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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

A lot of hard work was involved by a dedicated few in preparing the former school building at St. Joseph's for the 100year celebrations and they can be very proud of what they have achieved with the building taking on a new lease of life, freshly painted with a brand new kitchen installed. A great exhibition of historical photos and memorabilia covered the history of the church and adjoining school and many dropped in to view the display on Saturday. On Saturday night Greg Crotty had put together his usual entertaining Trivia providing a fun evening at the Country Club for locals and visitors. On Sunday a huge crowd attending the Mass performed by Archbishop Prowse assisted by Father Mick which was followed by a luncheon with the usual generous amount of tasty finger food on offer. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.(Full article from Greg Crotty in next issue of DD)



Above right: Joyce Reed, Sandra Walker and Lorraine Cottrell. Sandra and Lorraine spent months preparing for the big day.



L top: The Walker Sisters, Jenny, Julie and Katrina, former locals returned for the occasion.

L bottom: Archbishop Prowse and Father Mick with some of the Committee.

Below: Cleo Jamieson who made and decorated the lovely cake.



We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy healthy New Year.



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- 11th December—Bendoc Xmas Party
- 13th December—Film Festival School of Arts.
- 15th December—Bundian Way Gallery opening.
- 18th December - Preschool Xmas Fundraiser
- New Years Eve—Delegate Hotel
- 6th January—Smoke Social Craigie Hall
- 23rd January—Australia Day Festival
- 24th January—Men from Snowy River Centenary

Smoke Social

On 6th January 2016 it will be one hundred years since the Men From Snowy River Route March stayed overnight in Craigie. On that day in 1916 the Craigie community welcomed, accommodated and entertained the men. On Wednesday 6th January in 2016 the Craigie Hall will once again come to life with a traditional "Smoke Social" to mark this centenary. We will hold an informal get together with music, poetry, stories and refreshments. All welcome!

Where: Craigie Hall

When: Wednesday 6th January 2016

Time: From 7pm

BYOG and a plate. Tea and coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

BUNDIAN WAY GALLERY OPENING

**Tuesday 15th December at the RTC
at 5pm.**

Works by well known Female Artists

Cheryl Davison

Natalie Bateman

Trish Ellis

Delegate & District Preschool

Community Fundraiser

**Come Celebrate Christmas at the Delegate Country Club
from 6pm until late**

Friday 18th December

Dress to impress with a touch of Christmas

Delicious Food Lucky door prize & More

Free baby sitter 6—8pm, Complimentary bus

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Delegate School of Arts 13 December

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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

and

COMMEMORATION DAY 2016

With the excitement and frantic preparations for the re-enactment march behind it is now time to concentrate on the big week-end coming up in January. The town of Delegate will be bursting at the seams with the Bombala Shire's Australia Day Celebrations on the Saturday 23rd and our Commemoration Day on Sunday 24th. Both days have big programmes planned and well known Author and Columnist Peter Fitzsimon will be a guest on both days.

The Committee have decided on a different format this time and as well as 12 young men representing the Men from Snowy River, the Light Horse and the Duntroon Band, there are plans for much more including an RAAF Flyover, and a huge street parade in which District Organisations are being invited to take part.

The RSL will be asked to conduct a short service at the Memorial Gates, where new plaques were placed for Anzac Day, and the Guest speaker on both days will be well known Author and Columnist Peter Fitzsimons.



The 90 year commemorations drew a big crowd and this time with the renewed interest by participants in the re-enactment march, it is expected that the crowd will be larger. *Above: Two ladies rode side saddle at the 90 yr re-enactment*

At Queanbeyan a large crowd turned out for the march and were afterwards treated to generous hospitality, including finger food and a recital by the Queanbeyan Pipe Band at Walsh's Hotel. Chris Pritzler the energetic Secretary of the Queanbeyan RSL was the driving force behind the very successful day held there.

Above: Ian Sellers, Chris Pritzler and Jeremy Clear enjoy a quiet ale at Walsh's after the March

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A ONCE in a lifetime weekend in Delegate

Australia Day

Saturday January 23rd
Delegate Showground

Join us for the 60th consecutive
Australia Day Celebration in the
Bombala Area
Shearing competition
Australia Day awards presented by Peter
Fitzsimons AM
and all the fun of the fair from 8.30 am

The Men From Snowy River Commemoration Day

Sunday January 24th
Bombala St Delegate
Street Parade
Royal Australian Military College Band
Peter Fitzsimons AM
Bemboka 7th Light Horse
Air Force Fly Over
A celebration of community commitment
from 10.30 am
Help support us, buy tickets in the
monster Raffle drawn 2pm Sunday

Above: The flyer which has been sent far and wide.

