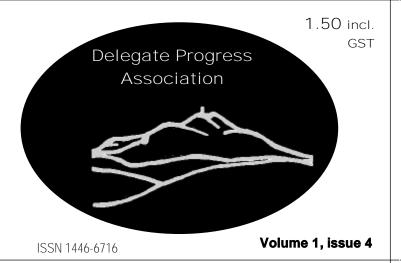
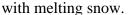
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Delegate Doings



GIANT TREES AND A RAINFOREST WALK IN OUR BACKYARD.

There is little doubt that we live in a very diverse area, with traditional farms interspersed with pine plantations in the immediate surrounds while just a few kilometres over the border to the South are North East Gippsland's ancient forests. A short drive from the village of Bendoc there is the Errinundra rain forest and stands of ancient eucalyptus such as the giant pictured. A drive along the winding road through the Tubbut valley area brings you to the iconic McKillop's bridge over the Snowy River, the first bridge was washed away in massive floods when the Snowy River was wild and untamed filled





To the north of Delegate township is the wilderness area through which the ancient aboriginal pathway the Bundian Way passes. It was used for thousands of years by coastal and high country aborigines as they trekked to Mount Kosciusko for the Bogong Moth Ceremony and to Eden for the Whale Festival.

Recently Bronwyn Wright and members of the Farran family showed. Administrator Dean Lynch and other tourism representatives some of the sites in the Bendoc area. With tourism much on the agenda of the newly formed Committee we feel that this isolated section of North Eastern Victoria which has always formed part of our local Community should not be left out when promoting our unique area.

The Bundian Way Project is quietly going ahead and there will soon be signage and viewing platforms erected.

Left: Standing in front of this giant tree, over 600 years old are members of the Tourism Committee and Bronwyn Wright.

Next Issue: 5th May then: 9th June and 7th July

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Dates for your Calendar

- Sunday 9th April at 2pm Delegate Country Club AGM
- 11th April— Delegate Progress Assoc. General Meeting
- 15th April—Delegate Hotel—Music
- 20th April—Tourism Meeting, Bombala
- 22nd April—Card Night RSL Hall.
- 25th. April—Anzac Service and luncheon.
- Easter Week-end new Art in Borderline Gallery

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(25 April)

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(Muster at 10.30am)

RAIN: In the event of rain the services will be

moved to the School of the Arts Hall.

GUN FIRE BREAKFAST: Delegate Hotel veranda after the dawn

service. No bookings necessary.

LUNCH: Delegate Country Club - BOOKINGS

ESSENTIAL and can be made at the RTC

or by contacting the Sub-Branch.

COURTESY BUS: Leaves the Hotel at 12.30pm and will

drop back there after lunch.

ORDER OF MARCH:

Current Serving Military

Ex-serving Military

Descendants

Other civilian groups

MEDALS:

Left - Your medals

Right - Relatives medals

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INTERNATIONALWOMEN'S DAY IN DELEGATE

The International Women's day was celebrated by a group of women from throughout the area on 7th March at the Delegate School of Arts. Guests enjoyed morning tea followed by a generous lunch supplied by Karen Cash and the School of Arts Committee.

Guest speakers were Kris Laird who spoke about women in business and how to maintain a work-life balance. Kris has over ten years of experience in small business and is an advisor for Business Connect. She said that it is mostly women who want to start small businesses and said that she encourage women of all ages to come forward. It is never too late to take on another challenge. Kris also spoke of the importance of not letting work stress intrude on your home life—we have to learn to say no to things.

Angie Ingram spoke about her role in mental health and in local government. She is the Executive Officer for the Mental Health Foundation ACT and a member of the Local Representative Committee for the Snowy Monaro Regional Council. She said it is an undeniable fact that rural and isolated people have poorer health and is striving to change the way mental health viewed and increase support for those suffering from mental health issues. If we work together and support each other she said we can achieve amazing things. Angie gave special mention to the Delegate Progress Association who she said she is grateful to, for teaching her so much about the importance of being connected and working towards a common goal. (Angie was President of the Delegate Progress Association following the retirement of Natalie Armstrong as President. With regard to Local Government she said that when it comes to Council elections in September it is important to vote for Councillors who see the big picture for the whole of the Shire, not someone with a narrow focus.

