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# Delegate Doings



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## **SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER FOR PRE- SCHOOL**

A fantastic night was supported by a great crowd at the Delegate Pub on Friday 25th November, for a terrific cause—the Delegate and District Long Day Care and Preschool. Graeme Payten generously allowed the group to take over his usual Friday night activities and provide some excellent entertainment with the Karaoke, where there was no shortage of participants. There was a dozen prizes offered up in the Dutch Auction along with raffles and these raised close to \$4000 which will primarily be spent on outdoor play equipment. Thank you to all successful and under bidders. The Dutch Auction added some extra suspense as bidders had to choose a brown paper bag, the contents of which were revealed after the Auction was complete (some swapping did go on after the auction). Prizes to the value of \$250 were kindly donated by the following. Raymond Kading, Alpine Hotel Cooma, Heritage Inn, Wheelers Restuarant, Merimbula, The Picture Show Man Merimbula, Magic Mountain, Questacon, Cockington Green, Kathy and Peter Jeffreys, Delegate Country Club, Gloria Cotterill and Delegate Pub, Russel and Sharon Buckman, Jamieson Bros Sawmill Bendoc, Bryce and Sarah Garnock, Jamie and Esther Ingram, Landmark, Bombala and Delegate. A massive thankyou to Landmark's wonderful auctioneers Tony Brady and Matt Green who did a superb job. Also a big thanks to the Delegate community and all who attended on the night the funds will make a real difference to those who attend the preschool now and future years to come. 2016 also marks the organization's 45th year in providing essential early childhood education for the families of Delegate and District.

The best dressed was won by : Double Act—Tammy and John Guthrie; Best Dame—Anna Horton; Best Dude - Tim Gillespie Jones; Dare to be Different—Daryl Samson. Best Dressed was sponsored by Delegate Station, Landmark Bombala and Delegate, Delegate Motors, Delegate Cafe.



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### Dates for your Calendar

- 10th December—DPA Xmas Party
- 16th—Tuesday Club—Xmass dinner Country Club.
- 17th December—Music Delegate Hotel “Slippery When Wet”
- 31st December—Band Hotel—”Mis Fix”: Street Closure, BBQ, Lolly Drop.
- 7th February —General Meeting DPA 5.30pm

### **XMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

**Entry Forms for the Council Xmas Lights are available at the General Store and the Rural Transaction Centre. Cash prizes are on offer for a private home 1st \$250, 2nd \$100.**

### **LOCAL MAN MENTIONED IN NEWLY RELEASED BOOK**

Recently released book “Coin Relic Detecting in Australia” by Doug Stone acknowledges Delegate local John Wilshire for his contributions to the book. John can be seen demonstrating the art of coin detecting and digging. The author visited John in Delegate early November to do a reconnoitre for a future book mapping gold mines of East Gippsland including Bendoc, Combienbar and Club Terrace. John is a member of the prospectors and miners Club of Victoria who visit our region regularly.

### **SUNDAY SIPPERS DISTRIBUTE MONEY**

On Sunday 4th September, members of the Sunday Sips Club gave out generous donations to various local organisations as follows:

- \$1500 Southern Monaro Community Fund
- \$700 Delegate Hospital Auxiliary
- \$500 Delegate Fire Brigade
- \$500 Delegate Community Church
- \$400 Delegate Pony Club
- \$400 Delegate RSL

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank all my friends for the beautiful cards and gifts I received for my 90th birthday.

Beryl Phillips



**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to all our readers from the  
“Delegate Doings” and RTC staff.**



## ANGLICAN GARDEN DAY

The annual garden day was once again a resounding success, proving to be more popular each year. The first garden on the agenda was a comparatively new garden belonging to Diane and Matt Green. Much work has gone into this lovely garden which commands a wonderful view of surrounding countryside. Visitors then moved on to the Quinburra Road, at Craigie to view another lovely garden, this one surrounding a historic homestead had retained many of the remaining plants of yesteryear as well beautiful old established trees. Craigie Hall was the next stop for lunch where the little hall was bursting at the seams with visitors and where a number of stall holders were selling their wares outside.

