our region a better place to live, work, study, and do business, I would love to hear from you."



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Australia Day in the Gardens

What a glorious day Penshurst residents were treated to on Sunday when the community came together to celebrate Australia Day in the Penshurst Botanical Gardens. A large crowd turned out and were treated to musical accompaniment, compliments of Paul Sutherland and Tony Hogan. Rod Orchard raised the Australian flag and the crowd sang "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR".

Our guest of honour was the C.E.O. of the Southern Grampians Shire Council Mr. Tony Doyle and he had the honour of presenting the award to the PENSURST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR. There were six residents nominated and the resident with the most nominations was the recipient of the coveted award and this year the award goes to AMA COOKE. Congratulations Ama! Well deserved after years of tirelessly serving the community.

The Master of Ceremony was Rob Coates and he talked about where we have come from and our forefathers and foremothers that made enormous sacrifices to forge the nation that we are privileged to call home today. Our colonial past was discussed as well as the devastating effect white settlement had on the indigenous population.

He called on the audience to think about who we are today. What are our values and what do we envisage moving forward, in particular for our beautiful town of Penshurst.

The highlight was reminiscing about the great Australian poet BANJO PATTERSON and Rob recited CLANCY OF THE OVERFLOW, much to the delight of the audience.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a BBQ breakfast compliments of the PENSURST LIONS CLUB.

A big thankyou to the Penshurst Progress Association, the Penshurst Lions Club, Paul Sutherland, Tony Hogan, Will Gordon, Sarah Vafidis, Jacqui Tribe, Rod Orchard, Kate Orchard and the Penshurst Post Office for their hard work in making the day a success.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations on 26th January next year. SEE YOU THERE.

More photos page 4 & more



Above: Where there's a Will, there's a way.



Wanted



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Australia Day in the Gardens



Top left: the Lions Club are always ready to help.

Top Right: MC and secretary of PPA, Rob Coates.

Above: Our favourite musicians.

Above left, and below: the Ceremony was enjoyed by everyone.



Five Minutes with **DAN TEHAN**

Wannon's hard working local MP is delivering outcomes for our community.

Dan Tehan has been Australia's Trade Minister, Education Minister and Veterans' Affairs Minister, and is the Federal Member for Wannon. He lives and works in Hamilton and is a mad Richmond Tigers fan.



Dan, tell us about your job as a Federal Member of Parliament?

It's the best job in the world, to be honest. My mother was a state MP and she taught me the values of hard work, respect and giving back to your community, and that's how I approach my job as an MP. I also love the variety of my job. One day I'm talking to school children in the Peshurst area about Australia's democracy and the next day I'm helping a business in Peshurst with a visa issue.

What's the best thing about your job?

Helping people and delivering for our community is the most rewarding part of the job. I've delivered over \$3 billion in funding to projects across Wannon. These range in size from new change rooms at sporting clubs to the Federal Government's \$50 million investment in the Great Ocean Road. Every project I have helped with has improved life for people in our community. Even as a Minister in Government, my work has helped local people. As Trade Minister I negotiated the UK Free Trade Agreement that eliminated tariffs on Australian agricultural goods exports to the UK, which has helped our dairy, beef and grain producers in Wannon.

What's one of the hardest things about your job?

The driving can be daunting. At over 34,000 square kilometres, Wannon is bigger than Belgium, stretching from the South Australian border in the west to almost Geelong, covering the Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road on the coastline right up to Casterton and Ararat in the north. I try as hard as I can to cover the whole electorate


and that means a lot of time away from my home in Hamilton. But I've made a commitment to the region and I don't believe you can properly represent a regional electorate if you don't live and work in it. I've done over 100 listening posts around the electorate in 2024, and more than 1,000 since I was elected. It's important that I stay connected with the entire electorate as every community is different and it's important to represent them all.

What is your plan for Wannon?