Awards were presented by Karen Cash to Pia Jackson for raising \$3500 for her work with the One Girl organisation which raised \$600,000 for girls schooling in Sierra Leone and Uganda. Further awards were presented to Shirley Badewitz, Sinead Cameron and Shirley Towan for their contributions to their

communities.



Left: Kris Laird, Angie Ingram, Karen Cash and Shirley Towan. R: Karen with Robin Guthrie and Shirley Badweitz.

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FLASH FROM THE PAST **ELECTRICITY COMES TO DELEGATE**

From research the Power came to Delegate in 1953 supplied by, as we know it today, the Monaro County Council.

Prior to this time the late Geoff Stewart proprietor of Stewart 's Garage Delegate, supplied the towns electricity, by way of a Crossley engine to drive a generator that was started each day at 4pm and ran to around 11 o clock at night.

The electricity supplied by Mr Geoff Stewart began back in the 1930s or before and continued to 1952. During this period through the depression there were tough times for all concerned.

The power posts shown here in this photo were obtained from Mr Stewart by the late Charlie Reed and used to build sheep yards on his property "That A Way" that Philip Reed owns today.

The yards were erected by the late Alf Mead by way of chock and block system on a flat rock on the Reeds property.

Time has taken its toll and the yards are in the process of being demolished.

In the photo right we have John Stewart looking over the power poles.



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DELEGATE DUCK RACE & FISHING COMPETITION

It is that time of year again, not only is Easter Bunny on his way, but the Delegate Duck Race is on also. This annual event has been successful for over a decade now, and this year will be something special.

This year will see the newly formed Delegate Angling Club having their second fishing competition for the year. Fishing commences at 5pm Wednesday April 12th.

Weigh in to be held at the Duck Race at 12 noon, Friday April 14th. The Fishing Club will also be holding a BBQ and raffles.

Categories include: Juniors – prizes on the day; Biggest Trout, Biggest Redfin, Biggest Eel. Adults – rolling major prizes at end of season; Biggest Fish (Trout or Redfin), Biggest Eel. If you have enquiries about the Fishing Comp, please give Stephen Woelfle a call on 0427 327 294.

As each year there will be the Kids Only Boat Race. The kids will be busy making their boats, with loads of prizes in store as usual, including Best Decorated. The Boat Race is free for the kids. The Boat Race begins at 1.30pm, followed by the Duck Races.

The Duck Race will possibly be two races like last year. This will depend on how many ducks we sell. The more ducks sold the more races there will be. All ducks cost \$10 each. As usual there will be awesome prizes and great chances of winning some money or other fun prizes. Ducks can be bought from the Delegate Café, Delegate General Store, Delegate Hotel, Delegate Public School or directly from Su King (044 773 2525). Ducks will also be available on the day up until the Boat Race.

Along with the BBQ provided by the Angling Club, there will also be light lunches, sweets and drinks available from the Public School P & C.

This years Race will be right in the middle of the school holidays. So if you are looking for a great kids day out for all the family, make your way to Delegate this Good Friday for the annual Delegate Duck Race. Start the fun early by taking the kids fishing for the Delegate Angling Fishing Comp.

COMMUNITY AGED CARE AND NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME INFORMATION SESSION

An information session re the above was held at the Delegate School of Arts on 28th March attended by around 20 people, including some of our local MPS Committee. Also present were Bombala and Delegate MPS Managers, HAAC, Cooma Challenge representatives, and some interested carers and aged community members.

Charmaine Johnson (nee Bruce) spoke about the changes to Aged Care packages while Beth Walker provided information re registration for National Disability Services.