Then it was back to another attractive historic home and garden belonging to Jules and Norm Craig. Set in huge grounds where a large pond and ancient trees provide a backdrop for a variety of plants and shrubs. Back up Craigie Range where Penny and John Judge's garden thrives in a bushland setting. Self sufficiency is obviously the plan and John has built wire "cages" for his precious fruit trees and vegetables to keep out the wildlife.

The last stop was "Weewalla" the home of John Turner where John's late wife Stephanie had established her beautiful garden of exotic and unusual species. It was great to see that the garden has been lovingly cared for and retains it's original theme.

Organisers must be well pleased with their efforts, raising over \$7000 on the day.

Below: The Historic homestead at Quinburra: R. Setting out from Delegate L to R Charlie Burton (driver) Leonie Walmsley, Lana Jamieson, Helen Jamieson, Gloria Cotterill and Carol Watson. Six more passengers got on at Bombala.

Bottom:

Two former residents of the area came up for the day from the Coast and pictured blow: are Shirley Hite who now lives at Pambula and her friend Shirley McKenna.

On the R: Jan Stewart caught up with Pat Campbell. Jan now lives at Candelo





## LOCAL IDENTITY CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

Congratulates to lifelong identity Beryl Phillips who recently had her 90th birthday, which she celebrated at a small luncheon at the Country with her family members and friends. Beryl who is renowned for having one of the most beautiful gardens in the district which she still regularly works at, keeping it looking it's best as well as doing her own mowing. She is also a celebrated cook and excels at knitting and needlework for which she takes out many prizes at the local shows.

Below: Beryl seated on her verandah with her neighbour's children, Bella and Lola Tonissen, R: Beryl with her family : Nephew Bill, Niece Anne, Beryl, Niece Colleen, and Bill's friend Goldie.



## LOCALS RECEIVE MONARO SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to all who were recipients of Monaro Services awards recently for their service to their communities, and the local district those who were honoured were as follows:

For the Delegate Area, Carl Crotty and Ellery Farran both received awards, Carl's for service to the Delegate Country Club and other worthwhile Community organisations such as the SES. Ellery's award was for her commitment to learning and helping to teach others about the role that Australian soldiers and nurses played during the First World War. Ellery who is 14 years old is a dedicated and hard working member of the Lone Scout Movement.

Three Bombala residents also received awards, John Bedingfield for service to the RFS, the Men of League Group, St. Vinnies and the Bombala Exhibition Ground. John Adamson's award was for the role he played within the Bombala Lions Club for many years and Claire Trevanion for outstanding service to a number of organisations such as the Lions Club, Showground Committee and the Tennis Club.

R: Carl Crotty receives his award from John Barilaro and Bronnie Taylor



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## **ALMA REED CELEBRATES HER 70th. BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to Alma Reed who travelled to Queanbeyan for the occasion where she was joined by her family at a dinner at the re-vamped Royal Hotel to celebrate her special day. Her four sons and one daughter were there along with their partners and grandchildren. Below: Alma and Barry with their five children and nine grandchildren. (Will Tibbets son of Jackie and Murray was missing—he was on a football trip to Singapore.)



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## **DELEGATE ANGLING CLUB REFORMED**

A successful meeting was held on 30th November with the object of reforming the Delegate Angling Club. A Committee was elected as follows:

President: Steven Woeffle, Secretary Mel Dyne,  
Treasurer Will Horton.

They plan to hold a fishing competition on the long week-end in January, with weigh in at Bill Jeffreys Park at 5pm (date to be confirmed). Check Delegate town website. [www.delegate.nsw.au](http://www.delegate.nsw.au)



## 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, Tue, Thur, Fri 1pm to 2pm

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2<sup>nd</sup> Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Join our Consumer Health Panel!

Each month you will be invited to tell us what you think about a range of health care issues that impact on you, your family or friends.

Whether it's access to after hours care, your ability to see a doctor when you need to, or the new 'My Health Record' – we want to know your thoughts on what's working and what isn't.

By sharing your views, you can help shape the future of the local health care system.

Get involved and be the voice for your local community!

### **How will it work?**

As a volunteer on the Consumer Health Panel, you will be contacted once a month to answer a short online survey via your mobile device or computer.

Simply:

1. Click the link
2. Answer the question/s
3. Hit send

Done! No meetings! No long forms!

We promise to let you know how your feedback is helping with planning, how it is influencing decision making or how it is being used to make a difference.

