

MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



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

Tripping over the pavement

I had a phone call a couple of weeks ago from one of our Elders who tripped and fell over the upraised pavement in front of the VDC. How many others, I wonder, have done the same. This is not the only location where pavement is either upraised, broken or completely missing, and these sorts of problems are what should be brought to the attention of the Council, for repair or installation .. just for the sake of public safety. Talking to the Council is one job for the Progress Association, if only to back up the voices of individuals.

When the Councillors came to visit the town in March they set up their 'Listening Post' in the Mobile Library van outside the Hall, and some of us went up and stood in the blustery wind and talked to them about projects that need to be attended to. One or two people came with a long list. How much of it has actually been done?

But back to the subject in hand .. How many of you have tripped on the pavement somewhere? Hopefully not with serious damage, because I don't think the Council would appreciate being sued for damages. If you will advise the Progress Association, and my phone number is visible on the windows of the Hall, then we can accumulate enough comments to help the Council realise that safety is one of the issues for own town, and always will be. Thank you to the people who have been talking to us at the Men's Shed, and/or emailing and phoning me. We want to hear your issues and concerns. You know where to find us.

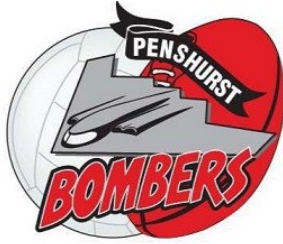
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - 15th June 2019

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.

Editor : Mark Dalla Costa

All correspondence to: mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com



Sheep/Lamb Drive

The Penshurst Football Netball club is conducting a sheep and lamb drive. If you are willing to donate stock for sale, the stock will be collected on Sunday 16th June. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested in donating please contact

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OUTCOMES FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

PENSHURST SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP

The new look Penshurst Social Support Program commenced in May after months of Community meetings and consultation with the Community to identify gaps in service provision, advertising the new program throughout the Community through post and Community News. The first month of the new service has been a resounding success with numbers increasing each week. Week four into the program and our group consisted of 18 participants. Note: We are capped with the number of participants we can have on any one day, remember to confirm your attendance the following week the SSG staff or phone – as per program above.

Many thanks, Brenda Uebergang, Social Support Group Manager.

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM – June 2019

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION
June 6 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am---- <i>Followed by morning tea----</i> 11.20am-12:30-table games/scrabble/whiteboard games/cards/jigsaw puzzles PM: Queen's birthday activities	Sheppard Centre
June 13 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by morning tea----</i> 11:20am-12:30. Cooking lunch, fish, chips and salad, dessert and afternoon tea PM: 1.30pm-We visit Primary school	Sheppard Centre
20 th June	No exercises or social gathering at Sheppard Centre COMMUNITY BUS TRIP-ALL DAY <i>Parupa Metal Art</i> Lunch at Lake Bolac Hotel <u>BOOK YOUR SEAT BY TUESDAY 9th June</u>	Meet at PDHS Carpark Leaving: 10am Arrive home: 3pm
June 27 th	START STAYING STRONGER EXERCISE CLASS 10am – 11am ---- <i>Followed by Anti-Cancer Councils Biggest Morning tea—</i> 11.20am-Guest Speaker 1:30PM: MUSIC afternoon	Sheppard Centre

Please note:

- Community members are welcome to attend Exercise Group only from 10am – 11am at Sheppard Centre
- Bookings essential, please phone to discuss and register attendance
- Inclusive of cost of Exercise Class should you wish to attend the Social gathering
- Weekly costs vary depending on what you wish to participate in and what is on the program

All bookings to be in by Tuesday of each week

Phone Social Support Group 55518381 / 0417017728

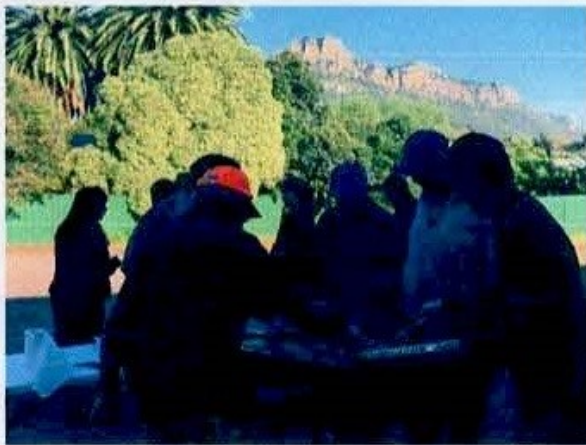
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Lions Club BBQ



The Dunkeld Lions Club continue to coordinate and support various community initiatives in the area. It is a familiar sight to see the Lions Club bbq in action, with many members willingly offering a helping hand. The service will be made easier shortly with the purchase of a bbq trailer. We, along with the local community, appreciate the great work of the Lions Club and have supported the purchase with a contribution of \$700.