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NEW PLANS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL IN DELEGATE

A number of Snowy Monaro Council representatives including Administrator Dean Lynch met with the public at the Delegate School of Arts on Tuesday 21st March. They outlined the proposed changes to the Delegate Waste Depot, which after the 1st of July will be a transfer station. The present opening hours will not change, recycling will be encouraged by the provision of a large bin with a smaller bin for other rubbish. In reply to a question re a green waste bin they said this had not been considered and will be reviewed at a later date. The purple bins supplied for out of town users will be removed and rural ratepayers will be issued with a voucher system to use when they utilise the depot, but of course will be restricted by no change in the opening hours. There will not be a charge for recycled goods or green waste and a list of what can be put in the yellow-lidded recycling bins was available and further copies can be picked up from the local store, the Cafe and the RTC.

Some rural rate payers present are not happy about the loss of the purple bins, which restrict them to the days they can leave their waste at the depot and feel they will be charged more for what will be a reduced service. A question was also asked about the disposal of mattresses and the enquirer was told that there will be a fairly substantial cost. It is also surprising that no green waste bins will be provided as with the large blocks surrounding Delegate houses there will always be a large amount of green waste, with many older people not having the transport or means to take it to the tip.

All green waste will be transported to Cooma where it is composted and sold back to the Public a project which is run at a profit. Other items such as chemicals, tyres, batteries and mattresses cannot be left at the Delegate tip, but must be transported to Bombala or in some cases even Cooma. How inconvenient is this?

The Public will have to be educated regarding the new arrangements and from what we hear so will the person in charge of the local tip who is at present seems to be giving out confusing information.

Obituary

Stephen "Buster" Thoroughgood

Stephen, or Buster as he was known, was born on 2nd September 1953 in Wollongong. He was the second of six children born to Alma (nee Armstrong) and Jack (Curly) Thoroughgood. Alma was born in Delegate and after her marriage to Curly, they moved to Wollongong, then Fairy Meadow, where they raised their children in a loving and very close knit family. The children, Chris, Buster, Helen, Julie, Ken and Debbie spent many wonderful holidays in Delegate with their grandmother, Daisy Armstrong, and the extended family.

Buster was the villain of the family, always up to mischief, but with his cheeky smile, and endearing personality, he was easily forgiven for any of his harmless transgressions.

In 1983 during a four year relationship, Buster was thrilled when his first child was born, a beautiful daughter named Louise. Later, in 1990, he married Bronwyn, and they lived in Towradgi, before settling in Dapto where another daughter, Tanae was born in 1996. Buster worked as a carpenter for the Wollongong Council, for 31 years. He spent his leisure hours engaging in his favourite hobbies, lawn bowls, fishing, cooking and tending his veggie garden.

Sadly, about 18 months ago, he was diagnosed with liver cancer. He battled bravely, but the disease finally took him from his loved ones on 18th March 2017.

He will be forever missed by his loving family - wife Bronwyn and daughter Tanae, his eldest daughter Louise and her husband Brett, and his grandchildren Kealey and Zane. He will also be sadly missed by his remaining siblings and their spouses (brother Ken having passed away in 1999) - Chris and Joanne, Helen and Ray, Julie, Debbie, and their families, as well as his many friends.

THE TALENTED JONES FAMILY

Paris Jones, daughter of Stephen and Kathy Jones is in her third .year of Bachelor of Forensic Science and has received a grant from the International Association of Blood Pattern Analysis (IASBA) . She is currently doing a research paper on the preponderance of impact splatter on an assailant caused by different mechanisms. Paris will be going to Los Angeles in September to the IABPA annual training and conference to present her work findings.

Cynthia Jones - Bryson is still reeling from her recent travels to Dubai. An invitation to participate in the Burjuman International Millinery Festival 2017 saw her travel to the UAE in early March to sell her

unique headpieces to Fashionista racegoers for the 22nd running of the worlds richest day of racing the Dubai World Cup.

The Dubai World Cup is the highlight of the city's sporting & social calendar and a fitting event for Cynthia to showcase her creations. She

was so well received and conducted TV interviews with channels Dubai One and Dubai Sport as well front page coverage in the Gulf News Tabloid.

