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# Delegate Doings



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## ANNUAL TRACTOR RIDE PASSES THROUGH TOWN

The Memorial Park at Delegate was filled with tractors old and new for the Annual Rally of the Bega Club. They paused for a welcome rest and a cuppa before heading for Bombala where they intended to stay the night before continuing home. These annual rallies are growing in popularity as they traverse some of the most isolated and spectacular border areas of NSW and Victoria and this year were joined by participants from Berrima and Melbourne.

This time they decided to try a different route going down the Bonang Road to Goongerah and on to the Yalmy Track, crossing the Snowy River and continuing on to Buchan where they spent the night. Then it was down the Mountain, crossing the Snowy again at McKillops Bridge where they spent the night as they have many times before at Tom Ventry's property at Deddick. As the pictures below show there were a wide variety of tractors, some quite old, but they assured me that they have plenty of Mechanics in case of breakdowns. Also they are accompanied by a breakdown truck, so have covered all contingencies.

Far right: Some of the hardy drivers who tackle the back roads.

A variety of different tractors which made the journey including a pretty pink one representing "Pink for Breast Cancer"



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and: May 5th

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### Dates for your Calendar

- Tuesday 7th February—DPA Meeting 5.30pm
- 15th February—Tourism meeting Bombala 5.30pm
- 23rd Feb—Garbage Meeting School of Arts 6pm
- 25th February—Bombala Rotary Markets.
- 4th March—Delegate Show
- 11th March—Delegate Camp draft
- 17th March—St Patricks Day/Deputy Premier John Barilaro Dinner at the Country Club
- 19th March—Country Club AGM

### CLAIMING THE DATE

**Delegate Tigers Junior Rugby League 50th Re-union.**

**September 23rd. 2017.**

**Delegate Country Club.**

**For information phone**

**Philip Reed 0410214156**

**Or**

**Dennis Callaway 0416372627**

### DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB LTD.

**Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Delegate Country Club Ltd to be held at the Club on Sunday 19th March, 2017, commencing at 2.30pm.**

#### **The order of business shall be:**

- To confirm the Minutes of previous AGM
- To receive the Treasurer's and President's Reports for the past year.
- To conduct the Election of the Board of Directors.
- To discuss issues involving the longer-term viability of the Club, possible sale of assets and staff recruitment.
- To conduct any other business that might be presented to the meeting

**WR BATEMAN      President and Hon. Secretary.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

To James Preston and Suzy Kidd on the arrival of their son Benjamin George Garry Preston. He is a welcome brother for Lincoln, Wyatt and Jessi.

Benjamin is the 7th grandchild for Garry and Jean Preston and the 11th Grandchild for Jan Anderson and the Late George Kidd.

Benjamin weighed in at 8lb 13oz and is 54cms long.

### SOME DUMB LABELS WARNINGS

On a baby stroller: "Remove child before folding"

On a brass fishing lure with a brass three pronged hook: "Harmful if Swallowed".

On a Thermometer: "Once used rectally, the thermometer should not be used orally."

On a carpenters electric drill: "This product is **not** intended for use as a dental drill."

## SUCCESSFUL SPRING TENNIS COMPETITION

The Delegate Tennis Club held the finals of their spring competition on December 14th and plan to start the summer/autumn competition in February. Tennis was once the number one sport for the district with 18 teams in three grades taking part in a Saturday competition and it is good to see the re-emergence of this popular family sport. The summer competition commences next week with four teams, plus reserves.

Six teams took part in the first competition and the winners pictured below are: Jen Jeffreys, John Teschke, Lana Jamieson and Michael Lewis.



Runners up: Tim Gillespie Jones, Mandy Horton, Janice Lewis and Rob McLeish





## **TUESDAY CLUB NEWS**

On December 16th about eleven members of the Tuesday Club along with some family members enjoyed a fun night and a delicious meal at the Delegate Country Club to celebrate Christmas and the final get together for the year. Many thanked Sophie and her daughter for the beautifully presented meal and all commented how much they enjoyed it.