Rouse Roundup Success



The Penshurst Pony Club hosted their major fundraiser recently, with the Rouse Roundup held at the Penshurst Racecourse Reserve. Set at the foot of Mount Rouse, the day has been hailed a huge success by organisers, with 50 riders competing. Participants undertook five phases for the day, with open, novice and junior sections available.

We were very pleased to support this great day, contributing \$800 to the event.

Welcome Maggie Renee Behncke



With Carly just settling into her maternity leave, we were surprised but thrilled to receive the news of the early but safe arrival of Maggie Renee Behncke. She is the beautiful second daughter to Carly and Jack and big sister Billie. It was great to have Carly visit us this week, where we all enjoyed a nurse of the gorgeous, new addition. Best wishes to all.

Caramut and District Garden Club

African Violets: Some years ago, African Violets were a very popular indoor plant which I managed to kill by overwatering. I discovered the hard way that they do not like wet feet but also, they do not like drying out. So self watering pots are ideal. As the name implies, they came from tropical Africa and enjoy mild to warm temperatures and filtered light. Enjoying temperatures of around 18-25⁰, they do not like a cold room in winter. They grow well on windowsills so long as the hot summer sun doesn't scorch them and will do well up to 45cms from the window. Plant in African Violet potting mix which suits their need for free drainage. New plants will grow from a adult leaf planting in the African Violet potting mix after having dipped the stem in striking powder. New plantlets will form around the base. Colours of purple, pink, white, maroon-red in single or semi-double flowers.

May is a good time to prepare new beds for roses. Roses will not do well if planted in the same soil of previous roses so it is best to wait at least 8 years before planting in an old rose bed unless you are prepared to dig out all the soil to below the root line and put in new composted soil. Divide clump-forming perennials, such as salvias, yarrow, Easter daisies and cannas once they have finished flowering. Spray peach and nectarine trees for leaf curl when most of their foliage has fallen. Cut back the water for indoor plants. Plant daphne, wintersweet, pansies, viburnum, liliium bulbs. Bare rooted plants such as roses, deciduous fruit trees and vines can be planted out now. Don't let the roots dry out before planting as this is a good way to kill the new trees.

In the vegie garden, asparagus, broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, English spinach globe and Jerusalem artichoke, lettuce, onion, peas, rocket and rhubarb can all be planted out now. Asparagus and rhubarb can be left in the same ground for many years but top up with some type of fertiliser either organic or chemical.

After the recent, very welcome rain, the weeds are taking off so keep them under control by weeding or heavy mulching. Autumn leaves make good mulch although some variates don't seem to rot down in the compost heap.

Competition Winners for May were:

Bloom: 1st Brenda Uebergang
2nd Lorraine Schefferle

Chrysanthemum: 1st Lorraine Schefferle
2nd Marita Smith

Produce: equal, 1st Mary Underwood &
Lorraine Schefferle 2nd Helen Brown

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th June at 10 am to be held in Hamilton at a member's home - 9 Dundas Court. The special competition is a Posy of Foliage. Visitors are most welcome.

Lawn grasses

Buffalo's honest, you know where it's going.

Couch is a sneak for underground growing.

Lippias more knowing:

It's sweeter and neater and doesn't need mowing.

PENSURST SENIOR CITIZENS



Games & Social Day

At Clubrooms

Sunday 23rd June at 12 Noon

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 27th June, 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Penshurst Hall.

Saying thank you ...

One of the issues brought to our attention, as we worked through the Community Plan, was the number of important organisations in Penshurst that are struggling to survive because of lack of volunteers. When we stop and look at the benefits these organisations give, many of them vital, such as the Ambulance, CFA, RSL, and Lions Club, sometimes it seems easier to say, 'its not my problem' than it is to ask, 'what can I do to help?' Sometimes the tasks seem thankless or boring or overwhelming, and while it was ok when someone paid us for our time, giving it freely just seems like too much hard work.

