

# Penshurst

## Southern Grampians

Emergency Numbers			Map Ref
Police, Ambulance, Fire		000	
Powercor	Service difficulties	132 412	
Police Station	Martin St	5576 5222	D3
Southern Grampians Shire Council	After hours emergency contact	0418 528 313	
Wannon Water	Customer Service After Hours/Emergency	1300 926 666 1300 926 668	

### Southern Grampians Shire Services

Council Business Centre	111 Brown St, Hamilton 3300	5573 0444	
Penshurst Transfer Station	Tip Rd Tue, Thurs, Sun 1pm - 5pm		
Home & Community Care Services		5551 8484 or 5551 8486	
Family Day Care		5551 8484	
Maternal & Child Health Services		5551 8488	

### Health Services

James Dean Pharmacy	Depot 32 Bell St Limited hours	5576 5213	D3
Kolor Lodge Aged Hostel	Watton St	5552 3000	B4
Tristar Medical Clinic	146 Cobb St	5552 3023	B4
Penshurst & District Health Service	Cobb St	5552 3000	B4

### Schools

Penshurst Pre-School Centre	71a Watton St	5576 5298	D4
Penshurst Primary School	Ritchie St	5576 5433	D5
St Joseph's School	11 Martin St	5576 5438	D4

### Sporting Clubs

Penshurst & District Racing Club		5571 9546	
Penshurst Football Netball Club		5576 5549	F2
Penshurst Lawn Bowls Club		5576 5473	D3
Penshurst Pony Club		5576 5557	

### Churches

Anglican Church	Cobb St	5576 5414	C4
Catholic Church	Martin St	5576 5244	D4
Tabor Lutheran Church	Tabor Rd	5573 5209	
Uniting Church	Martin St	5576 5520	D4

### Businesses

A.J Page Electrical Pty	91A Bell St	5576 5404	D3
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Brian Loria Brick & Tile	125 Cox St	0418 501 739	
Burn Brae Homestead and Tearooms	4977 Hamilton Highway	5576 5590	
Cottrill's Plumbing	26 Martin St	5576 5255	D3
Glenn Cameron Plumbing	6064 Hamilton Hwy	0409 520 354	
Kelly's Merchandise	76 Bell St	5576 5549	D3
Mandy's Hair Design	88 Bell St	0417 511 177	D3
Mark Nicholson Excavation		5576 6262	
Page Livestock & General Transport	59 Cox St	0428 528 224	C2
Page Super		5576 5557	E2
Penshurst Cottage Nursery	3 Hamilton Hwy	5576 5556	
Penshurst Hotel	92 Bell St	5576 5252 0418 817 134	D3
Penshurst Licensed Grocer	80 Bell St	5576 5270	D4
Penshurst Newsagency & Takeaway	86 Bell St	5576 5330	D4
Penshurst Palliative Care Op Shop		5576 5512	
Post Office	31 Martin St	5576 5220	D3
R&K Watson Livestock Transport		5576 5239	
Sparks Agricultural	67 Chesswas St	5576 5583	E2
Stuart Burger Cartage	Springfield Ln	5576 5516	
Thornton's Engineering	Hamilton Hwy	5576 5383	C2

### Community Groups

Advance Penshurst			
Historical Society		5571 2145	
Lions Club of Penshurst & District		5576 5002	
Mount Rouse & District Historical Society		5571 2145	
Penshurst Apex Club		5576 5579	
Penshurst Cemetery Trust		5576 5241	
Penshurst Football & Netball Club		5576 5549	
Penshurst News		5576 5276	
Penshurst Memorial Hall		5576 5502	D3
Penshurst P&A Society		5576 5051	
Penshurst Senior Citizens		5576 5276	E3
Penshurst Swimming Pool		5576 7226	D3
Penshurst Fire Brigade		5576 5581	D3
RSL Penshurst - Sub-Branch		5576 7243	E4

Community Services	
Community Bus	Departs from Town Hall and Senior Citizens Centre. Thurs Fortnightly 5551 8480
Mobile Library	Thursday Fortnightly - 3pm to 4pm Front of Volcanic Centre
V-Line Bus Service	Martin St (Tickets available onboard)

### Accommodation

Maween of Penshurst	54 Scales Street	5576 7285	
Parkview Stays	100 Chesswas St	0418 817 134	D2
Penshurst Caravan Park	Cox St	5576 5220	D3
Stonefield Estate Vineyard B & B	899 Stonefield Ln	5576 5378	

