

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



A Project of the Penshurst Mens Shed Inc

F R E E E V E R Y F O R T N I G H T

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PENSHURST POOL – A Great Place to Keep Cool

Southern Grampians Shire pools are free to enter and enjoy. The pool located in the Botanical Gardens in Penshurst is no exception and is a great place to cool off this summer. The Council supplies life guard and we spoke with Temika Gay from Macarthur who can come to our pool three



times a week. She is about to go to university as do many of the other life guards. Temika emphasized the shortage of available life guards and informed us that when there are

more than twenty five people at the pool, which is the case on hot days, a second guard is required to comply with safety regulations. While the position is paid, it is still casual and offers a good opportunity for young, fit people to earn extra cash over the summer. See you at the pool.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 23rd February 2019

The newsletter will be published on Wednesday fortnightly and we would appreciate submissions at the earliest possible time within the fortnight but no later than the Saturday immediately prior to the Wednesday of publishing.

**WDHS SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP****INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR COFFEE MORNING 10.30am**

When: Thursday 28th February 2019
Where: Penshurst Newsagency & Takeaway
86 Bell Street, Penshurst

Representatives from Western District Health Service Social Support Group will meet with you, the ***Penshurst Community*** to report back findings and suggestions moving forward to support you to meet your needs wishes

We welcome you

Brenda Uebergang

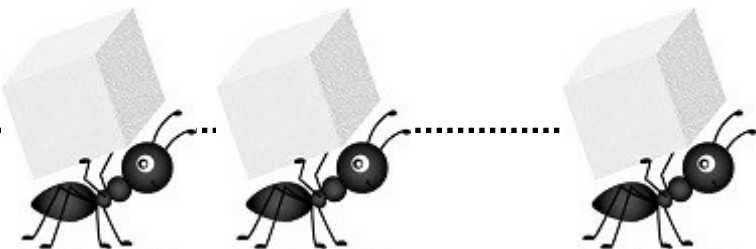
Social Support Group Manager ph 55518472

Riddles

1. What room can you eat?
2. What has classes but moves?
3. Why don't ants wear gloves?
4. What room can no one enter?
5. What has a neck but no head?
6. What is the center of gravity?
7. What has teeth but can't bite?

Answers to last fortnight's riddles:

1. A question
2. They use a 'cow'nter
3. A monkry
4. Remove the letter S at the beginning
5. A vegetable
6. Time - as time flies
7. When it's ajar



Stone Wall Repair at Yatmerone



Phil Lane repairing Yatmerone's stone wall

Phil Lane, Rock Pro stonemason was recently at Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve repairing a section of stone wall. Phil specialises in dry-stone structures including walls and houses.

Yatmerone is a significant freshwater wetland and habitat for rare and threatened species i.e. Western Swamp Crayfish. The dry-stone walls at the entrance of Yatmerone help protect the reserve from stock incursion.

Dry stone walls are a feature of the volcanic areas in western Victoria, with many sites under heritage protection. Built without cement or mud for mortar, rocks and stones are carefully placed to strengthen the wall, and this relies on the skill of the waller.

The original Yatmerone entrance walls were built by renowned Camperdown stonewaller Alistair Tune and volunteers.

Funding for the stone wall repair project was made possible through the Southern Grampians Shire - Greater Grants Program. The Friends of Yatmerone thank the shire for their support.

Australia Post providing a service to the community

Pictured right is John Brennan with a new automated external defibrillator to be installed over the post box outside the Peshurst Post Office.

Australia Post is supplying defibrillators to all licensed post offices and we applaud this initiative.

It is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life threatening cardiac event and treats it through defibrillation. This is the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson.



The defibrillator will be installed at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th (today) with training in its use available to the time at the post office.



Post Offices have changed in many ways over the years,
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PENSHURST MENS SHED

103 Cobb Street Peshurst

In January and February the workroom of the Shed will not be open on high
temperature days.

All Welcome

The shed is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday Social afternoon 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Caramut and District Garden Club

The New Zealand Flax is a very hardy plant under all conditions. I have never watered mine and it grows very well but would really thrive if given some water during the summer months.

Leaves can reach 5m in height, with a width of 12 cm. Propagation is by seed or root division. The honey eaters love the flowers and are fun to watch hanging upside down searching for the nectar.

The flax has been one of the Maoris' most useful plants and has often been used as rope and twine. The fibres are among the strongest in the known plant world, tested to have the strength almost of metal ropes and impossible to break by hand. The leaves are also used to make skirts and parts are used for medicinal purposes.

