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MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER MARCH 100 YEAR RE-ENACTMENT SPECIAL EDITION CENTRE FOLD

LIFE CYCLE REGIONAL RIDE SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING VISIT TO DELEGATE.

The Charity which raises funds for the Leukaemia Foundation visited Delegate on Thursday 22nd October. Ten bike riders arrived in Delegate and they were treated to morning tea at the School of Arts before moving on to the local school for the children's sponsored bike ride. Later there was a BBQ at the Bill Jeffreys Park.

The school raised \$1328.50 with the sponsored bike rides and barbecue, a great effort for the small school.



The next day, Jan Ingram representing the Delegate Progress Association held a successful street stall raising \$381.00 for the Charity. The raffle held in conjunction was won by Doreen Standen.

Next Issue: 11th Dec then: 5th Feb and: 4th March

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Dates for your Calendar

- 18th November Delegate Hospital Auxiliary Casserole lunch.11:30 at Delegate Country Club
- 26th November School of Arts AGM
- 27th November Who is living at Craigie field day
- 29th November St Josephs Church Centenary
- 5th December Anglican garden Day
- 6th December Delegate Golden Age Party
- 6th December Corrowong Wallendibby Landcare Christmas Party
- 6th December Delegate Hotel Sunday Sips Annual Community GiveAway
- 7th December Open gardens Bombala
- 12th December Kids Christmas party at Country Club

Claiming the Date

- 23rd January 2016 Australia day festival at Delegate
- 24th January Men from Snowy River March Centenary

THANKYOU

To Greg Moore for donating his time and doing the difficult job of fastening one large heavy plaque and a smaller one to the posts at the Memorial Gates.

This completes the Anzac project.

ANGLICAN GARDEN DAY
SATURDAY 5TH December 2015
Commencing 10 am Morning Tea

At 78 Caveat Street

Bombala

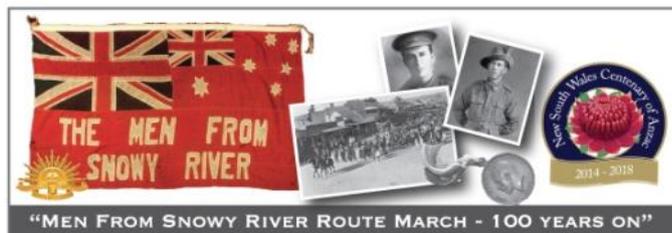
All gardens open till 4 pm

THANKYOU

A big thankyou to the Cabanandra Campdraft Committee for their generous support of The Men From Snowy River Commemoration events.

We thank them most sincerely for their most recent donation of \$2000.

The Committee were not successful in getting funding for the March Re-enactment and are grateful for the support of local organisations.



ELLIOTT FAMILY

The descendants of Mabel Elliott are holding a family get together in Bombala on December 5th. I hope you are able to assist.

Contact Joan Jones Ph. 64588147.

THANKYOU

To Maralyn Callaghan and Sandra Walker for a great effort in decorating the street for the Men from Snowy River Commemoration.

We also thank all the poppy makers who put time and effort in making hundreds of poppies, which will be used again on 24th Jan. 1916.

Remembrance Day in Delegate 2015



On a rainy Wednesday Delegate, school children and a small group of residents attended the service held in the School of Arts. Rebecca Kading read the opening prayer and Jason Clear and Brigitte Dunne skilfully recited the traditional poems. Wreaths were laid under a display of Australian and Union Jack flags held in a stump which everyone thought was brilliantly appropriate. Thankyou to Phill and Maree Pope for organising the day on behalf of the RSL.

I was honoured to give the address. I tried to express how war service shuts down the spirit and how it affects subsequent generations. I know that my own parenting was diminished by the inevitable circumstances of my upbringing. However hard our war, the Australian civilians were never exposed to the destruction of homes, loss of life, subsequent occupation and all the compromises or bravery required to survive. Working in Europe taught me that complex issues generated by the two wars are still very much alive. Australians were generally unaware of the psychological plight of migrants that arrived after WW1. Most poignantly some Aussie shouting “speak English you refos” was regularly heard. I am hoping that our current wave of newcomers are not so harshly received. Lastly I truly believe that a proportion of the PTSD that our current service personnel suffer would be somewhat alleviated if we, the public, took the time to individually show respect and support.