My plan for Wannon is to keep making our communities the best in Australia to live, work and raise a family. We need to increase funding for our roads, (not cut it like the Albanese Labor Government have done), immediately address cost of living issues, invest in our health network and keep developing our community infrastructure. We also need to support small businesses and farmers—who are the engine room of job creation in the electorate—and deliver practical, local, outcomes for our natural environment. In short, my plan for Wannon is to continue to build on the over \$3 billion of funding already delivered, strengthening our communities and way of life.

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Jokes from nature

- When are grass seeds unhappy?
When they're for lawn
- What did the grey rock say to the green rock?
I'm lichen your colour
- How would dolphins grow on trees?
In a pod
- What plant can you grow in your hand?
A palm tree
- Why do people laugh more in mountainous regions?
They're hill areas
- What has pincers and grows on trees?
Crabapples
- How did the mountain know what was on the other side?
It had a peak
- What do you call a dead pine tree?
A nevergreen

Penshurst Senior Citizens Club



TUESDAY 25th February

At 2pm

**At the Club Rooms
(corner of Bell & French Streets)**

All Welcome

"Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The earth does not belong to us;
we belong to the earth."

Chief Seattle



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Caramut and District Garden Club

It is said that when you move to a new home with a garden, do not be too hasty in cutting out dead looking plants. I have moved and was wanting to cut out a very badly pruned, cut back plant which turned out to be a Hibiscus similar to the one pictured.



I didn't realize that there was such a large variety of Hibiscus until I started researching the plant for these notes.

The Hibiscus family has around 220 quite diverse species including hot-climate evergreen shrubs and small trees and there are also a few deciduous, temperate-zoned shrubs and even some annuals. They come in many colours with large single or double flowers with rich pink being the most common.

Hibiscus are fairly heavy feeders and like plenty of food and water during flowering. A rich well-drained soil with plenty of compost or manure is what they like. Trim after flowering to maintain shape. They are frost-sensitive and need sun in winter. Well, my four plants might not look so good at present but are still blooming, if not profusely, despite many years of neglect which I will eventually remedy.

The next meeting of the garden club is on Tuesday the 11th Feb meeting at the Hamilton Botanic Gardens at 10am where we will have morning tea. The "special" bloom for the month is a dahlia. A bloom and an item of produce are also the other competitions for the month. The competitions are a way of showing off products from our gardens. Please bring your own mug and a fold up chair. A short meeting will follow (usually to discuss where the next meeting will be). Members of the

garden will meet us there and give a small talk and a guided tour of the gardens. Following this we will then go onto the garden of Robyn Brader.

For more information, please contact the secretary, Marita 0439 669 839. Visitors are always welcome.

The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana.
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If 2024 was a maths problem

If you're walking on the icecream at 5 grams per toaster and your bicycle loses a sock, how much gravy will you need to repaint your hamster?

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Community Satisfaction
Survey Set to Open
January 28**

Southern Grampians Shire Council invites residents to have their say in the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey, which runs until mid-March.

Council CEO Tony Doyle emphasised the importance of the annual survey in shaping the Shire's future.

"This survey is an invaluable tool for understanding how our community feels about Council's performance. It highlights where we're excelling and pinpoints areas that need attention," Mr Doyle said.

"Your feedback helps us make informed decisions, improve services, and plan for a stronger future."

Independent research company National Field Services (NFS) will conduct the survey. A minimum of 400 local residents and ratepayers aged 18 and over will be randomly selected to participate in a telephone interview. The survey will cover key topics such as:

- Council performance
- Community consultation and engagement
- Customer service

Overall Council direction

National Field Services (NFS) will clearly identify themselves when calling. Importantly:

- They will not ask for personal information like names.
- They will specify how long the survey will take.
- Calls will not come from mobile numbers.

Participation will be anonymous.

The survey is conducted by the Department of Government Services on behalf of participating councils. Results will be compiled into a report comparing Council's performance against previous years, other councils across the state, and similar municipalities.