### **Who are we looking for?**

If you are a resident of South Eastern NSW, aged 18 years or older, and a regular user of the health care services with access to the internet, we encourage you to join!

It's voluntary, there is no obligation and you can stop whenever you like.

So... why not give it go? Be one of the voices for your local community.

Sorry but people who work in the health sector are not eligible.

### **How do I express my interest?**

Simply complete the form at  
[www.coordinare.org.au/consumerhealthpanel](http://www.coordinare.org.au/consumerhealthpanel)

If you need any further information  
contact us at 1300 069 002 or go to  
[www.coordinare.org.au](http://www.coordinare.org.au)



## Successful Gymkhana after 16 years Recess

Saturday 26th November Delegate Pony Club ran a very successful training day with specialised instructors and 40 riders. The day consisted with different training activities and the riders were in teams within their age group. The riders had training in Jumping, Dressage, Flat work, Tent pegging, Polo Cross and Mounted Games. Very special thank you goes out to all the instructors for coming along to Delegate and making it a great success and to the riders and parents for attending.

Sunday 27th November Delegate Pony Club ran their 1st Gymkhana in 16 years. The fairly new re-established Delegate Pony Club has come a very long way in just 3 short years. With 50 plus riders attending the event. The day ran smoothly with great weather and great company. The events that were held were Jumping, Riding Class, Riding Pairs, Barrels, Diamond Flag, Straight Barrels, Flag, Western Pole Bending, Bending, Keyhole, Keyhole Bounce, In & Out of the paddock and the Stockman's challenge. It was great to see riders encouraging and cheering on others in their aged groups even if they were competing against one another. Delegate Pony Club had 2 trophies up for grabs. The Collins Shield was 1st presented in 1964 and was donated by Stan Collins this was for the highest point scorer on the day at Delegate Gymkhana for any Zone 18 member. This trophy was successfully won by Georgie May Constance from Snowy River Pony Club and was presented to Georgie by Stan Collins two daughters, Denise Nichol and Philomena Collins. The Ken Summerill Memorial Trophy is received by any Delegate Pony Club member who has the highest points achieved over 3 Gymkhanas held in Zone 18, this was successfully won by Dustin Voveris who is only 5 years old, this was presented to Dustin by Ken's son Neville Summerill.

The whole weekend was a great success and with great weather. Thanks goes out to all the volunteers without you all we couldn't run the days we had, thanks to the organisers and caterers wow what a sterling job you all did. A special thank you to all the riders who attended near and far. We had representation from all Zone 18 Pony Clubs this inc Adaminaby, Jindabyne, Cooma, Nimmitabel, Snowy River and Delegate, they had riders from down the coast and from across the border in Vic.

### Age Champions

#### **Assisted:**

Champion: Aspen Cameron

Reserve: Dustin Voveris

#### **Under 7's:**

Champion: Alena Duncan

Reserve: Sage Dixon

#### **7 under 9:**

Champion: Lydia Jamieson & Frankie  
Dennis

Reserve: Elyssa Gould

#### **9 under 11:**

Champion: Zali Duncan

Reserve: Molly Norris

#### **11 under 13:**

Champion: Lauren Blacka

Reserve: Ella Dennis & Jeremy Kennedy

#### **13 under 15:**

Champion: Savana Nikau

Reserve: Lisa Haylock

#### **15 under 17:**

Champion: Jasmine Butterworth

Reserve: Caitlyn Pratt

#### **Associate:**

Champion: Georgie May Constance

Ken Summerill Memorial Trophy – Dustin Voveris  
– presented by Neville Summerill

Collins Shield - Georgie May Constance – presented by Denise Nichol and Philomena Collins



## **INCREASED ACTIVITY BY SNAKES AND SPIDERS AS THE WEATHER WARMES UP**

At the recent Delegate Community Consultation Committee meeting, the member's discussed the increase in sightings of snakes and spiders in the district as the temperature increases.

Below are some simple but very effective first aid tips.

### **Spider bites**

Funnel web spiders and any large black-looking spiders that may be a funnel web spider, must be managed as a medical emergency. If in doubt, always treat as a funnel web bite.

Calm the person and call triple zero (000) for an ambulance. Provide emergency care including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if needed.