Another grandson of Joan and Flatout's, Casey Taylor, son of Kim and Grant Taylor has won best singles player 14 year division one Ryde Balmain Tennis Association, not losing a match.

L: Casey Taylor with his tropy. R: A racegoer in Dubai wearing one of Cynthia's Hats.





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Delegate Multi Purpose Service

<u>Wellness Clinic</u> 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 quire 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

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

JAVELIN THROWING SUCCESS FOR BOY WITH LOCAL CONNECTIONS.

16 Year old James Telford competed in the Australian Championships at Homebush Athletic Stadium for javelin throwing.

Sunday 26th March the Under 20 yrs gained him an 8th place

Tuesday 28th March in his age group Under 16 gained him a very proud 3rd place

James, along with his mum & dad, Rachel (Collins) & Daniel Telford travelled from Algester, Brisbane along with other parents & competitors to Sydney for the event

James proud grandparents formerly of Delegate Ron& Lesley (Black) Collins.

LOCAL GIRLS HIT THE BIG SMOKE

Dennielle Tonissen, Jen Jeffreys, Irene and Asti French enjoying a horse and carriage ride around Melbourne. The girls were in Melbourne to see the Dixie Chicks on Saturday night. On Friday night they enjoyed a visit to the Western Bulldogs/Sydney Swans game.



Anyone interested in seeing a qualified Berlei fitter can phone 0427999042. She will come to Delegate if enough people are interested.

DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5 students, Robyn, Sheree attended the Cooba excursion. We will post some wonderful photos of our adventures next Delegate Doings.

The school had great success at the Delegate Show. Thanks are extended to all who entered sections and won prizes. Thank you also to Callan and Hunter for their wonderful efforts in the Dining Room.

Year 5 students attended the Middle School Day at the High School on Thursday. A great day was had by all. All activities were based on Numeracy.

We attended a music session, produced electricity using fruit, sport, food technology and a treasure hunt.

We have had a report of Head Lice. Please check your child/ren's hair.

The Positive Behaviour Learning program has been revamped. Now that the school has a new photocopier, an information booklet will be sent home.

The principal was at Cooba for three days followed by a LMBR training day in Cooma and a visit was made by the relieving School Director, Ms Hughes.

The Duck Race is approaching—put on your thinking caps for your child/ren's boat entry



A number of local ladies celebrate their birthdays in April.



Left: Mrs. Edna Reed who celebrates her 97th birthday on Friday, April 7th.



Mrs Natalie Armstrong worked on the Delegate Doings at the RTC on the 3rd April, her 89th birthday.



Mrs. Gail Smallman who celebrates her birthday on the 11th. April.



Mrs Natalie Ingram who celebrates her birthday on 6th. April.

Happy Birthday to all.

Peter Jeffrey's talk to Historical Society (contd.)

The daughter he married, Sarah, died on a trip back to England and her sister Sophia reared her two sons, John & Arthur Jeffreys.

The land title tenure was pretty hazy, as it would have been all over Australia at that time. There is no mention of Delegate in Campbell's Will when he died in 1846, so it is assumed that Sophia, the unmarried daughter who was rearing Sarah Jeffreys' two sons, had taken possession of Delegate before he died and became one of the first females to owe land in her own right. Her initials SC are Delegate Station's cattle brand still till today.

Sophia had a leasehold over Delegate in 1848, following the Orders of Council resolution in 1847, allowing squatters to lease land and have security of tenure so they could build improvements and then turn it into freehold. She left her estate to the two sons that she reared, John and Arthur Jeffreys, her nephews.

Robert Campbell's only land grant was what he got as compensation for the sinking of his ship, all other land he held was purchased.

He bought 120 acres at Kirribilli to build a shipyard, which was never completed. He was challenged over the ownership of this land by Milson and it ended up in court, which Campbell won. He also purchased 900 acres to the south around what is now the suburb of Canterbury. He built this up to over 1600 acres where he ran, as the description said "The surplus stock that the government didn't want". His ships were bringing these stock

to Australia. I have read that in 1801 he brought 250 head of cows to Sydney, 1802 he transported over 2000 head of cattle to Sydney.