As we have had no rain for January, the garden will require watering. A good soak once a week or once a fortnight is much better than a light sprinkle each day. Apart from the vegie garden which needs regular watering, I haven't watered my flower garden as yet and I must admit, could do with a good soaking. Now is a good time to tidy up plants that may have spread too wide over pathways. Roses can be 'summer pruned' now. This is just a tip pruning to promote more flowering growths. Later this month, pelargoniums and geraniums need to be pruned hard if you want plenty of flowers next Spring. Prepare bulb beds ready for planting next month by digging in plenty of compost or other rotted organic material and some animal manure. I leave my bulbs in the ground for many years and just put mulch or sheep manure over the top. If they become too thick, the younger bulbs push the older ones out when new growth begins. These bulbs can be planted elsewhere or given away.

In the vegie garden, lettuce, carrot, spring onion, cabbage, broccoli, parsnip and parsley can be planted. Most evergreen plants can be planted out at this time of the year. Plant in the evening or early morning. The day before planting, dig the appropriate size hole, completely fill with water, when soaked away, refill as the ground needs to be well watered well the day before planting, and the plants kept out of the sun while waiting in their pots making sure they too are well watered before actually planting into the ground.

Dog: The only garden pest to be successfully domesticated.

Penshurst Hospital Market & Car boot sale

On again, come down for a great day out!

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 10 AM–2 PM

Penshurst Memorial Hall, Martin Street Penshurst

Crafts, sausage sizzle, Little Golden Books, Raffles and lots more. Face painting, leather belts and horse whips. Candles, toys, bags, cards, etc, etc.

And of course food, plants and bric a brac. Car boot sale.

Gold coin entry with all money going to your local hospital and aged care.

Phone Nanette on 55723257 if you would like a stall or to book your car

Lisa Gonnet

Reiki Master: Teacher/Healer/Counsellor.

I am a Reiki Master. I offer Reiki healings and teach Reiki to others. Being a Reiki master is not a position of power, Reiki masters follow their own path of personal development. Using the Reiki principals, as a tool to make healing life changes, Reiki has allowed me to release attachment to many of my past hurts and mistakes and to learn to allow life to flow and to live in gratitude, it has become a way of life.



So, what is Reiki? Simply said it is the laying on of hands to access the positive energy that surrounds us, it is the energy we tap into when we want to comfort someone, the energy many call Universal Life Energy, to me it is simply Unconditional Love.

A usual Reiki session lasts up to an hour, the client will remain clothed and the treatment will generally take place with the client lying down, the practitioner will put their hands on and allow the energy to flow and, without ego, let it to do the work. Reiki is a very powerful & safe healing modality



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VULNERABLE PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

During the bushfire planning workshop conducted by the CFA on 1st February last there was some concern expressed by attendees with regard to vulnerable persons within our community and how they are assisted in an emergency.

Who is a vulnerable person?

A vulnerable person is someone living in the community who is frail, and/or physically or cognitively impaired and unable to comprehend warnings and directions and/or respond in an emergency situation.

Vulnerable Persons Register

The Vulnerable Persons Register (VPR) is a local list of people who may need consideration in an emergency. The register is maintained by agencies that provide personal care, support and case management services to people living in the community in partnership with Council.

What type of event will activate the VPR?

Any fire, flood, storm, heatwave, earthquake, explosion, terrorist act, accident, epidemic or warlike action) which:

- endangers, or threatens to endanger, the safety or health of persons or animals, or
- destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, property; and
- that may require a significant and co-ordinated response.

Further Reading

Following is a link to the State Government's Vulnerable People in Emergencies Policy which is a comprehensive outline of the arrangements around vulnerable clients in facilities (nursing homes/ assisted living) and within the Community.

<https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/health-and-human-services-sector-emergency-preparedness-policy-2018-19-word>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**An invitation is extended to all ladies to attend the World Day of Prayer event on
Friday, 1st March at 10:30 am**

It is to be held in the Sheppard Centre at the Penshurst Hospital

The Service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and the theme is:

'Come - everything is ready'

Everyone is welcome.

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Check our board for weekly specials!

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7am - 8pm Friday, 7am – 8pm Saturday

8am – 7pm Sunday

Please phone late orders 15 minutes prior to closing, thank you.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN PENS HurST

Volcanoes Discovery Centre

www.penshurstvolcano.org.au

Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve

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Botanic Gardens

Chesswas St Penshurst

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The Mount Rouse steps are closed at the present moment due to renovations.

