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- 9th May—Delegate Country Club AGM
- 13th May—Biggest Morning Tea
- 14th May—Tuesday Club visit Bendoc
- 14th May—Men from Snowy River Meeting
- 28th May DPA Meeting

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband: He went with you to the beer factory"

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness stout and drowned".

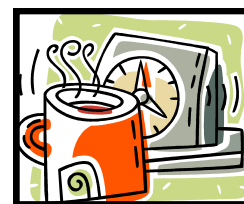
Mrs McMillen starts crying "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly"

Paddy shakes his head. "Not really—he got out three times to pee.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Biggest Morning Tea will once again be held at the local Multi Purpose Service on Monday 13th May between 10am and 12noon. This year pupils from the Delegate Public School will be supplying some of the food using produce from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Also year 6 pupils will be helping out on the day.

Proceeds go towards cancer research, and all are welcome to come along and support a worthy cause.



100 YEARS ON

In January 2016 it will be 100 years since the Men From Snowy River left Delegate on their famous march to Goulburn. The Government is encouraging communities to commemorate historic events such as this. Following on from the very successful re enactment in 2011, a meeting will be held on May 14th at the Rural Transaction Centre at 7.30pm to gauge public interest in forming a committee. All interested people are invited to attend.



TUESDAY CLUB FASHION PARADE

A great fun day at the Country Club on Tuesday 9th April, when members of the Club modelled outfits from the local Op Shop. Guests sat down to a delicious luncheon provided by the Cafe, plus some tasty home made treats. The event was ably compered by Jean Manning, who also gave a brief history of the successful dress shop “Dorothea Fashions” which she opened in Delegate in the 1950’s. After Jean sold the business, the shop changed hands twice, before the group of buildings, which included a cafe and gift shop unfortunately burned down.

Then it was on with the fashion parade, for which thanks must go to Sandra Walker, who put a lot of work into putting the outfits from the Op shop together and adding smart accessories. Some very smart outfits complemented by the addition of matching scarves and jewellery were admired by all. The ladies who walked the “catwalk” with the confidence of seasoned models were Dorothy Hepburn, Joan Jones, Marie Chapman and Audrey Armstrong. Sandra also has planned a visit to the Bendoc Neighbourhood House for afternoon tea on 14th May, followed by a Trivia afternoon in June.

Sandra would like to thank the OP Shop for the generous use of their clothes, the Delegate Cafe, Delegate Country Club and all those behind the scenes who made the day a great success.

Below: L. To R. Joan, Marie, Jean

Bottom row L. To R.. Audrey and Dot.



DOG POISONER

Locals have been shocked by a recent spate of dog poisonings, in which several families lost their beloved pets. There have been too many instances of poisonings in Delegate over the years, and unfortunately nobody has been held to account for his cruel practice. The local police say they have a suspect, who they vow will be brought to justice. It was a shocking welcome for a new family to the town, losing their beloved golden Labrador, Sam. We await to hear further developments from the local police in their hunt for the perpetrator.

ANZAC DAY IN DELEGATE

Anzac Day in Delegate dawned bright and clear for the annual march, which this year saw a good crowd in attendance. The marchers, including children from the local school, ex servicemen and descendants assembled at the Monument, before marching to the Memorial Gates accompanied by David Mitchell on the bagpipes. There, after the laying of wreaths, Sub Branch President Alan Standen then introduced the speakers. The prologue was read by Natalie Armstrong, followed by Councillor Bill Bateman reading an account of the suffering and hardship experienced by prisoners of war in Burma in building the infamous railway. Mateship and supporting each other through their terrible trial is what helped those who survived pull through. Phil Pope then read an interesting letter from a World War 1 soldier written from the trenches in France. Passages of the service were then read by the following pupils of the local School, Brahnie Mitchell, Bryson Phillips Jones, and Sophie Stewart. Keith Bent, the only WW2 veteran in the march then read a poem called "Mates". The flag raising, hymns and the playing of the Last Post concluded the service.



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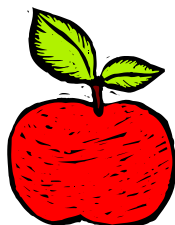
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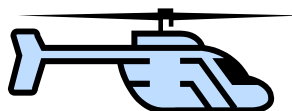
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DRAMA AT DEDDICK

Two incidents over the Cabanandra Campdraft week-end have highlighted just how isolated parts of our border area are. Over the weekend, helicopters were constantly flying over the Snowy River area in search of an elderly woman who had left her car on an off road track, and was lost for several days.