I am sure many of you realise the wider implications of your volunteer work. The face of your 'business' reaches out across the region and shows that residents of Penshurst do love our town and are interested in its activities and think they are important enough to maintain and grow. It's a message that the Council and other businesses, such as the State and Federal Governments (with their deep pockets) and Community Enterprises (for grants), need to see and hear. It's very easy to be ignored and forgotten when louder voices, and bigger towns with higher demands, overwhelm our own requests.

And so we raise our hats to our community volunteers and acknowledge their contributions, large and small, as truly appreciated, and we hope that they are willing to continue their work. You know who our volunteers are. Perhaps next time you see one of them you might say thank you for their service, or ask them what is involved, and get involved .. whether you have lived here all your life or have just moved here. We've got too much to lose.

Ama Cooke, President

From the Community Plan

Responsibility

Maintaining our Resources

It is vital that the town's people support our local businesses and volunteer groups. This means shopping locally, utilising the Medical Facilities, the schools and preschool, and volunteering with the many and varied organisations that help maintain our wide variety of facilities and activities.

Volunteer Organisations

Penshurst and District Racing Club
Penshurst Football Netball Club
Penshurst Lawn Bowls Club
Penshurst Pony Club
Mt Rouse and District Historical Society
Penshurst Progress Association
Lions Club of Penshurst
Penshurst Cemetery Trust
Penshurst Senior Citizens
Penshurst RSL
Volcanoes Discovery Centre
Mt Rouse News & Views Newsletter
Penshurst Information Centre (soon)
Penshurst Mens Shed
Penshurst Memorial Hall
Friends of Yatmerone
Friends of the Botanic Gardens
Penshurst Swimming Pool
Friends of Mt Rouse Reserve
Hospital Ladies Auxiliary

(If we have missed any, please advise)

Mt Rouse Puzzler Winter 1

3 letters

Hot

5 Letters

Brisk

Polar

4 letters

Wine

Rainy

7 letters

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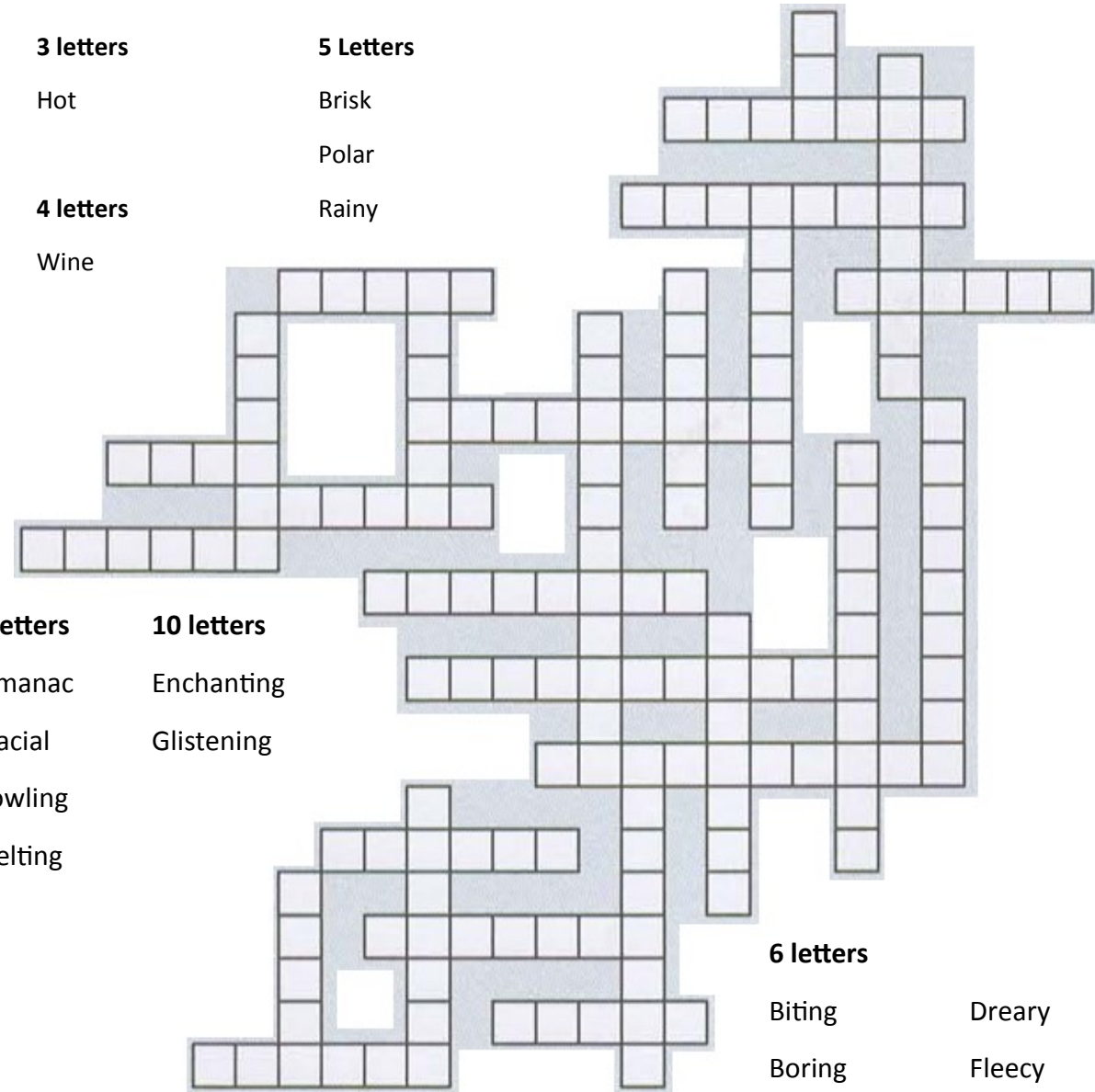
Howling