Words to the Wise

“When you arise in the morning think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe,
to think, to enjoy, to love” **Marcus Aurelius**

Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it.” **George Halas**

You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise
by his questions. **Naguib Mahfouz**

The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend. **Abraham Lincoln**



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Advance Penshurst is going through some quiet, but important, changes. After 25 years, and many years of discussions, the Committee will be approaching the members of the Association to **change the name to the Penshurst Progress Association**. A Special Resolution Meeting has been set for the 27th February at 7pm in the Supper Room of the Memorial Hall, with a break for a cuppa and then the usual Community Meeting to commence at 7.30pm. The current members of the Association, over 50 in number, received notification of the changes by email or post last week. **Many people were signed onto the AP Association for insurance reasons a few years ago.** If you no longer wish to be a member simply email the president@advancepenshurst.com.au and say so, or drop your signed resignation form into the red box at the Penshurst Takeaway before the 26th February so that we can update our records. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

It is time to review the Penshurst Community Plan. Why are we doing this again?

A quick look through has shown the Committee that a number of items have been fulfilled, are no longer required, or were missing completely - such as the Memorial Hall. By updating our Plan we are telling the Council that we consider Penshurst a great place to live and that its important enough to each of us to spend a little time thinking about what we believe will make the town grow and thrive. The beginning of the review will be at the next AP Community meeting mentioned above, starting at 7.30pm. These meetings are open to everyone in the Community and newcomers are always welcome.

Stage 2 of the **Community Plan review** is to take it to the people. We will be doing this at the Penshurst Hospital Market on the 16th March. We hope to see you there for the Penshurst Hair Day and our fundraising for the Hospital, Cancer Council and Leukemia research. These are all good reasons for either having your head shaved, coloured, or simply having morning tea.



Penshurst Christmas Market - this December AP is discussing plans to decorate the Botanic Gardens with some beautiful solar lights and has applied to the Council for a grant towards this project. We are also talking about taking the Christmas Market to the Gardens and expanding it, as we have lost the Agricultural Show. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Ama Cooke

MONTHLY MEETING DATES

- Book Club, 2nd Wednesday each month at Senor Citizen club rooms.
- Caramut & District Garden Club, 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10 am. See Garden Notes for venue.
- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 1230 pm.
- Friends Yatmerone Reserve, 2nd Tuesday each month at Volcano Centre 7.30 pm. New members welcome.
- Indoor bowls 2 pm every Monday at Senior Citizens. All Welcome.
- Lions, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at 8 pm.
- Mt Rouse & District Historical Society, 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at Court House. Phone 557 12145.
- Penshurst Bowls Club, 1st Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm.

- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room, Penshurst Hospital at 1.30 pm.
- Penshurst Playgroup meets every Monday morning 9.10 am—11.30 am at the pre-school in Watton street. Everyone most welcome. (No playgroup in School holidays)
- Penshurst Pony Club rally, 1st Sunday each month.
- 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 Urban Fire Brigade, 2nd Monday monthly at fire station.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 4 pm at Hospital.
- RSL meets 1st Thursday of February, April, July & October at 6.30 pm at RSL Hall, Ritchie Street.

Would you like your group listed here, contact Mark on 0409192612 or email

mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com

Upcoming Events in Penshurst

27th February Advance Penshurst Special Resolution Meeting, 7.00pm

Community Meeting 7.30pm at the Penshurst Memorial Hall

16th March Penshurst Hospital Market & Car boot sale

With Penshurst Hair Day and a review of the Community Plan

22nd—24th March Penshurst Art Exhibition @ Penshurst Memorial Hall



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Watch this spot

We welcome contributions to all sections of our Newsletter. Any suggestions for things you would like included please send to the Editor at: mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com

The following recipe was submitted by a reader this week.

Spaghetti Carbonara—Serves 4

Something light and tasty for Autumn

INGREDIENTS

- 400g spaghetti or other pasta
- 200g pancetta cut into 1 cm wide strips
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 eggs, plus 1 extra yolk
- 100ml thickened cream
- 2/3 cup (50g) freshly grated parmesan, plus extra to serve
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley leaves

METHOD

1. Cook pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water according to the packet instructions. Meanwhile, heat oil in a frypan over medium heat. Cook pancetta, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until beginning to crisp. Add garlic for 30 seconds, then set pan aside.
2. Place eggs, yolk, cream and parmesan in a bowl. Season, then mix gently with a fork. Drain pasta, then return to pan. Quickly add egg and pancetta mixtures and parsley. Toss to combine - the heat from the pasta will cook the egg slightly and form a creamy sauce. Serve immediately with extra parmesan.