The following article was submitted by Councillor Bill Bateman regarding the proposed Amalgamation of the Bombala, Cooma and Snowy River Shires.

Council has finally made its decision that we should amalgamate with Cooma and Snowy River Shires. I'm sure that if we were really allowed to have a choice that it would have been that we continue to stand alone.

However, the Government decided that this was not an option, certainly one which we could not consider due to the possible lack of funding.

In the last 4 weeks Council has funded 3 major projects in Delegate worth over \$350,000. The Show Ground pavilion, Bill Jefferys' Park and the tennis courts have all benefited from reserves that Council had put aside for local amenities. Other jobs include fixing the lighting at the remembrance monument, and thanks to the Men From Snowy River March, a bit of a tidy up of Bombala Street.

Unfortunately, Council has run its reserves down to the point where any more major projects that might be funded that way are no longer possible. I am disappointed that I couldn't get the drainage mess at Delcotts fixed, but the fuel tanks under the footpath cost a lot of money to dig out (in the order of \$60,000 or more) and with telephone, sewage and other pipes in the ground that would have to be messed around with, the funds just weren't there to do it.

My guess is that about 1 July next year Bombala Shire Council will be placed in caretaker mode and that on the second Tuesday in September next year, the Bombala Shire Council will disappear and you will be voting for a new, as yet to be named, Council. In the meantime there will be a lot of work done between the 3 Councils as we try and get together the organisation needed to run the new Council. I believe that all of the outside work-force will remain doing what they do now. The reorganisation of the office staff will be a big project.

Given the great number of voters in the new Council, and the number of votes needed to get a seat, I see no point in standing for the new Council. I simply would not get near enough votes. There will be over 20,000 voters in the new Council and I figure that at least 1,200 votes would be needed to stand any chance. Given there's only about 1450 voters in this Shire I wouldn't get enough to get in.

The four years trying to get things done in Delegate have been interesting, sometimes frustrating, and just recently worthwhile.

I thank you all for giving me that opportunity to represent you. Cr Bill Bateman

BOMBALA GARDEN DAY

Group of twelve travelled to Bombala on the Bendoc Bus on Saturday 5th. and had a most enjoyable day inspecting six lovely gardens. Commencing at the lovely garden of Shirley and Tony Badewitz and on to Pam Robert's garden with its hundreds of beautiful roses. Sharon and Robert Hampshire's garden where some lovely shade trees provided relief from the hot sun with a particular feature being a large fish pond with surrounds of rocks. Lunch at the Anglican Church Hall followed and it was on to Howitt Park the home of Barbara and Peter Joseph where a garden with a racing theme took the eye and an entertainment area with a magnificent view. Still in the high country above Bombala was Christine and Merv Douch's colourful garden complete with an adjoining three hole sand green course. "North Burnima" the Award winning garden of Alan and Cathy Gillespie Jones was

a fascinating adventure, with winding paths leading to hidden nooks of flowers and shrubs. All in all a great day out.

Below: Carol Watson, Gloria Cotterill, Leonie Walmsley, Jan Ingram Sharon Buckman Helen Jamieson, Andrea Mitchell, Alma Reed, Lana Jamieson, Iris Hall, Charlie Burton.



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DELEGATE PONY CLUB HAPPENINGS

Six riders attended the last Pony Club Rally where they practised Gymkhana techniques leading up to the Nimmitabel Gymkhana and Zone 18 Show Jumping Championships to be held on the 19th. December, 2015. The Club also welcomed a new member Rochelle Voveris whose family have recently moved into the area.

*Left: Aspen Cameron. Below: Mitchell Reed, Ellie French, Gabrielle Kidd
Aspen Cameron, Rochelle Voveris.*



LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCIENCE AWARD

Thomas received the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (VCCRI) Science Award at a ceremony at Figtree High School on the 6th of November. The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute is committed to promoting science and its application to the broader community, the VCCRI has been developed to foster and encourage an interest in science among secondary school students and is available to year 11 (or equivalent) Australian students. Awardees were selected by the school in conjunction with representation from the school's local municipal council and/or the NSW Department of Education.