As usual members do not meet in January, so the first meeting will be Tuesday 14th February and we will meet at the Cafe for a sandwich and a chat, so come along and join in, everyone is welcome. Members will also discuss activities for the coming month and are reminded of International Women's Day which will be celebrated in March.



### **PROPOSED CLOSURE WESTPAC BANK IN BOMBALA**

Many of you would have received the news today that we are going to be losing our Westpac Bank. I have been informed that the complaints need to go directly to the WESTPAC CEO Brian Hartzer. If everyone could please email complaints to Brian - cc'ing John Barilaro and Bronnie Taylor.

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLAINTS TO:

WESTPAC CEO BRIAN HARTZER.

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Bombala & District Chamber Of Commerce

[bombalachamber@gmail.com](mailto:bombalachamber@gmail.com)

### **Australia Day Awards**

#### **Citizen of the Year**

**Mr Colin Ryan**

#### **Young Citizen of the Year**

**Mr Thomas Regent**

#### **Community Event of the Year**

**10th Biannual "Working the Past" Rally hosted by the Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society Inc.**

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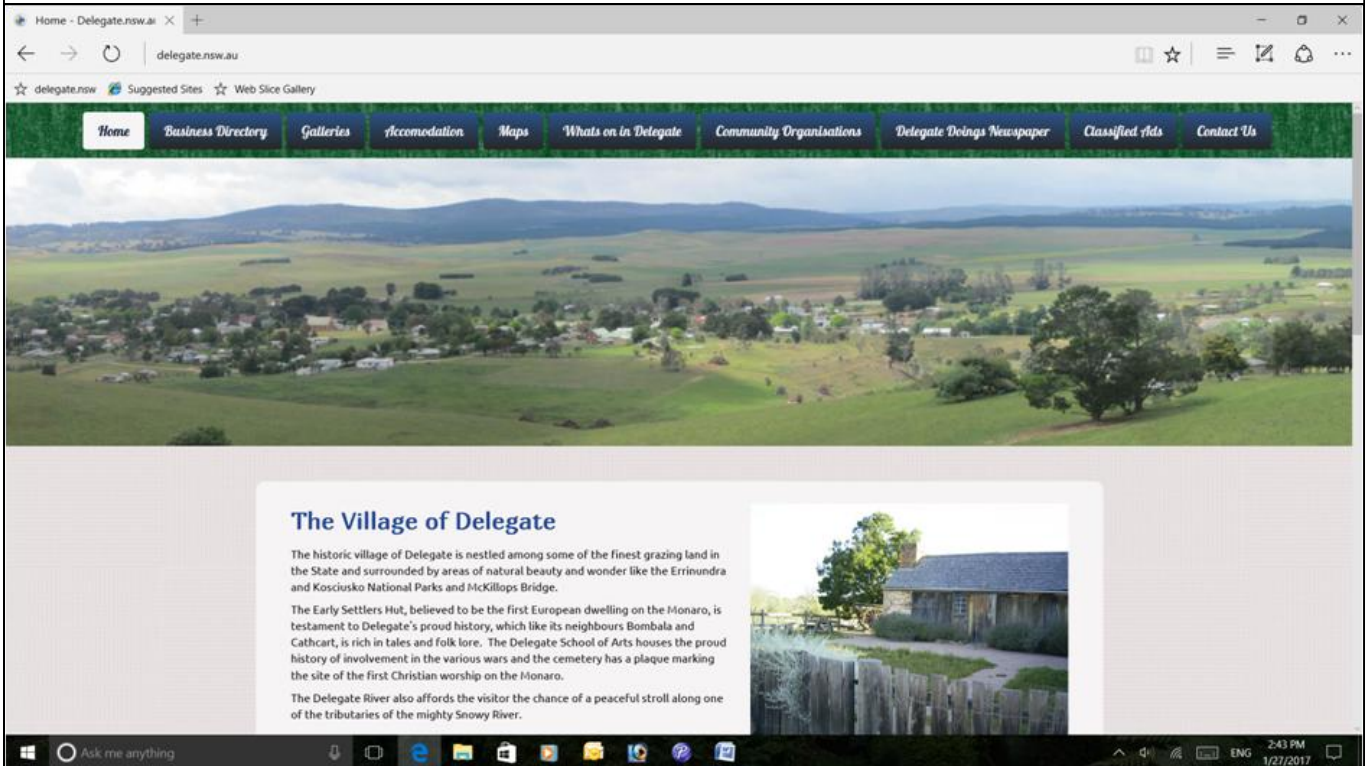
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## HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY TO TRENT TONISSEN.