MT ROUSE STEPS




Updates from the Council

Due to unforeseen problems, the Mount Rouse steps are still inaccessible to residents and visitors but were reviewed by Council staff last Friday and should be finished by the end of February. This might include the turning of the small Napier Waller plaque.

As can be seen in the photograph, there has been some progress on the

construction of the steps. The truck shown has a crane attached to assist with lifting the framework of the new steps into place. When this was taken last week the framework had progressed approximately half way to the summit. We, and our many visitors, look forward to its completion.




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The answers to the Word Search 2

Words to search for ...

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 resonate
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A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN



Letter F is for friends and family, and the wonders of nature that we can Find. How many of our animal and insect friends can you Find in this picture? Can you name them all and colour them in their correct colours.



The Frogs' Race

By [Dulce Rodrigues](#)

One day, a group of frogs decided to make a race and get to the top of a high tower.

A lot of people came to see them and give them their support, but the race had just begun and everybody was already saying that the frogs would not get there: "It doesn't make any sense going on! You'll never reach the top of the tower!"

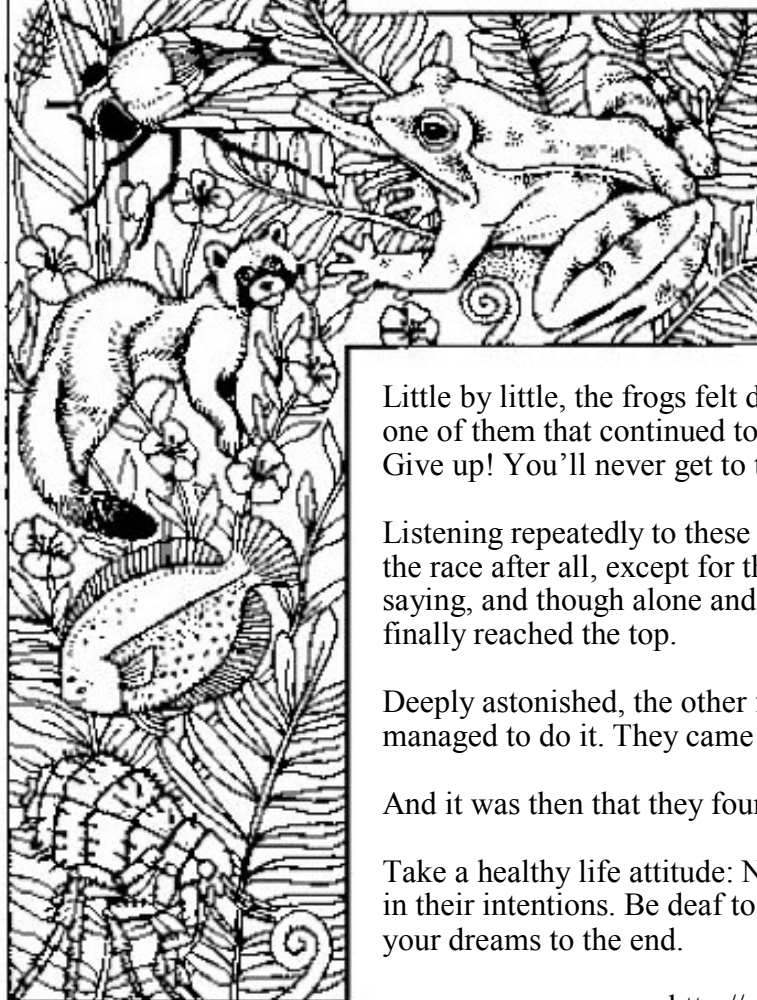
Little by little, the frogs felt disappointed and discouraged, except for one of them that continued to run. And everybody cried out: "Give up! Give up! You'll never get to the top!"

Listening repeatedly to these negative words led the frogs to abandon the race after all, except for the one frog that, despite what people were saying, and though alone and with great pain, continued to run and finally reached the top.

Deeply astonished, the other frogs wanted to know how she had managed to do it. They came to her and asked her what her secret was.

And it was then that they found out that... she was deaf!

Take a healthy life attitude: Never to listen to people who are negative in their intentions. Be deaf to discouraging words and always follow your dreams to the end.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In this section we welcome your comments and views. If you have good news or a burning issue please send a letter to the Editor at :

mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com.

The Editor reserves the right to decide on which letters will be published and whether to precis longer submissions.