Thomas is a hardworking student who shows leadership skills in the classroom particularly in practical tasks. His work ethic outside the classroom is of a very high standard and he is always trying to improve his knowledge base. In year 11 Thomas achieved first in Physics, second in Chemistry and second in Agriculture. He plans to join the Navy once he completes his Hectic. (written by Thomas's teachers).

This award provides Thomas with the opportunity to visit the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and see first hand the remarkable work that they do, he will visit the Institute on the 8th of December.



SUNDAY SIPS DONATION DAY

The Sunday Sips group held their annual get together and presentation day at the Delegate Hotel on Sunday 6th. December. A good crowd was present to see cheques presented to: St. Joseph's \$75, RSL Sub-Branch \$500.00, the Community Church & \$750.00, the Hospital Auxiliary \$500 and the Community Fund \$1500. Over the past three years the group have raised \$24000 which has been given back to the Community. Some auctions of various items held on the day such as firewood and dressed lambs saw another \$3200 raised

Ricky Boomfield provided the music and a barbecue followed while the kids enjoyed a feast of lollies.

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BUNGARBY REMEMBERS

The Delegate Progress Association, was represented by Gloria Cotterill and Ian Sellers at the WW1 Commemorations at the Bungarby Hall on Sunday 22nd November.

A historical display including many photos of enlisted men created much interest for visitors who came from near and far.

The imposing presence of a grey "Whaler" horse in full regalia of the Light Horse Regiment caught everyone's eye.

The short moving ceremony was conducted by Chris Cassillies, ably assisted by the Reverend Jenni Roberts, local Rural Fire Brigade Chaplain. Two daughters of WW1 veteran laid a wreath for their father and sprigs of Rosemary were placed on the cenotaph by descendants in memory of loved ones. Guests then adjourned for a tasty sausage sizzle and a catch up with friends and neighbours.

Congratulations to the Bungarby community, the Bombala Historical Society and Chris Cassillies for their combined effort, which a memorable day for Bungarby.

MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER CALENDAR

The Delegate Progress Association have put together a 2016 calendar which will be on sale shortly. It contains historic photos as well as photos of the 90 year re-enactment and the 100 Year March. It will sell for \$10 and should make a great stocking filler.

Below: Front Cover of the calendar



BOMBALA COUNCIL CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Administration Department & RMS Agency

Closed from 1.00pm Friday, 18 December 2015, re-opening Monday, 21 December 2015.

Closed from 4.00pm Thursday, 24 December 2015, re-opening Monday, 4 January 2016.

Visitor Information Centre / Lavender House

Closed from 1.00 pm Friday, 18 December 2015, re-opening Saturday, 19 December 2015.

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day, re-opening Monday, 28 December 2015.

Closed from Friday, 1 January 2016, re-opening Monday, 4 January 2016.

Normal opening times for the VIC – Monday to Saturday - 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Bombala Swimming Pool

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open all other days weather permitting.

Works Department

Closed from 1.00pm Friday, 18 December 2015, re-opening Monday, 4 January 2016.

Emergency calls regarding roads and drainage, water supply, sewerage, dog and animal impounding etc. should be directed to 0417 677 153. Alternatively, for non-urgent business, messages may be left on Council's answering machine on (02) 6458 3555.

Garbage & Recycling Collection

Delegate waste and recycling will be on Tuesday, 29 December 2015.

Bombala, Cathcart, Bibbenluke waste will be on Tuesday, 29 December 2015.

Bombala, Cathcart, Bibbenluke recycling will be on Wednesday, 30 December 2015.

Please be aware that waste and recycling collections will take all day, possibly into the late afternoon or evening.

Waste Depots

Bombala Waste Depot:

Special operating times on Friday, 18 December 2015 opening 7.30am, closing 12.30pm.

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Otherwise normal operating times apply - Friday to Monday - 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Delegate Waste Depot:

Operating hours will be as normal on Saturday, 26 December 2015, Tuesday, 29 December 2015 and Saturday, 2 January 2016.

Bombala Branch Library

Closed from 1.00pm Friday, 18 December 2015, re-opening Wednesday, 22 December 2015.

Closed from Friday, 25 December 2015, re-opening on Wednesday, 6 January 2016.