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Enchanting

Glistening



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Biting

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8 letters

Chilling

Fireside

Slippery

Toasting

Unending

9 letters

Chocolate

Crackling

11 letters

Crystalline

frostbitten



The following recipe will spice up your mid week pork

Slow Cooked Rabbit Stew

Prep: 25 mins **Cook:** 2 hrs, 10 mins

INGREDIENTS

140g prune	1 onion, chopped
50ml brandy	2 celery sticks, chopped
50g soft brown sugar	1 garlic clove, crushed
2 rabbits, jointed	2 thyme_sprigs
plain flour, for dusting	1 bay leaf
1 tbsp vegetable oil	150ml red wine, the best you can afford
3 rashers smoked streaky bacon, sliced into thin strips	250ml chicken stock
2 carrots, chopped	chopped parsley and wild rice, to serve

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2. Put the prunes in a bowl with the brandy and brown sugar, stir, then set aside to soak.
2. Dust the rabbit in the flour. Heat the oil in a large flameproof dish and brown the rabbit all over until golden – you may have to do this in batches. Set the rabbit aside. Add the bacon, vegetables, garlic and herbs to the dish and fry for 5 mins until starting to colour.
3. Pour in the red wine and scrape all the goodness off the bottom of the dish. Add the chicken stock and put the rabbit back in the dish with the boozy prunes, then cover and cook for 2 hrs, stirring occasionally, until the rabbit is totally tender.
4. Serve scattered with parsley and wild rice on the side.

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



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A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Diving, climbing, growing, flying with the letter N



Nature provides unusual animals. Can you find the Narwhal in the drawing, and colour it the grey and blue of the sea. Why did nature give it a horn?

The Narwhals live in the waters of the ice and snow. They use their horns to break up the ice so that they can breathe. Narwhals dive as deep as 1,500 metres while fishing, staying underwater for up to 25 minutes. These dives, some of the deepest ever recorded for mammals, can be repeated up to 15 times a day.

Humans are mammal too. Do you know what a mammal is?

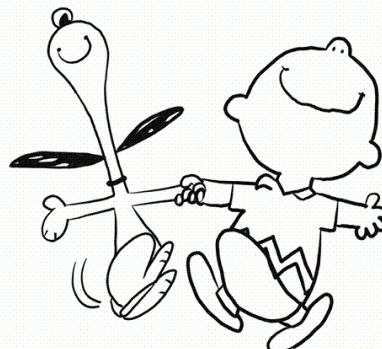
How many nuts can you name ...
(and I don't mean people). The first letter/s is given to you.

W_____ B_____
H_____ Pis_____
A_____ Pec____
Pe_____
C_____
P____ N____
M_____

This is another form of Peanut ..

The Peanut Cartoons

Can you think of why they are so happy?



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 play-group 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


Words to the Wise

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home."