### Places Of Interest

Boram Boram Cemetery	Boram Boram Ln (off Hamilton Hwy)		
Burger's Museum	Springfield Ln Open by appointment	5576 5236	
Court House	Open first Sat of each month 9.30-12.30 or by appointment	5576 5366	D3
Gnadenhal Cemetery	Days Ln - Settlers were primarily Wendish families from Saxony		
Jan's Fine Glass	597 Gerrigerrup Rd Open by appointment	5576 3282	
Jean Lee's Art Gallery	112 Chesswas St	5576 5229	
Madigan's Tea Room & Antiques	29 Martin St	5576 5167	D3
Mount Rouse	Panoramic Views of lava plain and the surrounding district. Access by vehicle. BBQ facility and walking tracks.		
Penshurst Community Market		5576 5220	
Ruins of 'Herrnhut'	Days Ln - Also known as 'Krumnow Ruins'		
Rurik's Shed	36 Martin St Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday	5576 5499	D3
Tabor Cemetery	Tabor Rd		
Volcanoes Discovery Centre	23 Martin St Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday and school holidays or by appointment	5576 7233	D3
Wetlands Garden	Chesswas St - BBQ Facilities		D3
Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve	Ritchie Street		

For more information contact the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre  
Lonsdale Street Hamilton 3300



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Volcanoes Discovery Centre



Madigans' Tea Rooms & Antiques

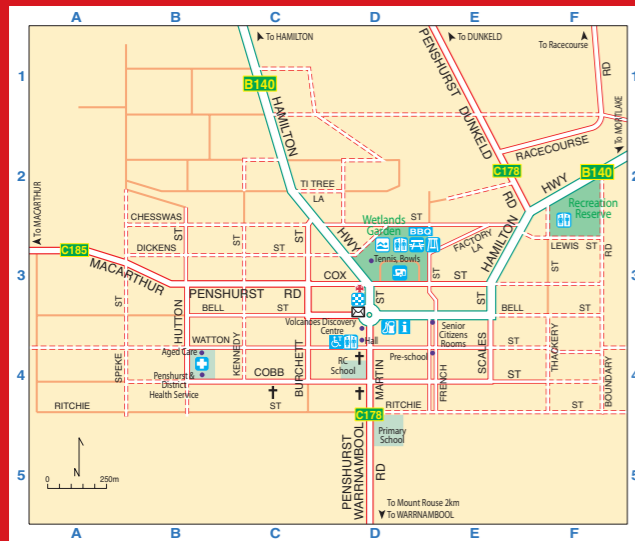


Wetlands Garden



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Cover : Mount Rouse Lookout



Elm trees grace the verandah-clad main street at the majestic town of Penshurst. It's not hard to take yourself back to the grand old days of the squatter in this town where quality building material is everywhere and many of the early settlers became as rich as the volcanic soils of the area.

Humans have been enjoying the area long before European settlement, with many Aboriginal tribes inhabiting the Penshurst district for thousands of years. Penshurst became a central focus when it became the only Aboriginal Protectorate in the Hamilton region, operating from 1842-1848. After the Protectorate closed, the town was surveyed and the first building blocks were sold in 1851.

Like many areas of the Southern Grampians, the early settlers left their mark in style, a style that can be very easily appreciated today. Such is the quality of the bluestone at Penshurst that the State Parliament and Treasury buildings in Spring Street, Melbourne were made from rock quarried in the area. You too can appreciate the marvels of the volcanic past of Penshurst by walking up Mount Rouse, yielding one of the best views in the region.

Romantics will be naturally drawn to the top of Mount Rouse at sunset and sunrise and with good reason as the first and last rays of the day will show you why Eugene Von Guerard was inspired to paint the Grampians from the top of Mount Rouse. Penshurst is also the home of painter, mosaic and

stained glass artist, Napier Waller, who went on to create the wondrous Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

For a more revealing experience of Mount Rouse, why not take the crater walk which will introduce you to the many features of this distinct land form. Wallabies will hop around you while other wildlife such as lizards and birds can be seen. A walk has been created across the face of Mt Rouse and you can enjoy a barbecue among beautiful native trees.

A more detailed understanding of the volcanic eruptions and lava flows (Mt Rouse has the longest in Victoria) can be found at the town's Volcanoes Discovery Centre. You don't have to be a geologist to get excited by the sheer power of the eruptions that took place – but be warned that although the area is now safe from volcanic eruptions, you may become hooked on rocks with a visit to the discovery centre. Whilst there pick up a brochure outlining a walk around 22 historical buildings in the town. Many of these are bluestone, again underlying the love of the material by the town's pioneers.

The rare bluestone dry walls that still exist around the Penshurst area are another testament to the hard working and patient settlers to the area – the intricate nature of their construction always impresses.

A very good cappuccino is available at Madigans, Penshurst's original general store that is now also an antique shop where bargains lie in wait. Penshurst shops also provide a wide range of goods including counter meals, take away foods, newspapers, drinks, groceries, hardware, building appliances, bric a brac and secondhand books.

As a small country town of 500 residents, Penshurst is on the cusp of a revival, not only because agricultural pursuits have been more favorable of late, but because the town lies on the popular tourist route from the Great Ocean Road to the Grampians.

While in town, take a stroll through the small wetlands area developed near the caravan park, fed by a natural, ever lasting spring. The park itself is a great place to have a picnic and has barbecue facilities. It also contains a caravan park which has six powered sites and is conveniently next to the bowling club, tennis courts and bowls club.

The biggest sporting event of the year in the town is the Boxing Day races held on its picturesque racecourse. Here you will enjoy a truly Australian country experience at one of the few picnic race meetings that has retained its local charm.