Bombala Council Community Services

Bombala Council Community Services Office

Closed from 1.00pm Friday, 18 December 2015, re-opening Monday, 21 December 2015.

Closed from Friday, 25 December 2015, re-opening on Monday, 4 January 2016.

Home Modification and Maintenance Service

Services unavailable from Friday, 25 December 2015, recommencing Monday, 4 January 2016.

Community Transport Service

General Community Transport

Unavailable from Friday, 25 December 2015, recommencing Monday, 4 January 2016.

NB: Transport requirements throughout this period may be able to be met provided drivers can be sourced. Clients are advised to give as much notice as possible.

Contact Centre

The Contact Centre closed from close of business Wednesday, 16 December 2015, re-opening Wednesday, 3 February 2016.

Meals on Wheels Services – Bombala

Meals will not be delivered Friday, 25 December 2015, Monday, 28 December 2015, Friday, 1 January 2016 and Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

Clients requiring frozen meals should contact the office on (02) 6458 4620.

Meals on Wheels Services – Delegate

Meals will not be delivered Friday, 25 December 2015, Monday, 28 December 2015, Friday, 1 January 2016 and Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

Clients requiring frozen meals should contact the office on (02) 6458 4620.

Delegate Multi Purpose Service

Wellness Clinic is held at the MPS, in Craigie Street Delegate. People come to the clinic for procedures and assessment by nursing staff.

The clinic is open

Mon 9am -10.30am Tues 9am – 10am

Thur 9am – 10.30am Fri 9am – 10am

Every week except public holidays. No
Appointments necessary.

A variety of procedures are available.

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
- Blood sugar readings
- Non-urgent ECG's
- Suture or clip removal
- Injections – with Dr's written order
- Other procedures that do not require a Dr.

Pathology clinic

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am. No appointment necessary. Closed public holidays.

Other Services

Women's Health Nurse

3rd Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2nd Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4th Fri of the month

Podiatry – for HACC clients – monthly

Ring the MPS for appointments for the dietician, diabetes, immunisation, podiatry and women's health 6459 8000

Child and Family Health – visits Delegate MPS on a regular basis ring Kirsty on 6458 5777 for an appointment.

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GOLDEN AGE PARTY

A group of Senior Citizens were treated to a pleasant afternoon at the Country Club with a luncheon provided by Marilyn and her helpers and music provided by Bev Stokes and sister Heather.

Present on this occasion was former local, Val Crawford, who stopped off for a catch up with old friends and had the honour of cutting the lovely cake, made and decorated by Maria Callaway.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

BOOK WEEK



BIKE-A-THON



EDEN EXCURSION



Bonang hosts cross-border fire-fighting exercise

Fire crews from Victoria and NSW travelled to the remote far East Gippsland town of Bonang, 60 kilometres north of Orbost on Tuesday November 24 to exercise their skills, learn from each other's experiences and share the latest information.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Forest and Fire Officer in Bendoc, Trent Tonissen said: "We had over 80 firefighters and fire managers from various agencies attend this annual exercise, with the main objective being to get our hands dirty, exercise our skills, learn some new ones and provide a networking opportunity for crews in the border area."

"We covered the management of hazardous trees and tree marking, fire extinguisher use and safety, a vehicle accident scenario, radio communications and pump operations, among others," Mr Tonissen said.

"We also checked the sharing and transfer of equipment between our different trucks and tankers to ensure smooth transitions between vehicles on the fire line."

"This exercise followed on from the cross-border meeting in Mallacoota in October, where agencies were presented with the theory of various aspects of firefighting. It was great to get out and put it all into practice."

"It was an opportunity to catch up for a pre-season briefing in Bendoc too, where we heard the latest predictions for the coming season, especially in our border areas, and what we can expect to confront this summer."

Jason Vincent, Silviculture and Fire Coordinator, Forestry Corporation of NSW said: "Our forest firefighters play an important role in managing, preventing and fighting fires in regional communities and forests and we need to be confident they are fully prepared through training scenarios, and also fit and able to manage the physical pressures of the fire line."

"A strong working relationship with other fire agencies from both sides of the border is critical to ensure a coordinated firefighting effort," Mr Vincent said "A co-ordinated firefighting effort is essential - the state border is only a line on map."