In 2023, over 30,000 residents from 66 local government areas participated, providing valuable insights for local governments across Victoria.

For more information, visit www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au or contact Victorian State Government Services on 136 186.

For general enquiries, please contact Southern Grampians Shire Council on 5573 0444.

28 January 2025 - Community Input Sought for Safer Local Roads Upgrades

Southern Grampians Shire Council is excited to announce a major step forward in road safety improvements, thanks to a grant opportunity through the TAC's Safe Local Roads and Streets program. This initiative, developed in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning, provides funding of up to \$2 million for each Victorian council to deliver critical road safety upgrades.

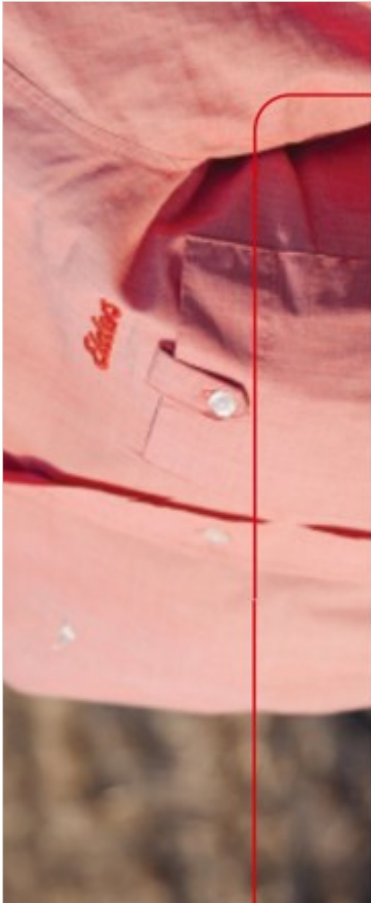
With this funding, the Council is focusing on addressing key recommendations from the 2023-2024 road safety audits, ensuring safer journeys for all road users across our Shire.



**More from
Australia Day**

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See you in 2026.



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MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

**Community Input Sought
for Safer Local Roads
Upgrades (continued)**

The planned upgrades include:

- **Safer intersections:** Several Y-intersections will be transformed into T-intersections, which will significantly improve visibility and reduce collision risks.

Enhanced school crossings: Flagged crossings near schools will be replaced with raised 'Wombat crossings,' offering safer, more visible pedestrian zones.

Mayor Dennis Heslin shared his support for the initiative.

"These projects have been carefully selected based on risk assessments, ensuring the grant funding makes the greatest possible impact. By addressing these key areas, we're not only improving road safety but also enhancing the infrastructure our communities rely on every day."

Council's Project Management Office is eager to hear from the community about these proposed upgrades. Community feedback will play a vital role in shaping the final plans and ensuring the improvements reflect the needs and priorities of local residents.

Please visit our [website](#) to explore the proposed projects in detail. Here you will be able to share feedback through our engagement portal.

Want to stay in the loop on these exciting projects and other Council news? Subscribe to the Southern Grampians [Enews](#) today and never miss an update.

31st January 2025 - **Have Your Say on Hamilton's CBD Revitalisation**

Southern Grampians Shire Council is excited to invite the community to help shape the future of Hamilton's CBD as part of a major streetscape revitalisation project. **The Hamilton CBD Revitalisation Project** will focus on the CBD streetscape between Kennedy and Cox; and French and Lonsdale Streets. This project, which will be completed in three stages, aims to create a more vibrant, welcoming and accessible town centre and will explore options to improve public spaces, introduce more public art and signage, parking, and improved trees and landscaping. Council is now seeking feedback on concept plans for the first stage of the project, Gray Street between Brown and Thompson Streets, including the roundabouts.