Steps to take:

- apply a pressure immobilisation bandage
- keep the victim from moving around
- keep the bitten limb down
- bandage the limb from the area of the bite to the hand or foot, then back up to the body
- immobilise the limb by splinting if possible
- tell the victim to keep calm
- do not move them at all
- wait for the ambulance.

For all other spider bites, including from red-backed spiders, apply a cold compress or ice pack directly over the bite site to help relieve the pain. Seek medical assistance if symptoms, including sweating, muscular weakness, loss of coordination, nausea, or signs of infection develop.

### **Snake Bites**

In event of snakebite, swift administration of first aid is crucial and has been medically proven to be life-saving.

In most cases the vast majority of venomous snakebites occur on the victim's arm or leg.

First aid procedures for snake bites include:

- never interfere with the bite in any way by cutting or attempting to suck out the venom
- don't wash or clean the venom from the skin, venom is not absorbed from the outside
- place a firm bandage to the limb commencing at the bite site, then going down to the fingers or toes and then up to the limb to the hip or shoulder
- several bandages may be required, or use whatever material is available such as clothing
- keep the limb still
- if the bite is to the leg splint the legs together. If the bite is to the arm, splint the arm to the trunk of the body
- mark the location of the bite on the outside of the bandage, if possible
- bring transport to the patient, never allow the patient to attempt to walk or run
- under no circumstances should the bandage be removed until the patient has reached hospital

## Preschool Fundraiser



### Changes to Council Operating Hours Over 2016/17 Holiday Period

All Council offices and facilities will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 16 December 2016 for end of year staff celebration.

All Council offices and facilities will be closed from 12.30pm on Friday, 23 December 2016 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Due to these closures, the Bombala, Cooma and Jindabyne Landfills will be open earlier than scheduled on Friday 16 and 23 December 2016.

**Bombala, Cooma and Jindabyne Landfills will operate from 8:30 am to 12 noon on 16 and 23 December only,** returning to regular operating hours as per next normal scheduled operating day.

**Nimmitabel Transfer Station** will remain open as per normal schedule 2pm to 5pm Friday 16 and 23 December 2016.

**Visitors Information Centres** will operate their normal hours with the following exceptions:

**Cooma Visitors Information Centre** will be closed Sunday 25 December.

**Platypus Country Visitors Information Centre Bombala** will be closed Monday 26 December, 2016.

\*For waste collection information and facility operating hours please head to our website

<https://www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au/141/Waste-and-Recycling>



# Anglican Parish Garden Day Photos



## Tuesday Club News

About twelve members of the Tuesday Club enjoyed a very delicious High Tea at the Borderline Gallery for their November meeting. Members were asked to bring along their own china and some were able to share a story about their particular piece of china. Members were treated to a variety of homemade goodies from scones, jam and cream, sponges, tarts, slices and sandwiches.

The highlight of the afternoon was a small display of some of the incredible needlework by Beryl Phillips of Delegate. Beryl kindly consented to allow the Tuesday Club to view some of her work and members were amazed at the delicate work this 90 year old lady has produced over the years.

Beryl has been a dedicated supporter of the annual Delegate Show. Her first entry was in 1936, when she won a prize for a handkerchief she had worked while she was still at school and aged only 9 years old. She was also awarded Life Membership of the Delegate Show Society. As well as local shows, Beryl has been successful at many other shows including the Sydney Royal Easter Show, Newcastle, many coastal shows, as well as some Victorian shows too numerous to mention. She has collected many prizes over the years and has compiled all the cards associated with these prizes. The beautifully knitted and crocheted rugs, pram covers, embroidered tablecloths and doilies, as well as knitted toys are an amazing example of Beryl's talent and skills. Whilst Beryl was unable to share the afternoon with us, we sincerely thank this very modest lady for her generosity in allowing us to view this wonderful display. The next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Friday night 18<sup>th</sup> December at the Delegate Country Club. We will be having dinner and members are asked to pay for their own meals. It is essential to contact me at least by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to arrange catering. The courtesy bus will be available on that night.

PLEASE CHECK SHOP WINDOWS FOR NOTICES.



## DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB XMAS PARTY

Saturday 3rd December saw Santa arrive at the Club by fire engine greeted by a group of excited children. Before Santa arrived they were treated to a free barbecue and salads, followed by lollies and cake.