Agencies attending the event were: DELWP, CFA, Parks Victoria, NSW National Parks and Wildlife, RFS, Victoria Police, Forestry Corporation NSW, Industry brigades from Snowy Mountain Forests and South East Fibre Exports and local community members.

The Spring 2015 firewood collection season closes on Monday

The Spring 2015 Firewood Collection Season will close across Victoria on Monday (30/11/15).

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Regional Manager Fire and Land Jon Rofe said: "From Tuesday 1 December, 2015, all designated firewood collection areas will be closed over the Summer period, and it will be illegal for people to collect firewood on public land until the start of the Autumn Firewood Collection Season."

"Firewood collection has already ceased in the Loddon Mallee region while supplies may also be exhausted in some designated firewood collection areas" Mr Rofe said. "The public will be able to start collecting firewood again from designated firewood collection areas from March 1, 2016, pending suitable conditions."

DELWP and Parks Victoria staff will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to ensure people are doing the right thing. Firewood collection is only permitted during designated times of the year and from designated firewood collection areas. Firewood collected at these sites is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Typical on-the-spot fines are around \$607 and for offences that go to court, a person may be liable for fines up to \$7583.50, one year imprisonment or both.

Anyone who sees something suspicious should report it to DELWP immediately by calling 136 186 and quoting Operation Trident.

For more information and updates visit <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/parks-forests-and-crown-land/firewood> or call the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

IN MARTIN PLACE—SYDNEY

Mrs Elaine Hartman who was present at the Armistice Day Ceremony In Martin Place has sent us some great photos and story describing her interest in the March. She said she was there to represent her Grandmother and her Aunt both of whom died before she was born and her uncles, two English lads who had emigrated to Gilgandra in 1911 and 1914. Herbert enlisting in August 1914 in the 1st Light Horse and Harold who was an original Gilgandra Cooee enlisting in 1915. Herbert who fought in Gallipoli and the Western Front survived the war to return home to have four children and now many direct descendants. Harold was killed in action on 22/11/1915 at Flers in France. His mother was devastated and was always very sad that no-one in the family could afford to visit his grave in the Bancourt British Cemetery near Bapaume. However a relative finally managed to retrace the journey of the 45th Battalion through France and saw his epitaph which reads:

“Harold, dear brave boy,
You died too soon
But Duty Called “

He had put his age up on enlistment but was just 19 when he died, killed by a sudden shell burst above his trench. Elaine wrote that during the ceremony in Martin Place she met the great-niece of the Cooee mate who had been with him all the way and who wrote one of the Red Cross reports of his death.

Three of the photos she sent are shown here. Right : Elaine pictured with Robert Cooke who marched with the “Snowy” men and Mick of the Bemboka Light Horse.



The Cenotaph with the many wreaths laid for the occasion



The “Snowy” Marchers proudly carrying their flag.



HERE & THERE

Birthday greetings to Raymond Jamieson, Megan Downey, Nerida Reed, Dennis Reed, Alma Reed, Callum Clear, Heather Jones and David Jones.



The death occurred recently in Batemans Bay of a former Delegate Resident, Sonia Davies. Sonia arrived in the District nearly 30 years ago and lived here until ill health forced her to retire to Batemans Bay where her daughter Gwendolin lives. She is survived by one daughter and grand children and sympathy is extended to them.

The District were saddened to learn of the death of Carol Badewitz of Bombala. Carol was an important member of the Borderline Gallery team and her art was always a feature of any display. A very talented person who contributed much to the District. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church Bombala on Monday 7th. Dec. She is survived by husband Jim and three sons, Tim, Josh, Clinton and their families. Sympathy is extended to all.

Members of the Delegate Fishing club travelled to Gaden Trout Hatchery recently to pick up 20,000 Brown and Rainbow trout fry for distribution in the local Delegate River system.



Delegate Golfers inspired by their successful annual tournament have been busy of late, hosting a Men of League day, and commencing a series of "State of Origin" matches with the Bombala Club. The course is looking great at the moment with occasional showers keeping it nice and green.

While at the Hotel we met up with an American girl who is also a shearer. She presently has a pen with the team who are shearing at David Mitchell's property. Her partner is shearing in New Zealand but will be returning to Australia in the New Year. The suggestion was made that she would be very welcome to join the Australia Day Competition. A crew doing a Reality Documentary recently filmed her and other overseas shearers at Mitchell's shed.