In this stage, the current central zebra crossing is proposed to be retained and raised, with the existing central widened footpath area to be lengthen. Feature trees, new garden beds, public art and new street furniture are proposed in this area to provide a vibrant central activity zone. The two other existing informal narrow road crossings are proposed to be removed. The existing **red brick footpath paving is to be removed** and replaced with stone paving laid on a reinforced concrete slab.

The Commonwealth Bank forecourt will be revamped with new street furniture, landscaping and new public art installation and the Thompson Street and Brown Street roundabouts will also see improvements, with refreshed garden beds and new street furniture.

The current London Plane trees throughout the CBD are causing issues and risks for Council due to dropping leaves, allergens and invasive roots extending well beyond other species and into private properties and drainage systems. For these reasons, they are proposed to be removed as part of the project as each package is reconstructed and replaced with a more suitable, semi-mature species.

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MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTHERN GRAMPPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL



Have Your Say on Hamilton's CBD Revitalisation

Southern Grampians Shire Council Mayor Dennis Heslin is eager to see the transformation take shape.

"The Hamilton CBD is long overdue for an upgrade. We are keeping community at the front of mind throughout this process. We want to create a space that's beautiful, functional, and welcoming for everyone.

"These plans have been developed following previous consultation with the community and we're now seeking your feedback on what's proposed. I encourage everyone to get involved in this consultation process so we can make sure we get it right," concluded Cr. Heslin.

A pop-up consultation space will be open at 107 Gray Street in Hamilton from **Wednesday 5 February to Friday 7 February 10-7pm and Saturday 8 February 9-12pm**, where residents can drop in and chat with Council staff. Feedback can also be provided online until Monday 17 February at Hamilton CBD Streetscape Revitalisation | Engage Southern Grampians. <https://engage.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/hamilton-cbd-streetscape-revitalisation>

There will also be a dedicated business session at **Hamilton Cinema on Tuesday 4 February** from 6.00 to 7.30pm to discuss the project with local traders and the long-term benefits for our shopping district.

Penshurst Hair Design



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For further information about this project, please visit our website or give us a call at (03) 5573 0444. You can stay up to date with Council news and projects by subscribing to our monthly newsletter.

More from Australia Day

Deep thoughts and conversations





It's time to play... "Catch the snow ball"

I heard of this endearing game the other day from the other side of the globe. You create a snowball and allow your pet dog to see it. Then you hurl the snow ball into the distance where it splatters into a thousand snowflakes.

Your dog has followed the flight of the snowball through the air and has bounded off exuberantly to chase the snowball but then when the snow ball has exploded, runs around in quizzical circles almost as if to say 'I know it's around here somewhere.' Then, called back the process is repeated with both owner and pet enjoying the game and sense of fun.

As I imagined this game it seemed to bear an uncanny resemblance to my own quest to grasp the divine. The glimpse of something unquestionably real, the bounding along with hope and delight only to find that somehow what I thought I was chasing has morphed into a different dimension and I am left puzzled and intrigued. 'What just happened here?'

What if the aim is not actually to capture the snowball and claim it solely for myself. Maybe the thrill of the chase is what it's all about.

I ponder that the snow is all about and around. What I saw was perhaps just a concentrated and compounded glimpse of something that is not elusive, but is natural, available, reachable and as infinite as snow in the northern hemisphere on a chilly February evening.

And then I turned the whole thing on its head and asked. 'What if in fact it is we who are the elusive part in this game?' Maybe it is an exuberant and enthusiastic God who simply is chasing us and longs to play 'Catch the snowball'.

Plunge into the grunge

Over the years it has been my undeserved privilege to totter along to a few dinner parties. These were often colourful and riotous occasions with tasty food and refreshing beverages. Sometimes new acquaintances were initiated. Frequently old relationships were enhanced and strengthened. There was often giggling and sometimes uninhibited, raucous laughter. As far as I'm aware no-one ever got arrested and the experience is recalled with fondness and affection.