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Dear Editor,

Young Citizen of Penshurst Australia Day Award.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Penshurst Australia Day Ceremony 2019. A very enjoyable local event that is getting better and better each year. Congratulations to Brian O'Brien for receiving the Penshurst Citizen of the Year Award 2018, very much deserved. Perhaps we can also think about awarding a Young Citizen of Penshurst Australia Day Award in 2020 as well. To recognise a young resident's (possibly between 16-25 years old) contribution to the Penshurst Community.

Joy Doherty, Penshurst Resident.

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Thanks Joy, what a good idea. We will add this to our
monthly discussions at the AP Community Meetings. Editor.
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The flower for the month is a rose



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22nd—24th March



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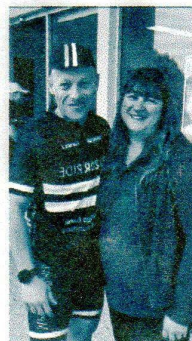
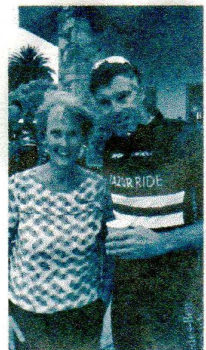


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Razor Ride

On Tuesday 5th we greeted the arrival of the riders participating in the Razor Ride, a fundraising ride supporting the wonderful work of Griefline Community and Family Services Inc. The 6 day, 850km ride takes in various parts of Victoria and we were fortunate to host morning tea for the riders and support staff. Led by Ray 'Razor' Chamberlain, renowned AFL umpire and legendary Australian cyclist, Phil Anderson, the morning was enjoyed by all. After refreshments, the cyclists headed on the next leg to Port Fairy. The morning was also an early opportunity to celebrate eight years since the commencement of our branch in Dunkeld. Top: Louise with cycling legend, Phil Anderson.



TAIL END TALES**THE ADVENTURES OF PUD****Pud and the Fireworks Display**

Pud had a mate called Joe. They were seen whispering away for some time so we gathered they were up to something or other. Joe had worked in the mines and somehow obtained a blasting ticket. He was possibly the most dangerous man you could ever run into with, of course, Pud running neck and neck just squeezing in to second place. Whatever they were scheming would for certain 1. not work and 2. be very dangerous. The waterfront Tavern had decided to put on a New Years Eve fireworks display and hired a pyrotechnic team made up of, you have guessed, Joe and Pud. What could go wrong?

Let me paint a picture. Pud's son was the gardener at the Tavern so most of the vegetation was long dead and dry right down to the water's edge. There was a little concrete wharf that was unlikely to burn, along with the water in front of the tavern and under the wharf. But tied up to the wharf were several million dollars worth of boats that could easily burn. Next to it was an abandoned Fish Factory, two older houses, a police station, then the Tavern. But then, well within range was a large fuel storage facility. Oh yes, and Pud's house right next to all the petrol and diesel.

Ask yourselves again. What could go wrong?

The plan was to send the fireworks towards the tavern so the burning empties fell short and landed in the water. Another factor was wind. On the night it was gusting to gale force from the south east.

Pud and Joe had complete confidence in their own ability, that was only partly shared by the owner of the tavern because the patrons all burst into fits of laughter when they heard what was coming and who was in charge.

Needless to say, a large crowd had assembled.

Pud and Joe barricaded off the wharf and anyone who cared about their boat had vamoosed long ago. All that was left near the wharf was insurance claim hopefuls. The fireworks began. The first one light up the sky in a brilliant display and the wind assisted shell landed right on the front lawn of the Tavern and started a grass fire that was quickly put out. "Just getting their range" said the tavern owner with some uncertainty creeping into his voice.

Pud and Joe made some adjustments to the equipment so it wasn't going to hit the Tavern and let rip with a salvo.

No spot fires could be seen so they launched into a frenzy of rocket launching. It was a fabulous display. Meanwhile, the local policeman was resting up, watching TV with his family, knowing New Years Eve could be a long night. Then they smelt smoke. He rushed outside to find his lawn alight in several places. As he sprayed the lawn with a hose, more burning rockets were landing all around him. "Who is responsible for this madness?" he asked himself. "The only person I have booked in 6 months was old Mrs. Robinson and she is in her eighties."

Then he remembered, Pud and Joe." Quick" he said to his wife," take over the hose, I have to stop those two before we lose the town.

One very angry copper burst through the barrier on the wharf and shut down the rocket launchers for good. Pud and Joe were very contrite and so they needed to be, because the policeman failed to see the funny side of the situation for a long while.

No charges but no more fireworks either. The World was a much safer place.