The Address

This day, November 11, marked the end of the Great War and was originally known as Armistice Day. After the Second World War it was renamed Remembrance Day to include those who fought in that war. However, we could let our thoughts expand to include all those who have since fought on our behalf or served as peacekeepers. Because war not only affects the participants we could also acknowledge the impacts on their relatives, particularly on their children.

On this day we especially pay homage to those who did not return and we honour all of those who risked life in order to protect ours. However from among the multitude of combatants I expect that most of us are, at this moment, focused on those individuals personally known to us.

I am now going to speak of just four of the members of my immediate family who experienced war. I do not think that my family is in any way special but I believe that their story reflects the experience and pain that typifies so many families.

My paternal grandfather fought in the Boer War as a NSW Mounted Rifleman. I do not know why he felt the need to do this or what he knew of, or felt about, such crises as the Breaker Morant episode. Whatever shaped his moral compass he felt compelled to enlist again after the arrival of the brutal news of Gallipoli. In France, he earned the Military Medal for his defence of a gun position during which he was wounded four times. As a result of his wounds he lost a leg and in hospital met a very young Cornish nurse who became my grandmother. (continued on page 4)

I now wonder what trauma did she endure during her nursing service,
how did she come to terms with that awful loss of life and injury in France.

And what on earth did she think of 1919 Mudgee when she arrived as a war bride?

And how did she cope bearing six children deprived of her family?

The WW1 servicemen returned to economic hardship and even the maimed men were largely left to their own devices by the State. Despite this my grandparents achieved a cottage, but the Depression followed. My grandfather made ends meet by shooting rabbits and shearing. In photos you can clearly see the false leg straining against his trousers above the knee as he braced himself to stand. They did manage to keep their cottage but all too soon saw their three sons off to the Second World War.

Only a great silence can contain the travail of such a grinding life. And that is what I remember of them - a silence that excluded, an exhaustion of spirit, a distance with us grandchildren where there should have been closeness, opportunity lost.

First Generation
George & Florence

Second Generation Atholl &
Olga on the wedding day



WW11 shaped my father. At its start he was just 17 and already in the Royal Australian Navy. He saw the first Australian Naval action of the war, the evacuation of British Somalia. His war continued through to the occupation of Japan and he went on to serve in Korea.

This meant that I was already two and half years old when my father returned to home life in Australia. What could my mother make of this war-hardened stranger and what could he find fulfilling in domesticity? Both suffered appalling disappointment and distance. I believe a good proportion of Baby Boomers have not been able to reach their full potential simply due to their disrupted nurture that was a natural consequence of their parent's war experience. Opportunity lost.

My mother said that during the war there was a universal camaraderie because everybody was involved – rationing, waiting for letters, the excitement of unexpected leave, the simultaneous grip of grief. By contrast, during the time of the Korean War she suffered tremendous emotional isolation because by then so few people were directly involved. With this comment has come an important realisation that this must be how it feels for today's service personnel and their families. Most of us no longer know of anyone engaged on active service and so we are not prompted to offer encouragement or comfort.

Australians participating in military service have done much to shape our national identity. We pay homage to those who have lost their lives, we honour the courage of combatants, we recognise that the effect of war service seeps into the community and across generations.

Lest we forget

NEW SEATS NEAR MEMORIAL GATES

The Progress Association have donated two new seats, one to replace the old painted one near the Memorial Gates which has seen better days. They will be in keeping with the face lift for the main street by Council. Unfortunately the seats were not able to be erected in time for the Re-enactment march, but the Council had spent a few days in Delegate the past week making everything spick and span for the big day.

The new tree surrounds at the entrance to the town are also a vast improvement of the previous one and the unanimous opinion is that they look really great.

Also the beautiful plaque which unfortunately did not arrive for Anzac day has now been installed on posts at the Memorial Gate by Greg Moore for which we thank him most sincerely.