But those ingredients of friendship, conversation, privilege and service are also to be found in what comes after dinner party. The grungy, inevitable dishes.

Some of my most fruitful conversations were not at the dinner party table but at the kitchen sink doing the washing up. Here in the hot sudsy water, adorned in my finest rubber gloves and Mothers Union apron, I learnt about the important stuff. The argy bargy over that will that was made last century and is still hotly contested at vast expense. Old so and so's gout/hernia/tonsillectomy. The time when The Reverend X did the unthinkable and unspeakable.

It's easy when the wine is flowing, the food is fabulous and the company is witty and sparkly, but this is only a small part of the whole life experience. Such bliss is unsustainable. Real, authentic service, the gritty nitty stuff, the muck that really matters, is often not attractive, a bit on the nose and not at all glamorous. There must be times when we roll up our sleeves, maybe even put on a pair of gum boots, take a deep breath and plunge into the grunge.

It is there that we do some of our finest work and some of our most rewarding service. It is there in the bathing of wounds with patient listening and reaching out with a compassionate heart that we will find ... we will find Him.



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A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Air fryer chicken rissoles

Prep 15 mins Cook 10 mins Serves 10

INGREDIENTS

500g Chicken Mince	1 zucchini, coarsely grated
25g (1/2 cup) panko breadcrumbs	Honey mustard dressing
40g (1/2 cup) finely grated parmesan	2 tbsp olive oil
3 green shallots, thinly sliced	1 tbsp lemon juice
2 garlic cloves, crushed	1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1 egg, lightly whisked	1 tbsp honey

Method

Step 1 - Combine mince, breadcrumbs, parmesan, shallot, garlic and egg in a large bowl. Squeeze excess liquid from the zucchini and add to the bowl. Season and mix until well combined.

Step 2 - Shape 1/4 cupfuls of the mixture into 10 balls. Place onto a lightly oiled tray and gently press out to 7cm rounds. Cover and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to chill.

Step 3 - Spray the rissoles and air fryer basket with oil. Cook at 180°C for 10 minutes or until golden and cooked through. (Can be cooked in the oven 180°C for 30 minutes).

Step 4 - For the dressing, whisk the oil, juice, mustard and honey in a small bowl until well combined.

Step 5 - Serve the rissoles drizzled with the dressing.

**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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Mount Rouse
Puzzler

Across:

- 3: A fillet of herring rolled up in onion.
- 4: A period when lights are kept off or are hidden from view to guard against enemy airplane attack in a war.
- 7: Not having curves, bends, or angles.
- 10: A person who does hard physical work for money.
- 11: Equally distant from the ends or sides.

- 12: To place in a desired order.
- 14: To be in a situation in which you are fighting or disagreeing.
- 15: The act of exploring something.