Around 50 family and friends gathered at Trent's acreage just above the town, to join him in celebrating his special birthday. His Aunt Christine and cousin Jason came from Goulburn for the occasion.

Pictured Right are Trent's wife Denielle nursing Lola, Trent, Trent's cousin Jason, father George, Aunt Christine and Mother Louise nursing Isabella.





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## **New Exhibitions**

Opening Tuesday 7th February

### **Borderline Gallery**

Photography Exhibition By Narooma Photographic Society

Pottery Exhibition By Ando Potters

### **Bundian Gallery**

Tim Goodman from Merimbula

# **109th Delegate Show**

**4th March 2017**

## **Attractions**

**Most Successful Exhibitor over pavilion section's C - O \$100.00 Prize.**

**Guess The Weight of The Bull:** \$50.00 Prize.

**Basketball Shootout:** Organiser: Mr Ian Sellers.

**Barnyard Nursery:**

Sponsored by **Snowy Monaro Regional Council**

**Sheep Colouring Competition:**

Sheep Branding Spray supplied by **Landmark Bombala/Delegate**

**Billy Boiling Competition:** (This Competition will only be run if weather permits). High School aged & Primary School aged.  
Organizer: Mr Bill Guthrie. Sponsored by **Delegate General Store**

**Children's Novelty Events:**

**Best Decorated Push Bike Competition:**

Preschool, Kinder & Grades 1&2, Primary Grades 3-6, High School  
Prizes 1st \$10.00, 2nd \$5.00 each section.

Delegate Progress Association

**Short Film Competition:** (no more than one and a half mins) –

Any Format Any Subject Sponsored by the

Delegate Progress Association

**Primary School Section 12 years and under**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$25.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$15.00 Encouragement Award: - \$10.00

Enquiries to Ian Sellers on 0428 984 485.

Entries close **17 Friday, February 2017** and must be forwarded to

Delegate RT/CT Centre in a portable format.



## **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.

## **DISQUIET RE LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

It is two years since the public were told that the emergency services at the local MPS would be downgraded but it appears from numerous reports that it has practically ceased altogether. Surely it is high time that the public receive a clear indication of what they can expect from their local hospital. This district has been without the services of a resident Doctor for several years and some of the elderly in the town do not have transport, so it would be comforting to know that some medical services are available from the trained staff employed at the MPS. If the hospital reverts to being an aged care facility only, then a lot of trained staff will be superfluous to requirements, another backward step for the town.

## **TOURISM MEETING**

Members of the Cooma Tourism Committee, Rogan Corbett and Donna Smith will be, along with administrator Dean Lynch will be meeting with members of the Bombala Chamber of Commerce at Bombala on the 15th February at 5.30pm At the Council Chambers.

## **MARKETS IN BOMBALA**

The Bombala Rotary Club Markets will be held February 25th, and stall holders are invited to register with Geraldine Dyer Ph. 0408301813 or Tanya Ingram.0449351962.

Organisers are hoping for a good turnout for the event which will be held on the Railway Parkland.



# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

## Welcome to Kindergarten



A huge welcome to our Kindergarten class of 2017. We hope Kyden, Charlie, Annie, Mrs Brazel, Nathan, Freddy and Harry have a wonderful start to 2017.

## Rally Against Amalgamation

Bring your family, friends, communities to let John Barilaro know we are networking together with a strong voice and commitment

**Leave pending Councils as stand alone- and totally REVERSE all those who have been forced.**

They cannot continue to ignore the many Communities whom are demanding the return of LOCAL government and LOCAL representation.

Please come and support-as this is your chance NOW.

It is hot on the press and - the perfect time to act.

Decisions are being made in the new government now, and they need to hear your voice!