Janice Lewis modelling the Men From Snowy River

Red T shirt and white hat, for sale

**at the Rural Transaction Centre for \$30.00 and \$15.00
each. Flags are also for sale for \$5.00**



The Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club has had a couple of busy months , with a Light Lunch and Slow Moves at the Delegate School of Arts in October, under the tuition of Chris Page from Bombala .We warmed up with the gentle moves of the Pride of Erin and the Barn Dance, then Chris put us through some tricky steps, with a couple of guests from Craigie and Bombala showing us their skills. After a light lunch and plenty of stories of the dances once held in the district and in particular, those held in the School of Arts, it was back to "Boot Skooting", with the pace somewhat slower. Everyone enjoyed the day and are keen to do again, after everyone has caught their breath and" rested" their boots .Thanks to Chris and Caroline for a fun day.

With so much happening in Delegate in November, the Men from Snowy River March on the 1st and St Joseph's Catholic Church Centenary on 28/29 Nov., the Tuesday Club had decided to have lunch at the Delegate Hotel on Melbourne Cup Day, where Graham and his staff went out of their way to make it an enjoyable day, and we thank them for their hospitality. Several of the ladies wore hats and fascinators ,with Joan Jones winning the best hat and Enid Stewart the best fascinator.

The final meeting for the year will be Tuesday 8th Dec. with" A Christmas Party Happy Hour" at the School of Arts .More details next month.



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Cape York

Russell, Sharon and Sam Buckman, Dave and Dianne Ingram and Phil and Deb Amey travelled 10,500km on their recent trip to Cape York. We left Delegate on a cold August morning of 3C and returned to a balmy October afternoon of 10C.

After a quick run up to Cairns we spent 3 days in Cairns and had a look around the area. Kuranda was very interesting with the strangler fig trees. We also visited the new Tank Museum at Cairns which I'm sure has every tank ever made in it.



On northward to Cooktown and then the Creb Track which goes up through the Daintree Rainforest. We have nothing to be ashamed of down here with our local rainforest being better than the Daintree.



Next stop Cape Melville where we camped on the beach. No crocodiles. The oysters on the rocks here were huge. Then onto Chilli Beach which looks like a tropical island with the palm trees all along the beach. No crocodiles. From here we took the French track across to the start of the Telegraph track. The



French track has some very steep river crossings which were negotiated with some wheel spin.

The telegraph track is the reason all 4x4 drivers go to the Cape. It is only 100kms long but can take up to 3 days. We camped the first night just past the second creek. As we were fairly late in the season the water levels were all down, the deepest being only 1 meter with the average about ½ meter. We did the steep drop down into Gunshot Creek a perpendicular drop into a very shallow creek. Russell is still complaining that I didn't film him. We camped the next 2 nights at Elliot Falls where we spend some quality time swimming in the river.

Finished the Telegraph Track the next

day and arrived at the Jardine River where you can no longer drive across but have to take the ferry. We made it to Punsand Bay for the next 3 nights. While at Punsand Bay we drove as close to the tip as we could get and walked the last little bit to the top of Australia. It is an



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amazing view. We also toured Bamaga and surrounding communities and court up on shopping and washing. Still no crocodiles.

From here we headed south back across the Jardine and back down the Telegraph track just for some fun. We stopped at Weipa for a couple of days, where the weather is fine and sunny 35C every day and 21C every night during the dry, then turned west towards Normanton. Saw the tail of a crocodile as it swam under the bridge. Dave and Dianne Ingram were Tilt-trayed back to Cooktown as their Landrovers fuel pump failed not far from Musgrave. Phil and Deb also left us at Normanton as they needed to head to Brisbane to get repairs done on their camper.

We stopped for a look at Burke and Wills most northern camp and then continued on to Burketown and then to Lorne Hill for 3 nights. This is a lovely gorge with many walks and canoe trips that you can do. It is also a lovely swimming spot.

From here we headed southeast to Mt Isa then Longreach and the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Then we spent 2 nights at Mt Moffitt National Park before heading south for a quick run home.

We are convinced that crocodiles are just a myth.

Russell, Sharon and Sam Buckman.



MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER MARCH 100 YEAR RE-ENACTMENT



Organisers were thrilled by the successful re-enactment witnessed by a large crowd in Delegate on Sunday 1st November, the culmination of many months hard work. The weather was kind, with the

threatened storms not eventuating and the big crowd of marchers left the Monument in bright sunshine. The march was led by Light horsemen, followed by Piper Will Horton and two drummers, followed by the group representing the original twelve, followed by the Federation Guard, descendants, RSL and school children.