*Below: Some of the children with their presents.*



## Thomas Ryan Kading

Thomas Ryan Kading, born 10th November, 2016 in Cooma at 9pound 11ounces. Second child for Raymond and Rebecca Kading, a little brother for Lily.



## Golden Age Party

Local seniors enjoyed lunch and pleasant social afternoon at the Country Club on Sunday with music provided by Bev and Heather. This has been a popular annual event for many years and although crowds are growing smaller, organiser Marilyn Callaghan considers it is important to keep this tradition going. Following lunch the tasty Xmas cake made and decorated by Maria Callaway was cut by Jean Talbot. Natalie Armstrong spoke on behalf of all, thanking Heather for her musical contribution and Bev for her wonderful contribution in travelling from Canberra each year to provide the entertainment. Natalie also thanked Marilyn and helpers, Helen Nochny, Sue Guthrie and Sandra Walker. The raffle prize was a tin of chocolates and a plant which was won by Gail Smallman. *Below: Jean cutting the cake, Heather and Bev., Bill and Barbara Bateman with Jayne and Henry Sellers.*



# HERE & THERE

Many happy returns to the following December birthdays, Raymond Jamieson, Megan Downey, Nerida Reed, Dennis Reed, Alma Reed, Heather Jones and David Jones.

Also a special mention to all who celebrated milestone birthdays in November including Beryl Phillips, twin sisters Doreen Standen and Marjorie Lucas, and Sue Guthrie



Christmas is almost upon us—I think everyone is asking where did this year go? So much to do and so little time seems to be the order of the day for most people.

Delegate's population is increasing, with most of the vacant homes being sold over the past 12 months. It is a pleasant and safe place to live, and many who have sold homes in other areas, especially cities will have quite a lot of change from the deal.

There are always scams going on, one of the latest is people obviously from overseas saying they are from Telstra and will fix your internet which they say has been hacked. The best way to get rid of them is to ask for a phone number to return their call. They will hang up immediately.

Not many residents will be aware that there are water restrictions in play for Delegate, and the rest of the Snowy Monaro Shire. The notice appeared in the Monaro Express recently.



Recent storms have kept the area green for the time being, which is a welcome sight. However unfortunately some severe hail has been experienced in Bombala and other areas.



It is great to see the Delegate Fishing Club active again with a new committee and plans for a big fishing week-end (see story page 7 )



There has been increased activity of spiders and snakes , see page 9 for information on what to do if you are unlucky enough to be bitten.

Congratulations to whoever won the Lotto. The ticket was sold at the Delegate General Store and has everyone wondering who you are. Good to see someone local

winning for a change. We hope you enjoy spending it.

**Don't forget this fire season, if you see a fire please ring "000" and not your local brigade.**

Unfortunately due to unpredictable weather, Carols on St. Joseph's Church which was to be held on 18th December has been cancelled.

Christmas Mass Times:

Delegate: Xmas Vigil 5pm

Bombala: Christmas Vigil 7pm



Local milliner Cynthia Bryson (Jones) has been invited to Exhibit her creations at the 2017 International Millinery Festival in Dubai, as a prelude to the Dubai Cup. She is one of 8 milliners from around the world to be selected for this prestigious event. Still reeling from judging the Millinery Awards at this years Melbourne Cup, Cynthia is over the moon to have been invited.



*Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year*



# LOOKING BACK



Left: Not sure where we acquired this photo of one of Delegate's early netball teams, probably the first one formed. The team was known as the Ramblers and wore green uniforms with white trimming.

Back row from L to R: Yvonne Callaway, Betty Sambrook, Natalie Armstrong, Marlene Ingram Beverly Jamieson, Wilga Ingram, Rita Thornton.

## DELEGATE 150 YEARS AGO.

Jayne and Henry Sellers have shed light on the location and ownership of some of the earliest hotels in Delegate. The one which we featured in our September edition showing a team of bullocks in front of the hotel building known as the Commercial Hotel was actually in the main street and G. Sellers (grandfather to Henry and Eddie) bought and renovated the building in 1863.

There was also a hotel on the corner of Bombala Street and Corrowong Road, built by Mr. James Roberts.