Where: John Barilaro's Office

110-112 Monaro Street- Queanbeyan

When: February 10th 11.am

Meet at the band-stand in Queanbeyan Park ( near the roundabout Lowe St) at 10.30 am.

Contact:

John Knight: 0403 748 420

Rhonda Watt: 0429 661638

## DELEGATE PONY CLUB NEWS



Above: Rochelle Voveris and Cooper Kidd go through their paces at the 1st Pony Club Rally in 2017. Memberships are now open with 19 members signing up, of these 14 riders participated in the 1st rally for 2017.

The riders started the day off with a bit of horsemanship with Ange Kane. Ange went through some basics, brushes and which one to use, how to care for your gear and your horse, all the riders enjoyed this session and they certainly walked away with a lot more knowledge.

The riders then split into 2 groups in the morning. Ange took the riders on new mounts and worked on flat work, control and flexation. Rowena Butterworth ran the other riders through trot poles.

### TOP FIVE LIES

#### MEN TELL THEIR PARTNERS

- I didn't have that much to drink
- I'm on my way
- No, Your bum doesn't look big in that
- I had no signal
- It's just what I've always wanted.

### TOP FIVE LIES

#### WOMEN TELL THEIR PARTNERS.

- I don't know where it is – I haven't touched it.
- I've got a headache
- It was in the sale
- I've had this for ages
- Its just what I've always wanted.



## AWARD FOR LANDMARK DELEGATE

Below: Glen Walker and Ian Sellers proudly displaying their award from the Disability Trust for Work Experience Employer of the Year.



## CHANGES TO DELEGATE GARBAGE COLLECTION.



### **RECYCLE REDUCE REUSE and RETHINK what our waste is and where our waste will end up!**

The Council want to reduce what goes to landfill as that extends the life of our landfills which reduces costs for both Council and residents.

There will be changes to how the local Garbage collection works and a public meeting will be held on the **23rd February, 6pm at the Delegate School of Arts** to provide information on proposed alterations.

There will be much more emphasis on re-cycling and large re-cycling bins will be distributed to householders. The local tip may be open for an extra day, and the out of town bins will no longer be available. Education programs will be run on best recycling practices with the aim of improving community participation in waste avoidance and recycling initiatives.

Residents can help by learning about what they can and can't recycle in their local area, to ensure we're keeping valuable resources out of landfill and to help minimise our impact on the environment.

Recycling a single aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV set for 3 hours. "We can all 'do our bit' to help,"

Council's kerbside recycling service collect paper and cardboard such as newspapers, magazines, phone books, cereal boxes and envelopes just as an example, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminium cans

along with plastic containers that have the recycle symbols



1, 2, 3, 5 and HDPE, PET bottles.

Council would like to remind you that items such as syringes, disposable nappies, garden hose, poly pipe & polystyrene, paints and oils crockery, ceramics and drinking glasses, lightbulbs and batteries are NOT recyclable.

# HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all January birthdays including Laiken Clear, Michael Lewis, Philip Reed, Christine Lewis, Georgia Reed, Chris Armstrong and Trent Tonissen.

Carl Cotterill celebrated his 18th Birthday with family and friends at Brendon and Merie's home in Queanbeyan.



Happy Birthday to those born in February including Jaidyn Clear, Max Smallman, Mark Reed, Sam Buckman, Craig Cotterill and Tiana Cotterill.

The death occurred recently of a lady born and reared in Delegate, Betty Collins (nee Bartley) who was born and raised at Marathon, the Bartley family property. She married Ken Collins and they built a home in Delegate where their three sons were born. They moved away in the sixties, eventually settling at Albion Park in the Wollongong area. Her husband and one son Keith predeceased her and sympathy is extended to her remaining sons Paul and Jock and families.

The death occurred of a former local, Geoff Smith who died in Goulburn on 26th January following a long illness. His burial took place at Delegate followed by a Service at St. Joseph's Church. He is survived by two

children Emma and Tom and two sisters Margaret and Julie. Sympathy is extended to all.

Over the Christmas break, Delegate saw lots of visitors, some returning to their old home town including Ken Ingram and family from Perth, Marcia Baker her daughter Shilo, son Sven, their spouses and children. Also Carl Cotton and wife Barbara arrived from Darwin to catch up with sister Marilyn and family.