The School of Arts was filled to overflowing as the crowd filed in for the official part of the proceedings. The Master of Ceremonies duties were carried out by Flight Lieutenant Michael Brady representing the local RSL Sub-Branch

who introduced Jazzie Thompson to do "Welcome to Country". The Guest speaker Air Marshall David Evans, then spoke followed by Member for Eden Monaro Dr. Peter Henty. The Mc called for a minutes silence before the Rev. Judith Holdsworth gave a short blessing. Lachie Sellers read a poem taken from one of the Men from Snowy River Marching songs which were written in 1916.

There was a short adjournment

for lunch which was provided in generous quantities by the Delegate P & C. There was a break for some light entertainment in the form of a sing-along of WW1 songs led by Beverly Stokes and sister Heather Jones with some backing from a group of local ladies.

Then it was time for the walkers to assemble out the front before setting off for the residence of John and Penny Judge on top of Craigie range. After the long climb up the range in quite warm weather the group were in need of refreshments and a spell before heading down the range for Craigie Hall where they stayed the night. The Craigie Community provided a sumptuous baked dinner which went down very well for the hungry walkers.

Some of the group even tested the water temperature of the Craigie River, just as the Men from Snowy River did one hundred years ago.



BOMBALA TURNS OUT FOR THE MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER RE-ENACTMENT.

The community of Bombala did themselves proud when they turned out in their hundreds for the parade through the main street and across the bridge to the Rocks Memorial for the official ceremony. The march was again headed by four members of the Light Horse, followed by the Piper and Drummers, the Men from Snowy River group carrying the flag, the Bombala RSL Sub-branch, descendants, the Historical Society and others.



Schools from throughout the district were represented and joined with The Snowy Mob Choir in entertaining the crowd with some great singing. Mayor Bob Stewart officially opened proceedings speaking of the men who marched from there in 1916, some giving their lives and said he felt it was fitting that they should be honoured in this way. Garry Berman of the Bemboka Light Horse also spoke, thanking all for their support and particularly Ian Sellers whom he said had done a mighty job in pulling

all the arrangements together, such as road closures, transport, camping arrangements, and much more.

The book written by pupils of Bombala High School containing the Military histories of all the names on the Bombala Monument was also launched. The deputy headmaster of the High School also spoke giving an outline of the sacrifice made by thousands of Australians in WW1 when Australia was a young country with a population of only 4million people. Former year 12 pupil Jackie Chapman who contributed to the book along with several of her classmates officially launched the book, which was on sale for \$10.

All present were then invited to partake in the sausage sizzle and Anzac biscuits provided by the Council and Lyons and Rotary Clubs.

The day before the Re-enactment group had marched from Craigie to Mila where they stopped for lunch, before being transported to Bombala where they stayed overnight and enjoyed dinner at the RSL Club.

Plans for the next day are breakfast at Bibbenluke, lunch at the Abattoir on the old Cooma Road, then marching along the back road into Nimmitabel for their official ceremony and a meal.



Bombala — Nimitabel — Cooma — Bredbo — Michelago

After Bombala the group took the old Cooma road and walked to the old Abattoirs, where they met with members of the Bombala Historical Group for a picnic lunch and a talk on the history of the building by Stuart Hood. The large solid building was constructed in the esc but the business had a rocky start and never really got to be operating at full capacity, so it sits empty and abandoned beside the disused railway line a monument to bad planning.

It was then on to Nimmitabel on an afternoon that had turned cool and blustery, and they were met by waiting school children and a few descendants and spectators. Led by the Light Horse contingent they marched to the Nimmitabel Cenotaph where a very moving ceremony was held. This included the Nimmitabel school children doing a reading of "One Minute's Silence". At the conclusion the group were invited to the Country Club for a meal and some R & R. After a tasty meal the campers returned to the showground where they stayed the night in the large modern shed.

Arriving at Cooma to be welcomed by misty rain but the march continued down the hill led by the Cooma band and the faithful Light Horse members. School children lined the streets under cover and the marchers arrived at the Cenotaph for the service. After lunch and some R & R the group of marchers and support staff attended a formal dinner at the Returned Services Club. That night they camped at the Cooma Showground.