QUESTION:- Where were the cattle from?

PETER:- I don't know. Calcutta was their base, but probably not from there. Maybe South Africa. His ships were trading all around the world, so they could have come from anywhere.

He lived at Wharf House, near his warehouse at Dawes Point, for most of his time, and in 1830 he moved to Duntroon for the rest of his life.

Lieutenant Arthur Jeffreys that married the daughter Sarah, only lived in Australia for 22 years. He did retire from the navy at a young age and became a very close member of the Campbell clan, living at Canterbury House.

For racing people, the Campbells leased the land to build Canterbury Racecourse in 1871 and a few years later sold it to the Race Club.

Robert Campbell had huge land holdings all over, Bathurst, Boorowa are some that I know of. Nothing is mentioned in Queensland for him, but his sons had property there, so I presume it was originally owned by Robert Campbell.

I have always been intrigued about all the landholdings that they had and all the dealings that must have gone on. I read an account of someone who wanted to be a fly on the wall when the Campbell-Jeffreys' family were doing land transactions. One deal on top of the table and another one under the table. Arthur Jeffreys had purchased land from Joshua Moore, who was a prominent landholder in Bombala and Canberra. It was a drought year and Arthur Jeffreys purchased Acton, now the Canberra suburb, from Joshua Moore, originally 1200 acres which he built up to 1700 acres. (To be continued next issue)

SUCCESSFUL DELEGATE CAMPDRAFT

The Delegate Campdraft Committee staged a very successful event over the weekend of 10th, 11th & 12th March.

Competition began at 1 pm Friday with 50 entrants in the Encouragement Draft, won by Bob Brice of Canberra. This was followed by the Ladies event of 90 Competitors and was sponsored by Harold Boot Company, who also sponsored the Junior and Open Drafts with a voucher for a pair of their prestigious boots for the winners of these three events. Chrissie French from Nimmitabel was the lucky winner of the Ladies Draft.

Saturday was 12 hours plus of Competition, commencing with Maiden One and Maiden Two and then the Junior Draft for 8 to under 13 year olds, once again sponsored by long time horse enthusiast and stalwart of horse sports, Frank Coonan, of Canberra. All competitors in the Junior event also received a hand made rope halter, generously made and donated by Allan Guthrie.

The Juvenile event for 13 to under 17 years was again generously sponsored by Ron Flanagan of Bonang and won by Jack Ventry from Gunningrah.

Both Novice Drafts of 180 entrants each, were won by local Phillip Collins riding Chris Craig's horse "Pothole".

Many favourable comments were made by visitors and spectators alike about the shade awning and shelter shed at the kiosk, which was instigated by the efforts of the Campdraft Committee and made possible with a partial State Government Grant. Thanks go to Neil Ingram and Co. for completing these facilities at short notice and in time for this years major Community events.

Once again our sincere thanks to Norm Talbot for making his trucks available to ferry cattle to and fro

and a big thankyou to all the cattle donors, without which this community fund raising event would not be possible.

To our loyal first aiders, Yvonne & Vernon, and all the people who donated food and assisted in any way to make the weekend a success, our grateful thanks.

Last but not least, our special thanks to the drovers who gave their time and expertise for a week before and a week after the Campdraft, to muster cattle and drove to the venue and then take them safely back to their respective owners.

Below: The new shade awning and Shelter were much appreciated



CATHOLIC CHURCH EASTER TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday 13th April: Mass Bombala 6pm

Good Friday 14th April: Stations of the Cross 12 noon Delegate.

The Passion 3pm Bombala

Easter Vigil 15th April

Mass Delegate 5pm, Bombala 6.300pm, Nimmitabel

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AUTUMN COLOUR

The town is looking very attractive at the moment, as nature has excelled, painting the trees in shades of red and gold.

Every year sees the planting of more trees thanks to dedicated volunteers.