The Delegate Campdraft Committee have been successful in obtaining a State Communities Partnership grant for additional shade and shelter at the existing kiosk at the local Show and Sportsground. Work has already commenced on the project and the Committee are hoping that the work will be completed before annual show in early March.

Local MP and Deputy Premier John Barilaro has invited the public to dinner at the Delegate Country Club on 17th March. John will be showing his culinary skills by cooking his favourite Italian dish Lasagne. The Committee of the Club emphasise that it is essential to book.



Under the new amalgamated Council changes to the current garbage system are planned, see details page 12.



Also work on our new water system will commence this year, one of the first steps being the instalment of meters on all households. Until the new system is operating there will be no charges, but users will be able to calculate how much their water usage would cost.



In July, 1886 an article in the Bombala Times stated that the Bombala River had completely frozen over. Apparently a number of locals, around 40 took advantage of the conditions to skate on the ice.

Congratulations to Marsha Guthrie and Andrew Mitchell on their recent engagement which they announced on Xmas Eve. Marsha daughter of Trish and Peter Guthrie has lived and worked in Sydney for the NSW Treasury for several years and Andrew who also works in Sydney is the son of Bob and Fay Mitchell from Griffith.



# LOOKING BACK



Left to Right: Teachers, Mrs. J. Stewart and Mr. N. B. Murphy.  
Back Row: Wayne Martin, Joanne Smith, David McCormack, Darren Neil  
Marianne Stewart, Sherylene Gleeson, Michelle Jamieson.  
Centre: Stephen Groves, Brian McCormack, Chris Martin, Brian Jamieson  
Diana Brandenburg, Colin Groves, Tony Thompson.  
Front: Keith Gleeson, David Martin, Douglass Thompson, Damien Smith  
Diane Neil, Sharon Thompson, Donna Campbell.

Photo of the Bendoc School taken in 1973.

A school was opened at Wagra, Bendock in 1839, when the average daily attendance was 10-14 pupils and parents paid a weekly school fee.

On 24th February 1872 the school closed and another site was chosen for the school following an application by the following:

J. Nichol, H.M. Joseph, H. Hensleigh, C.H. Lawson, H. Reed, J. Keith, W.G. Sellers, W. Clarke.

In August 1873 the school opened with an attendance of 40 pupils.

The first teacher was Frederick Jones from Prahan, Victoria who had to make his way by steamer from Melbourne to Eden, thence by Deversia Coach to Bombala, then by Reed's coach to Wagra, Bendock or by horse hire.

In view of the remoteness of Bendoc an application had previously been made to NSW for a teacher but none were available.

## AN ARTICLE FROM AN OLD BOMBALA TIMES

Delegate, 25 miles from Bombala is the border township to Gippsland, distant some three miles as the crow flies, but by road it is 7 miles into Victoria. The township has been planned out, but not as yet surveyed, and those residents who have put up buildings do not at present know if they have built on the main road, street, or on their proper allotments. I wonder who is to blame? Several new buildings are in course of erection, besides those lately finished. I may specially mention the new Commercial Hotel, opened a month ago by Mr. Sellers, well and favourably known in the district. It is a commodious, well-conducted house, and anyone honouring the proprietor with a visit will find good entertainment for both man and beast. There are two stores kept by Mr. Wood and Mr. Wilton at which almost everything required for family use can be procured at little over Sydney prices. Mr. Woods, I may mention, en passant, was the pioneer of the famous Wood's Point diggings, from whom it took the name. Mr. Ross butcher has taken up a forfeited 40 acre selection on the outskirts of the township, over which he has experienced great trouble, delay, and expense and the selection is still in abeyance.

There are two mounted police stationed here, and although a piece of ground has been allotted for barracks, that is about all that has been done that respect as the troopers are located at a private residence some distance from the township instead of having their quarters in it. As this is the main road for all cattle and horses sent to the Gippsland markets which amount to a considerable number in the course of a year, one would naturally suppose that the police would be near at hand to supervise the mobs passing for any stolen or stray cattle. As the case now stands the stock may be over the border without their being aware of the fact.