We have also published photos of hotels owned by the Mudie family and the Hayden family, and have come to the conclusion that they are one and the same buildings. We are told that this particular hotel was opposite the present General Store.

## THE BIG BUSHFIRE OF 1905

We have been given a comprehensive account of the bushfire which caused the district so much damage in 1905. The information was contained in an article which was published in the Sydney Morning Herald at that time and passed on to us by Mr Peter Jeffreys.

Unfortunately there will not be room in this paper to publish the article in its entirety, but we will certainly include it later. One can only imagine what the impact on our early pioneers would have been, with none of the modern fire fighting equipment used today and no means of communication. The article states that large bodies of men battled the flames for four days and nights and some heroic deeds were done. Amazingly there was no loss of life.



# Community Information

**EMERGENCY / AMBULANCE: 000**

**FIRE: 000**

## **POLICE**

**Delegate: 6458 8044**

**Bombala : 64583444**

**Cooma: 6452 0099**

**Bendoc: 6458 1523**

**HOSPITAL: 6459 8000**

**DOCTOR: 64951369**

## **CHURCHES**

**Catholic:** Father Mick McAndrew 64522062

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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0408531544

Rev Judy Holdsworth—64583513

**Services:** 11am every Sunday..

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Pathology—Wednesdays 0930-1-3- hours

Immunisation Clinic—Fourth Thursday from 1100hours.

Podiatry Clinic

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# SOME SMALL GARDEN CREATURES

Here is a little of the material that I present at the local primary school in an attempt to have children appreciate that invertebrates are a very interesting group of creatures and that most are not pests but perform functions that contribute to human welfare. I do this by presenting pairs of animals that are visually similar and then discussing their behaviours in order to determine if they are 'Friend' or 'Foe'.

When the life history of these animals is closely observed it usually becomes impossible to give a definitive black and white answer. We usually get to the point that some of the things they do are harmful and some are beneficial and that even the presence of some represent a vital food source for other desirable species. In this way the concept of the food web is introduced. A factor in coming to a conclusion is the population numbers relative to the other organisms and another that influences the final decision is the human aims in the garden at the time e.g a bit of leaf damage on a snowpea plant will not affect the harvest of the edible parts. Another example is that a hole in silverbeet leaf will not be noticed when it is cooked and is acceptable if caused by a grasshopper but not if caused by slugs or snails due to contamination with their mucous trails.

A good example is the pairing exercise is that of the ladybird (*Harmonia conformis*) and the pumpkin beetle (*Aulacophora hilaris*).

The carnivorous lady bird is unequivocally good news because in both the Nymph and adult stage it eats aphids but it cannot survive if there are no aphids in the garden. It lays also its eggs on leaves providing food for a range of other insects.



On the other hand, the pumpkin beetle eats the leaves as it is vegetarian. Added to that it lays its eggs in the soil and its nymphs feed on the roots which can reduce water and nutrient uptake. It will attack any of the cucurbits (melons, cucumber etc.)

If the numbers of this leaf eater are low then a vigorous plant like a pumpkin can tolerate some leaf and root loss.

Since our human interest is the pumpkin fruit, which is not directly damaged, we act only if the infestation is severe.

Harlequin bug (*Dindymus versicolor*) is commonly called pumpkin beetle here in Delegate which is odd since it is most likely found on mallows especially hollyhocks. It is omnivorous but most damage is caused by its habit of sucking sap from tender plant parts especially flower buds.



Common names can cause a lot of confusion but what is more troubling is the increasing use of slang terms because so much implied information is lost. It is common now to use the American term 'bug' to encompass anything from viruses, bacteria to flying insects. The term 'Bug' correctly refers to an insect that sucks sap such as the citrus bug or green vegetable bug. I find it particularly sad to hear the young children, for example, drop 'ladybird' and use 'ladybug'. This simultaneously demotes its flying ability and its special attributes as a carnivore.



Some of the other pairings we use are the introduced Grey slug which eats leaves and the Leopard slug that cleans up algae (and occasionally dog food). We look at the honeybee and European wasp. Another is the leaf and root eating Christmas beetle and its tiny cousin the pollinator beetle seen in large numbers on white flowers (think of its positive services to Eucalypts). A favourite in class is the centipede (carnivorous) and the Portuguese millipede (vegetarian).