HERE & THERE

Happy Birthday to all the April birthday people including Cheryl Mustard, Natalie Armstrong, George Tonissen, Loraine Kading, Connor Reed, David Reed, Lola Tonissen, Logan Nichol, Natalie Ingram, Edna Reed, John Judge, Gail Smallman, Will Jeffreys, and James Jeffreys.



Also a special birthday wish to Kevin Callaway whose family will be joining him over Easter to celebrate his 70th.



The further improvements to the amenities block at Bill Jeffreys Park are in the pipeline, including a new camp kitchen which will be a great addition to our lovely camping area. Noticed several vans and tents there at present and more expected during the Easter Week-end. We would like to see the proposed plans for the amenities area as we feel a door opening at the back with close access to the shower block is important.

There are plans for a Heritage Consultant Pip Giovanelli to visit with the Delegate Progress Association in May. There are many Heritage buildings and sites in our town and surrounds. Pip also is happy to spend time talking to the public about Heritage matters

The Tuesday Club did not hold their regular monthly meeting in March, but instead Members attended the International Women's Day Luncheon, which was held on Tuesday 7th March. For the month of April they will be meeting at the Cafe at 1.30 on Tuesday 11th April.

The death occurred recently in Wollongong of Stephen (Buster) Thoroughgood. Buster will be well remembered in Delegate as he returned to spend the Xmas holidays each year along with his Mother, Father, brothers and sisters. His mother Alma (nee Armstrong) father Curly and one brother Ken pre-deceased him. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family and his four siblings. Buster's obituary page appears on

Easter promises to be a busy time in Delegate with members of the large Callaway family descending on the town to celebrate the birthday of older brother Kevin.

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The annual duck race, and Fishing Competition should also draw a good crowd.

We are always happy to receive news and photos of family events and of ex residents. Just email to us and we will include in the Doings.

The beautiful little scarlet robin which is said to herald winter is now on the Endangered Species list. On the 8th April, the NSW Government Environment Trust is holding morning and afternoon workshops and guided tour at Black Flat and 'Knockalong', Tombong to find out how to par-

ticipate in the 'Save our Scarlet Robin' Project.



There will be card night at the RSL Sub-Branch on Saturday 22nd April, from 5 pm onwards. They ask for a gold coin donation to cover electricity.



Congratulations to Wai and Dennis Talbot on the birth of a son.

The new arrival is to be named Peter.

LOOKING BACK

DELEGATE'S EARLY HISTORY

From an address to the Bombala Historical Society by Peter Jeffreys

One of the reasons that I suggested we meet in the club today instead of at a cold woolshed or somewhere else, is that here we are right in the middle of the old Delegate run. The boundaries of the original Delegate run are described as the Craigie Range to the east, which you have just come over, the Bendoc River to the south, Hortons' Hill, which is the range you can see to the west there, and Rocky Range to the north, which is that range you can see to the north. That area was between 33,000 and 38,000 acres.

The exception was Bendolba which is opposite the Delegate airstrip. It ran from opposite the shed at the airstrip to the eastern point of the Delegate Hill and bounded by the Haydens Bog Creek. It was occupied by George Simpson and he must have taken it up about the same time or a year or two later.

I will go back a bit because of Delegate's connection to early Sydney and Duntroon in Canberra. This information is at the Settlers Hut and if you have been there, you would already know this.

Robert Campbell was the first free and non- military merchant and one of the founding fathers of Australian commerce. He came to Sydney first in 1796 from Calcutta where he and his brother had a trading business. He only paid a visit to Sydney then but on returning to Calcutta said to his brother he thought they should start a business in Australia. This he did buying land on the western side of Circular Quay to build his warehouses and some of his warehouses are still there today. He had trouble with the government, being a free trader, but they could see he was beneficial to the colony, so he continued. By 1806, the business was thriving.

There was a big flood on the Hawkesbury River which wiped out a lot of the food supply for Sydney. The government chartered one of his ships "Sydney" to go to Calcutta for more supplies, but this ship was wrecked and never returned. So the government granted him 4,800 acres as compensation, for the loss of the ship. He expanded this land, and in 1825 took up land on the Limestone Plains along the Molonglo River and built a homestead which he called Duntroon. Later this was to become the Royal Military College Canberra.