# 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

**Anglican:** Rev. Robert Lindeck 6241557 Mob.

0408531544

Rev Judy Holdsworth—64583513

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

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## Gardening with Water Shortage.

It was suggested that I write about how to keep plants alive in the extreme heat we are experiencing coupled with the water restrictions. Well it is a long story with many 'ifs' and 'buts' and 'exceptions' i.e. there are no black and white rules. However there are a few general things to consider in addition to your time available on a daily basis.

1. Remember that plants in pots suffer much earlier and more intensely. This is because their roots are always at higher temperatures especially when contained in heat absorbing black plastic pots. (The converse is true in Winter when roots are colder than in garden beds with a similar degree of restraint on function). The roots adjacent to the pot wall will die rapidly from heat stress and in extreme heat most potted plants will need attention several times a day. To minimise damage group pots and, if possible, move into the shade. Put a layer of insulation (cloth or cardboard) around the pot to minimise the soil heating at those times in the day that the sun falls on the pot. Do not leave in saucers full of water for any length of time as drainage is essential. Heat and waterlogging equals rapid bacterial and fungal growth resulting in root rots especially when roots are already damaged at the pot/soil interface. Most of the plants we keep in pots are the ones we consider to be too delicate for the general garden so added to these general physical effects is the inherent vulnerability of the subject plants themselves.

2. Organic mulch can keep the soil cooler and reduce evaporation if the soil beneath is already wet. However, it may also take a lot of water to penetrate this layer before the soil is wetted again once plants have exhausted the retained soil water. The converse occurs in winter when mulch prevents the sun warming the soil and the evaporation of excess soil water in rain periods. Stone mulch allows easy water penetration but also reflects heat to the underside of leaves magnifying the drying effect of high temperature in two ways – increased direct heat and the early closure of the stomata that are sited on the under-surfaces of leaves. The stomata are the lungs of the plant and when they close water transport ceases and the plant rapidly wilts. Watering plants in this condition rarely revives them as the cooling effect of applied water is ephemeral and in addition as it evaporates from the leaf surface there can be a "sunburn effect". This is most common on big leafed plants and manifests as white patches e.g. pumpkin leaves.

3. It is essential to give a solid watering that wets the root zone. Splashing a little water around does more harm than good as roots in dry parts of the soil still die inviting disease. Too much water is also wasteful as it percolates deeper than roots can access. One way to tell how far water has penetrated without digging a hole is to push a strong wire in until it meets resistance. Generally garden plants properly watered will last a week or more between waterings.

4. Have layers of vegetation to give shade protection and general cooling of the garden area as isolated shrubs are exposed to extremes 24/7 especially drying wind. This can be achieved with plantings of either deciduous trees or sparse crowned evergreens. However having too many deciduous trees may make leaf fall an arduous time in the garden and many are also water hungry e.g. silver birch. An alternative is the Australian deciduous white cedar *Melia azedarach* with its glossy leaves and bunches of pink flowers. The new dwarf Eucalypts such as snow gum 'Edna Walling' or *Eucalyptus rosaceae* that grow only 2-5 metres give filtered light and lovely flowers and habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

5. There has been much publicity about choosing to grow waterwise plants. This requires a cultural shift in the aesthetics of garden appreciation i.e. renouncing the English style garden for one more appropriate to the environmental resources available to us. Climate change will only intensify and our individual share of water will only decrease further as population increases. We have to adjust our expectations. The most obvious potential area of water saving is to accept that a permanently green grass lawn is no longer realistic or responsible. Two ways to maximise the period of 'greenness' is to allow a thatch to develop over summer (i.e. do not scalp the grass when mowing) and to have summer active grasses in the mix. In many southern parts of the U.S lawn has already been banned for decades.

6. Annual flower and vegetable gardens are both water intensive so it may be necessary to make some hard decisions about what can be realistically maintained during summer with the available water supply and quality. This especially important if you are relying on bore water as salts may accumulate in the soil over the season and years.

*The white cedar is a small tree with lush shiny leaves that develops an umbrella shape*

*There is a young one on the verge in front of my house.*