It was an early start for Dromore Station and a 12 k walk which involved crossing the Murrumbidgee River before arriving at Bredbo late that afternoon. At Dromore they received a typical old style country welcome by the owners Mr and Mrs Kimber with a lavish morning tea and the ladies dressed in period costume. The group particularly enjoyed this historic walk through the green fertile valley.



Another warm welcome and meal at Bredbo, following a service conducted by the President of the Bredbo Progress Association. The welcomes and hospitality received in all the small towns and villages was second to none and repeated what had happened one hundred years ago. After staying the night in Bredbo it was an early start for Colinton Fire Shed for a hearty breakfast provided by the

Colinton Fire Brigade.

Michelago was the next stop after a long walk down Ryries Hill to the township another historic section followed by a service at the grounds of the old railway station and lunch inside the lovely old railway building which is a time capsule of the times when the trains bound for Sydney or Bombala stopped off there.

Arriving in Queanbeyan in the late afternoon there was a time for a shower before being treated to a barbecue by the Queanbeyan Arts Society in another historic building, the former Governor's residence. Present was the Federal Member for Eden Monaro, Dr Peter Hendy, the Mayor of Queanbeyan Mr. Tim Overall and his wife and representatives of the RSL Sub-Branch.

Queanbeyan

Sunday morning all the marchers assembled in front of the Eternal Flame in Crawford Street for the beginning of the March up the main Street to the Cenotaph. A big crowd lined the streets and descendants, scouts and RSL members added to the large group which were headed by the Queanbeyan Pipe Band. Master of Ceremonies was Ryan McManus Queanbeyan Sub-branch member and the welcome was given by



Major General John Frewen, representing the Minister for Defence. Queanbeyan Mayor Tim overall read the poem Snowy River men and several wreaths were laid Matt Helm Queanbeyan Sub-branch President, Matt Help, Dr Peter Hendy, Member for Monaro John Barilarlo, Major General Frewin, Ian Sellers and members of the public.

The service ended with the Ode, The Last Post, Silence and Reveille.

The group continued on to Bungendore for morning tea and lunch at Tarago and from all reports received the same warm welcome, further details will be provided



later. After staying two nights in Goulburn they traveled by bus to Sydney for the service in Martin Place.

It has been a very successful undertaking by an interesting and diverse group of people including a sub-Mariner from the Royal Navy, a history buff from Gumley Gumley wearing an authentic WW1 uniform, the three children, Noah Coles, his brother Toby and Ellery Farran, who along with Michelle Farran and Penny Judge made up the nucleus of the Snowy Mob Choir who sang at every service along the way. The boys also provided the drums where there were no bands and were joined at times by John Judge. The Choir will be joined by more children at Goulburn, some of whom have been invited to sing with the Cooee Choir at Parliament House.

The Bemboka Light Horse left the Snowy group after Michelago and the Canberra Light Horse Association will accompany the marchers to Goulburn. They have been a very important part of the Re-enactment and created great interest at every stop.



Who is living at Craigie ?



Date: Friday,
27 November, 2015
Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm
(workshop and
property tour; lunch)
Venue: Craigie Hall,
Big Flat Road, Craigie

**Register by
27 November**

Who's living on my land and Land for Wildlife in Kosciuszko to Coast Region

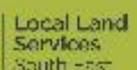
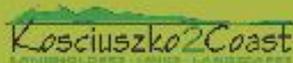
Come to our free workshop to learn more about the wildlife on your property and opportunities available to you through the Land for Wildlife Program. We'll train you in the latest camera trapping techniques and lend you a motion detector infrared camera to survey your property for native and pest species as part of the National Parks Association of NSW's acclaimed citizen science project 'Who's living on my land?'

In the afternoon we'll go on a tour of Norm and Jules Craig's 'Craigie property' to do a walk and talk with ecologists about birds, wildlife habitat and vegetation communities and flora species.

This workshop is a great opportunity to network with your local community and hear about biodiversity conservation projects that are occurring in your area. There will be short talks on: habitat connectivity, pest management and the use of fire for ecological outcomes.