Ainslie, ex-army, brought sheep from Bathurst to the Limestone Plains. They acquired more land over time, building Duntroon to over 8,000 acres.

A couple of years later, things got tough there, so Campbell sent Ainslie south towards the snow to look for more land. Ainslie arrived at Delegate about 1827. He brought Cattle originally, and maybe sheep. Delegate was originally selected to feed the stock from Duntroon. Ainslie must have been a smart farmer, as Campbell himself had no idea of farming and he established Delegate with more stock from Duntroon and also Mt. Cooper where he had 21,000 acres. Little Plains was also mentioned as another part of the run. (Back towards Bombala over the Craigie Range).

Robert Campbell had 4 sons and 2 daughters. The Jeffreys came on the scene when Lt. Arthur Jeffreys married one of the daughters and became very close to the Campbell clan. (Contd. P 11.)

Community Information

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FROST - COMING TO YOUR PLACE SOON.

Most people will opt for frost when asked what has the most damaging effect on plant growth in their garden. We have been perilously close to the first frost in the last few days prompting thought about which specimens will need extra care in the coming months.

A lot of the problems we experience with frost are of our own making in that we continue to seek to grow plants well out of their natural range. It is a strange, but almost universal, feature of the human psyche to value the rare over the familiar and gardeners seem to be particularly vulnerable to this trait. On a personal level my relatives in Coffs Harbour are impressed by my raspberries, pears and daffodils and are valiantly trying to grow our weedy grape hyacinths while I can't help longing for their citrus, passionfruit, frangipani and persist with a needy potted lemon.

Succumbing to the desire to grow species hailing from warmer climates creates a garden that requires more maintenance hours, is less bountiful in appearance and causes angst on a daily basis. It also sets one up for many failures.

In addition to plants of local provenance (the familiar) there is a huge range of plants thanks to the adventurous collecting expeditions of past explorers and the breeding efforts of current nurserymen producing an endless stream of cultivars (satisfying the attraction to the rare or at least different) that have the inherent ability to cope with frost.

The most common strategy plants employ to cope with frost is straight out avoidance. Hibernation is common amongst the long lived plants and the most familiar form of it is found in deciduous trees and shrubs. These routinely withdraw nutrients from their leaves shortly before leaf abscission. The nutrients are then stored as a sugary sap in the woody parts that are protected from freezing by an insulating bark. This bark may be thick and furrowed or corky or it may even be papery such as in the silver birch where a layer of trapped air provides insulation.

Smaller plants also avoid freezing by using the soil as the insulator storing their summer-made nutrients in underground structures such as bulbs or tubers. Many herbaceous perennials rely on the insulating properties of fallen leaves to cover crowns containing dormant buds e.g. Shasta daisies, aquilegias, tarragon. Some plants are even more highly adapted and are simply able to travel in time i.e. they have a short summer life, store their nutrients in seed that 'hibernate' until conditions are suitable once again e.g. sunflowers.

Perhaps the most fascinating plants are those that retain their leaves during the cold times. These are capable of meeting freezing head on. Typically their leaves are hardened due to the thick cell walls that are reinforced to cope with the expansion and contraction that continually occurs as the watery cell contents alternately freeze at night and thaw again when sunlight falls on them during the day (holly, rhododendron). They may also contain a variety of oily chemicals in the cells that acts as an antifreeze (conifers, thyme, Eucalypts). The Northern Hemisphere conifers are the best known of this type and remain evergreen in extreme freezing conditions. Since they cannot extract water from frozen soil their trick is to be drought tolerant as well and their major adaptation for this has been to reduce their leaves to needles to minimise moisture loss which also helps to withstand the weight of snow. Counter intuitively this ability to withstand drought has allowed them to expand their garden range into hot dry conditions where the drought period coincides with summer rather than winter.

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