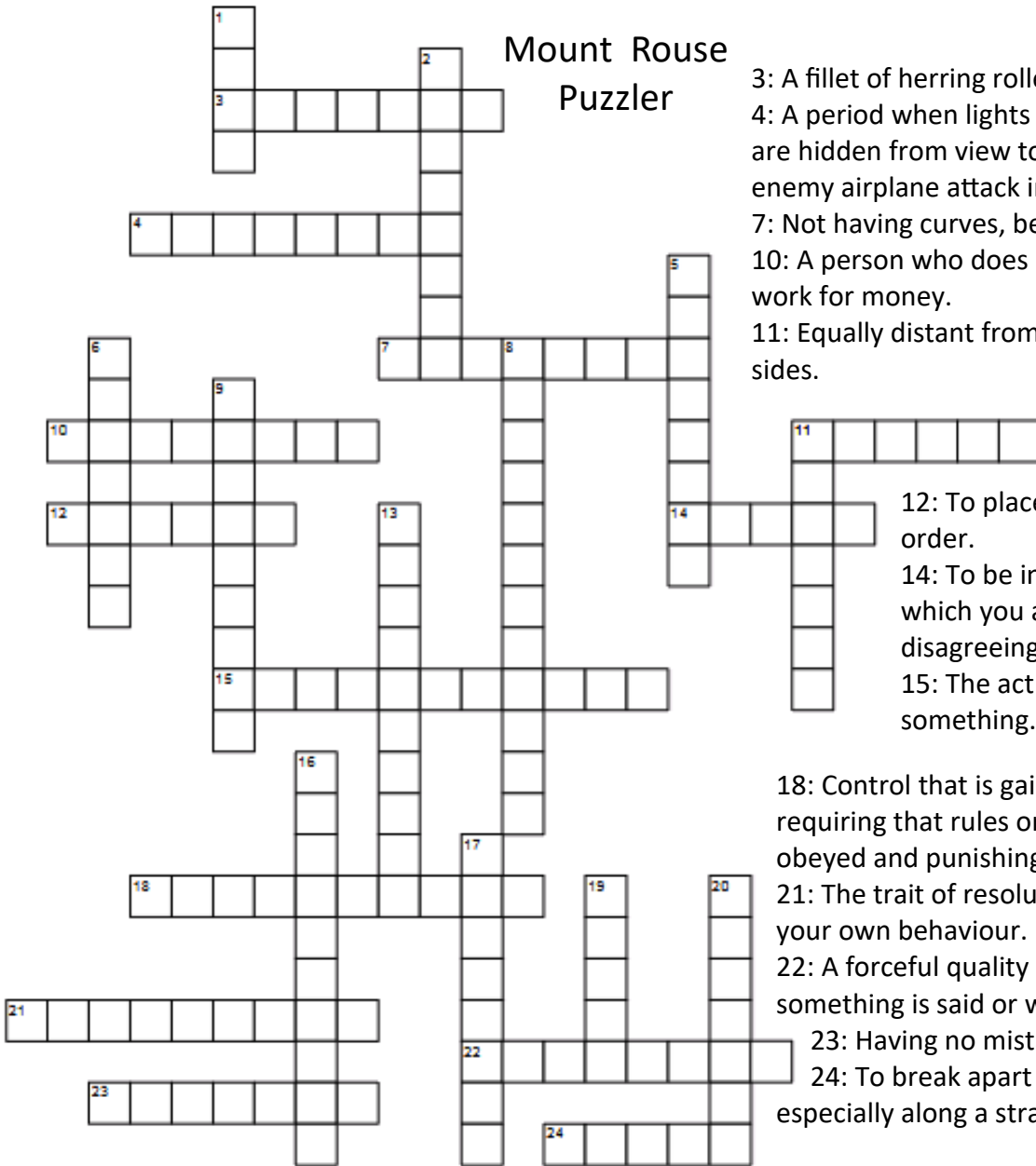
- 18: Control that is gained by requiring that rules or orders be obeyed and punishing bad behaviour.
- 21: The trait of resolutely controlling your own behaviour.
- 22: A forceful quality in the way something is said or written.
- 23: Having no mistakes or flaws.
- 24: To break apart or into pieces especially along a straight line.

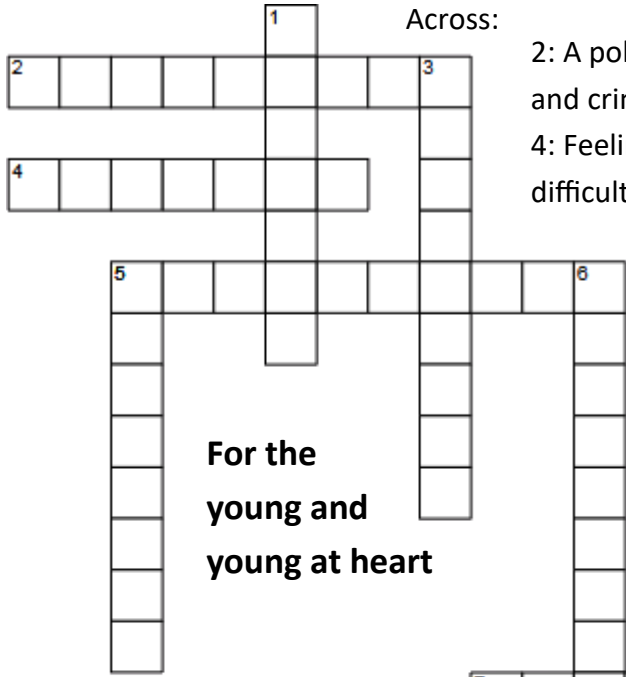
Down:

- 1: One of the pieces, sections, qualities, etc., that make or form something.
- 2: Happening all the time or very often over a period of time.
- 5: The quality of being watchfully calm.
- 6: A short bar that is hung high above the ground by two ropes; a real swinger.
- 8: To gather or acquire something gradually as time passes.

- 9: Having the necessary skill, experience, or knowledge to do a particular job or activity.
- 11: Unable to be found.
- 13: Of or relating to the past.
- 16: A lack of something that is needed.
- 17: To speak in a subtle way.
- 19: To walk with regular steps as a group.
- 20: To prove that someone is guilty of a crime in a court of law.

Crossword answers from last newsletter: **Across:** 3 glasses, 5 revise, 6 crowd, 7 gear, 8 playmate, 11 pawn, 12 ecstasy, 13 baseball, 14 widen, 17 aloof, 18 officer, 21 secretion, 22 offal, 23 wheel, 24 memory. **Down:** 1 sleeve, 2 ceremony, 4 tribute, 8 perception, 9 influence, 10 native, 15 nap, 16 hourly, 19 fitness, 20 lottery.





**For the
young and
young at heart**

Across:

2: A police officer whose job is to investigate mysteries and crimes.

4: Feeling or showing confusion because something is difficult to understand.

5: Glasses or showing off.

7: What we have when there is no school.

9: To close and then open your eyes very quickly.

11: The firm round edible fruit of the apple tree.

13: Thin, flat material made from crushed wood or cloth, used for writing or printing.

14: To move or go up something using your feet and often your hands.

Down:

1: To cause something to reach, often as far as possible, in a particular direction.

3: Activity requiring physical effort to improve health and fitness.

5: The sport or activity of moving through water by moving your arms and legs.

6: Someone who tells or writes stories.

8: A place where children go to be educated.

10: Something that helps a person find something, understand something, or solve a mystery or puzzle.

12: To say, write, or print the letters of a word or name.

Crossword Puzzle Poem by AI

A grid of squares, a mystery to find,
With clues to follow, words to unwind.
Across and down, the letters align,
A puzzle game, so clever and fine.

"What's a furry friend, with a wagging tail?"
"A dog," you say, and fill in the trail.
"A place to sleep, with sheets so soft,"
"A bed," you write, and the answer aloft.

With pencils sharp, and thinking so keen,
Each box you fill, a little victory scene.
A challenge to solve, a brain teaser's delight,
The crossword puzzle, shining so bright!

You can write a poem about 'anything'.



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 or contact Marita 0439 669 839

Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- 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 the Social Support Group Coordinator on 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 the Secretary 0418 141 301. 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 Progress Association (PPA)

- 3rd Wednesday - February - November 7.00pm Penshurst Memorial Hall

Penshurst Senior Citizens

- Meets at the club rooms in Bell Street. Bingo 4th Tuesday each month.



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/>

Community Meetings

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

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.
Contact Jenni 0409 962 969

Penshurst CWA *Next meeting Tuesday 28th January at 7.30pm. Penshurst Senior Citizens Centre. Newcomers are very welcome.*

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
Fr. David Oulton 0435867040

St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

1st Sunday No Service

2nd Sunday Mass 5pm

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 5pm

5th Sunday No Service

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