The Delegate Progress Association met with the Bombala Australia Day Committee on Tuesday 8th December to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming big week-end in January. They looked over the facilities at the Show Ground before adjoining to the Hotel for their meeting, where a fruitful discussion was held.

The grass at the local Show Ground is waist high and arrangements are being made to have it slashed, and after that it will require more than one mow to get it in order for the big day. The shearing competition which is the main event on the day will be held in the sheep pens and some building work is being carried out to make the necessary adjustments needed.



The family of the late Mabel Elliott held a very successful reunion on Saturday 5th December with around 130 descendants getting together at the High School Multi Purpose Building and later at the local RSL.

The Group from NSW and Victoria at the recent Fire Fighting Exercise held at Bonang on 24th November, where they shared information and practised their skills. A timely reminder that the fire season is upon us.



LOOKING BACK



The above photo of the Delegate Convent School reminds us of the days when both the Convent and Public Schools had large numbers of pupils. Some of the young pupils featured came back for St. Joseph's 100 year Anniversary, all a little older and hopefully wiser.

Below: Jenny Wright and Henry Sellers appear to be enjoying themselves greatly at "Dirty Dicks" Theatre Restaurant at the Bombala RSL, estimated to be taken around 30 years ago.



Community Information

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Bombala : 64583444

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DOCTOR: 64951369

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Sister Teresa Keane: 6458 3045

Services: Delegate Saturday 6:00pm

Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

Bombala Sunday 9:00am

Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

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Rev Judy Holdsworth—64583513

Services: 11am every Sunday..

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Lucky with Rain, Unlucky with Frost

Continuing rain has kept lawns and gardens in lush condition without too much effort from the gardener. The weather has had two consequences - a profusion of weeds and severe damage from the recent two days of quite hard frost.

First to weeds. The most troublesome weeds are usually 'pioneer species' which means they have the ability to get a foothold in the conditions hostile to the more demanding cultivated plants. They often colonise exposed niches by quickly putting down a very deep taproot (Marshmallow, *Malva parviflora*) or alternatively by claiming a spot through forming a rosette (Patterson's Curse, *Echium plantagineum*, Dandelions, Plantain). Both these strategies allow the plant to dominate the available water and it is interesting that the rosette types often also form a taproot as soon as they are established that also acts as a food storage organ guaranteeing long term survival. The other strategy favoured by weeds is to take advantage of good nutrition available in garden beds. They have the capacity to growing quickly and completing their life cycle in extraordinary short time e.g. flick weed, *Cardamine hirsuta*, that can complete its life cycle in 10 days. Some weeds maintain dominance by producing copious seed such as chickweed and stinging nettle. With all weeds it is important not to let them seed - one year's seeding, seven years of weeding is an old adage.

When you pull out weeds you often create just the right circumstances for a new flush of them because the soil is disturbed providing both an entry to wind-blown seed and as well light to the seed once stored deep in the soil that is now brought to the surface. Sliding a sharp knife just below the surface will control most weeds especially tufting grasses. If you choose to use herbicide remember the pitfalls.

The chemical can move sideways in damp soil affecting the roots of adjacent plants and of course drift is always a hazard. A safer way is to use a paintbrush to target the offender. This is particularly useful for flatweed in the lawn, a drop applied to the centre of the plant will kill it over time. The slower death allows surrounding grass to fill in the space around as it shrivels avoiding the bare patch that a burst of spray creates with the inevitable consequence of providing a bare patch for still more invaders.



Secondly the frost. The effect was severe as most plants were sporting tender new growth. Most people lost their summer veg crops notably tomatoes. If these were planted deeply they will rapidly shoot from buds below the ground. Whether they make up the lost growing time and produce useful fruit before the Autumn frost is in the lap of the weather gods. I have found in Delegate that there is usually some frost around Easter followed by some weeks of warm conditions. A sheet thrown over the plants for those few days is enough to get them through to the 'Indian summer' and remember that as a last resort tomato plants hung in the shed with green fruit will continue to ripen giving red fruit into June and July. There is still time to plant zucchini from seed and bush beans but it is probably too late for pumpkins. Many people think that a glass or polyhouse will solve the problem of the intermittent cold that we experience here. Unless a great deal of effort goes into learning the techniques of growing under cover the results are disappointing evidenced by the number of under-utilised or demolished structures that have appeared and disappeared around the district. This is a very rich topic that needs to be explored at length.