The event is open to all landholders in the Delegate region. Register today to take part in this informative and engaging workshop!

**Registrations are essential. RSVP to Margot Law on
(02) 9299 0000 or margotl@npansw.org.au**



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

It's Hat Season!

With the weather warming up the students have been wearing their protective school hats during playtime



Be Kind to Animals Week

K12 enjoyed learning all about animal care by making awareness posters and pop stick bird feeders. The bird feeders will be placed around the school yard.



Pirate Versus Mermaids Concert



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.

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Other Services

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**Hats Life Milliner
wins 2015 Millinery Award on Crown Oaks
Day**

Saturday, 7th November 2015

Descendant of Mable Elliott - Milliner Cynthia Jones-Bryson has won the coveted Crown Oaks Day Invitation Only Myer Millinery Award with her model Alice Anderson. The award-winning headpiece featured incredible feather work shaped into three spheres atop each other.

Cynthia told the crowd her inspiration for her creation was fireworks. The stand-out headpiece impressed a panel of esteemed judges including master milliner himself, Mr Stephen Jones.

Cynthia was also a finalist in the 2014 Myer Millinery Award .



Join St Joseph's Delegate in our centenary celebrations.

An open invitation is warmly extend to all in our district.

Organiser's of the Centenary of St Joseph's Church Delegate are busy getting the final touches ready for what will be a wonderful couple of days of celebration on 28 & 29 November 2015. A permanent history display has been set up in the school and features photos, newspaper articles and items of nostalgia guaranteed to bring back many memories of both the church and school.

Numerous former residents have already indicated of their return for the celebrations along with several Sisters of St Joseph who taught in Delegate. A brief history of St Joseph's has been compiled and will be available at the event along with souvenir items to mark the occasion. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be the principal celebrant for the Centenary Mass and will also unveil an official plaque to commemorate 100 years since the original foundation stone was laid.

The weekend agenda gets underway on Saturday 28th November when both the church and school will be open from 11am to view the history display. On Saturday night an "Aussie Trivia" on the big screen will be held at the Delegate Country Club commencing at 7.30pm. Maximum of 8 per team. As numbers are limited, bookings are essential with Sandra Walker on 6458 8089 by 20th November. Meals will also be available at the club. Bookings for meals through Delegate Country Club on 6458 8169.

Sunday 29th November commences with prayers & blessing at the Delegate Cemetery at 11am followed by the Centenary Mass at St Joseph's Church. At the conclusion of Mass a light luncheon will be served in the church grounds.

To assist with catering purposes, organiser's are requesting an indication of numbers for Sunday. If you are attending, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please advise either Sandra Walker on 6458 8089, Lorraine Cottrell on 6458 8455 or email joeysdelegate@gmail.com as soon as possible.

A working bee will be held on Sunday 15th November at 10.00am.

Any assistance would be much appreciated.

HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to November birthday people.

Norman Talbot, Terry O'Hagan, Jessi and Jack Reed, John Callaway.



Don't forget the Anglican Garden Day in Bombala on 5th December featuring gardens which have not previously been open, morning tea and lunch.



School of Arts stage lighting to be upgraded due to a successful bid for funding from Southern phones.

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A fellow asked his wife of 40 years, "Darling I've never seen you in a bad mood, how do you do it?."

His wife responded "Whenever I get angry I go and clean the bathroom."

The husband asked again "and how do you do it?"

His wife replied "I used your toothbrush"

Delegate School of Arts AGM

Thursday 26th November

7pm

New members are needed to help make decisions about upkeep of our hall.

Only 3 meetings a year!

Delegate Golden Age Party

Sunday 6th December

12:00pm

Bookings at the Delegate General store

Or phone Marilyn on 64588167

ABC TV coverage of The Men From Snowy River.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-11-10/ww1-centenary-men-from-snowy-river-march-again/6925390>

In the last issue we briefly reported the death of local man John Bates. His funeral took place at the Delegate Cemetery with a graveside service on Friday 9th October followed by a RSL Service with Bombala and Delegate RSL members represented. John is survived by son Tom, and two sisters Amy Bates and Ilma Stewart, his wife Shirley having pre-deceased. Sympathy is extended to all.