- Edith Sitwell

"The colour of springtime is flowers; the colour of winter is in our imagination."

- Terri Guillemets



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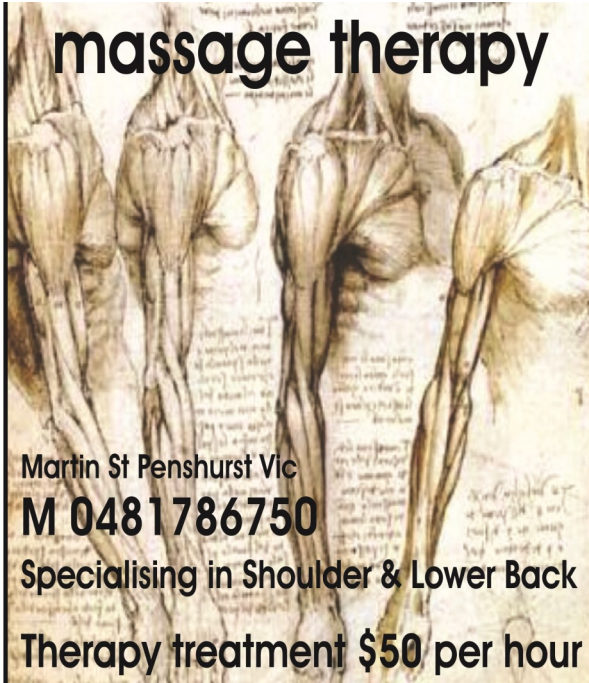
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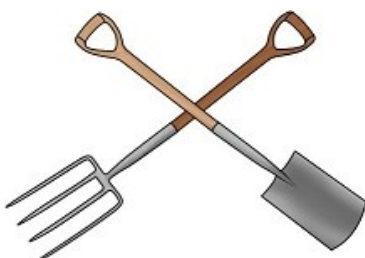
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mtrousenewsletter@gmail.com.

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

Riddles

1. When you say my name, I am no longer there.
What am I?
2. What can you feel but never touch,
hear but never see?
3. Which thing comes once in a year,
twice in a week?
4. You are my brother,
but I am not your brother. Who am I?
5. What goes through towns and over hills,
but never moves?
6. The more you cut into me the bigger I grow,
what am I?
7. What starts with an 'e'
but only has a single letter in it?

Answers are in this newsletter.



Hamilton

7 June 2019

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TAIL END TALES

Rainfall

Jim Woolley told me this and Jim was known to be careless with the truth so it could be true, or it may well be a pack of lies. He is long gone now and so is the other farmer.

Jim and Harry were neighbours on Soldier Settlement Farms for many years. Old Harry was a very competitive kind of bloke. He would grow out a few steers each year and only sell them when they were old and giant sized. He liked to top the local cattle sale and did not care if his farming style was efficient or productive, he had enough money. He just wanted the glory of the biggest, best and highest price.

One thing that got right up Jim's nose was the contest he became involved with Harry over rainfall. No matter which way the wind blew, or whether the rain was scattered showers or a downpour, Harry always got more rain. And they were side by side on very similar country.

As they were both doing the rounds of their farms after rain, Harry would do a beeline for the boundary fence and Jim, like most farmers, felt obliged to say hello. Harry was particularly cunning about getting Jim to put a number on his rainfall first. In those days the rain fell in imperial measure, and it was a lot better than the newfangled metric stuff we get nowadays.

Anyway, no matter how much rain Jim got, Harry always had more. Over the years Jim had tried upping the number but it never fazed Harry. "Beat you again," He would crow, "230 points by nine o'clock."

So it came to pass that the rainfall on those two farms was a mile better than anywhere else in the district. Jim was getting fed up. One day after a light early morning mist had cleared, he started feeding out hay. Over to the fence bowls Harry. "Did you get any rain?" he asks.

Jim plucked a number out of the air and threw in a few confusing details, "Stepped outside to see the stars last night and an enormous black cloud open up and poured so hard the dog kennel slid to the end of the dog chain. Lucky the dog bit the kennel and held on all night to keep it in place or he would either have choked or drowned." said Jim nonchalantly. "62 points in 5 minutes"

"87 points, but I slept through it." Harry gazumped.

Jim was mad. "How come you always get more rain than me?" he fairly shouted at old Harry.

Harry quietly said, "It is because I gotta bigger farm".