We have to report the death of Ruth Reed (nee Commons) at Coffs Harbour last month. Ruth spent her early years in Delegate, before moving to Sydney for work when she was in her teens. Ruth married Mick Rope and had one son. Later the marriage broke up and sadly her only son lost his life in an accident. She later moved back into the area and married Stan Reed now deceased. Ruth spent her last years in Coffs Harbour and we extend our sympathy to the remaining members of her family.

LOOKING BACK

Below: A Bullock dray in Delegate's main Street—the way cartage was carried out back then.



Below: This photo of Members of the Australian Light Horse was loaned to us by the Jeffreys family.



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The Swings and Roundabouts of a Wet Spring

There have been some winners and losers associated with the generally wet and mild Spring weather. By nominating this Spring as being mild I mean that the frosts that always seem to follow the first burst of warm weather (which was really quite hot at times) have been light. This has allowed earlier flowering fruit trees that are often frost affected to retain their fruitlets so it looks promising for stone fruits that are not always able to produce a crop in this district. So far apricots, figs, cherries, peaches, pears, plums and nectarines are holding fruitlets which is exciting. However apples, which are generally the last to bloom and usually the most reliable of fruits here are showing poor fruit set. In Delegate flowering was profuse but coincided with damp weather which greatly reduced bee activity and shortly after the pollination window the frost was sufficient to wither the flowers. Grapes also suffered the same fate.



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The continuing damp has brought out fungal diseases too. Snow peas and shelling peas are making an early exit and broad beans are developing chocolate spot. Instead of spraying at home to minimise the damage it is best to remove these crops in order to free up the space for the next round of plantings, after all the point of producing your own food is to avoid the chemical cocktail required to guarantee perfect supermarket specimens.

The obvious choices for filling these vacant beds are the Summer crops like tomatoes and pumpkins. Many people have made the comment that it is hard to get these to ripen before our winter. We have to accept that the growing strategies of warm climate areas cannot be followed here and the trick is to grow more individual plants and to limit the number of fruits carried by each plant. For example, instead of letting a pumpkin ramble to its heart's content, pinch the tip out of the runner when it reaches two metres. The side shoots that bear the female flowers are suppressed whilst ever the plant is making strong vegetative growth. Removing the dominant shoot allows the female flowers to appear in the axils of the leaves at an earlier stage of the growth cycle. When the fruits

Susan Tocchini

are set select 3 or 4 to grow on and pinch off the rest. This means that you are assured of fully ripened fruit at the end of the season a version of the old saying "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush". However the pumpkins that are unripe at the end of the season can be cooked and eaten just as you would prepare a squash. The excess flowers be used in any zucchini flower recipe and any fruitlets pruned off may be cooked as scallops. In the array of cucurbit varieties the specialised role of pumpkin is to provide a "squash with keeping qualities" to fill the winter shortage.

Developing a strategy for tomatoes is a little more challenging in that there are so many more varieties to choose from. It is probably best to settle on a few varieties and to hone your skills on these rather than jump into the unknown with different types each year. This is one crop where the commercial growers' requirements work to our advantage. The original species types from Central America were long lived vines that produced small fruits continually. Modern horticulture has selected for strong upright plants that ripen a flush of fruits in the field and this plays nicely into our climate restrictions. The best are known as "determinate" types i.e. the plant itself limits its vegetative growth to a certain size. In general, because they take longer, the larger the individual fruits the fewer you should attempt to ripen. Those that produce small fruits (Cherry) ripen easily but take a great deal more time and care to pick as you usually need to harvest from trusses that bear fruits at different stages of ripeness.

A good compromise is either the egg shaped tomato such as Roma that are not too big or the Australian bred KY1 also known as Scoreby Dwarf. Dwarf refers to the height of the bush not the size of the fruit. I like KY1 because it is a low growing bush that suits the edge of a bed and produces heavy crops of good sized tomatoes but I have found that it benefits from a horizontal mesh supported by pots or bricks to prevent fruit from laying on the earth as the weight of it is so great that it pulls the sturdy bush down.



KY1

Do not forget that most leafy vegetables are more tender and less bitter if grown with some shade (coriander, lettuce, silverbeet) and that it is time to prune all spring flowering shrubs so that next year's flowering wood can be produced over Summer.