She was eventually found on the banks of the Snowy River after writing HELP in the sand. On the same day, at the Campdraft, Tom Ventry was taken seriously ill, and while being transported by friends to hospital, he actually stopped breathing and had to be revived on the side of the road at the Ambyne Road turn-off. An ambulance finally arrived after a long delay and Tom was transported to Bombala and then by air ambulance to Canberra where he was stabilised and discharged a couple of days later.



NEW ARRIVAL

Big sister Isabella Tonissen proudly shows new baby sister Lola Louise, born on 15th April at Cooma Hospital. Lola is the 6th grandchild for Marilyn Callaghan and Louise and George Tonissen.



Bendoc Fishing Club 2013 Wind-up results

Prizes Awarded for the year are as follows:

Junior Biggest Trout: None caught for the year
 Junior Biggest Redfin: Janine Jamieson-115g
 Junior Biggest Blackfish: Janine Jamieson-335g
 Junior Biggest bag of Eels: Russell Jamieson-1. 960k
 Senior Biggest Trout: Theo Hartmeier-660g
 Senior Biggest Redfin: Stephen Groves-385g
 Senior Biggest Blackfish: Raymond Jamieson-550g
 Senior Biggest bag of Eels: Jessie-rey Abinal-10.425k
 Jake Jamieson Memorial Trophy-Most Consistent Fisherperson-Junior: Russell Jamieson-565
 Jake Jamieson Memorial Trophy-Most Consistent Fisherperson-Senior: Raymond Jamieson-1340
 Junior Encouragement Award: Toby Mustard
 Biggest Off-comp Trout: Joe Camm-1.060k

Main Raffle Winners: Alan & Kathy Smith
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NIMBLE NEVILLE—THE RUEFUL RABBITER

The ringside garage was furious and tempers fever pitch,
For it seemed the RAB had fooled them and done a shameful switch,
He'd brought some dammed old bus in, with it's set of baldy tyres,
But it seemed he'd rung the changes and made them look like liars.

So Neville goes and fronts him, saying, "Now then look here RAB"
You've gone and done the dirty—it's the actions of a scab,
I think you should apologise, you've put me in a jamb"
BUT THE RAB HE UP AND DOWNED HIM WITH A FROZEN LEG OF LAMB.

They laid Nev in the kitchen, and sent for Father Brown,
And RAB he rang up HOMICIDE and said "You'd best come down,"
But after 40 minutes, the heart it beat once more,
And he woke up screaming "Not yet Jack, DON'T SEND FOR DALLIMORE"

And you sit there NIMBLE NEVILLE, with your head all packed in ice,
Just take this little warning, and digest this sound advice,
If ere you run a rabbit, and go round his warren nose in,
JUST WATCH THAT BLOODY HIND LEG, AND BE SURE IT ISN'T FROZEN.

Author unknown.

The following poem was recently unearthed by Craig Lewis, and was obviously in the possession of his late father Neville. It is quite a humorous poem about an incident which happened, we are guessing over 50 years ago. Perhaps someone can enlighten us about the person who wrote this in jest.

Council Happenings from Councillor Bill Bateman

Meetings attended, apart from Council meetings included the Delegate RSL Sub-Branch luncheon; and a nice afternoon it was; and thanks to the members for welcoming Barb and I as new Associate members. Barb and I also attended the opening of the new facilities at the Bibbenluke hall. John Barilaro cooked the dinner and in the opinion of all there did a good job of it.

Spent a day at the Club helping Judy Dare cook for a NSW Farmers meeting with John Barilaro.

Attended the Bundian Way Gallery opening but unfortunately missed the dedication of the Aboriginal grounds.

Barb and I had a fun night at the Debutante ball in Bombala. Haven't danced like that in years.

Council continues to investigate the local water supply problem and I expect that another public meeting will be held in the not too distant future to advise us of the possibilities.

Of no immediate concern to Delegate, but interesting all the same, is the movement, early next year, through Bombala of the huge trucks travelling from Eden to Boco Rock carrying the wind farm turbines, blades and towers.

Matters raised by you previously, and which I shall find out more details about when action will be taken include;

- Drainage issues at the kindergarten
- Water pooling at Bombala St, Church St intersection
- Bad pot holing on Powers Road.

New posts were organised for the monument at Bombala St – Victoria Parade intersection prior to Anzac day. And on Anzac day I presented a wreath and, being the 70th anniversary of the Burma Railway, I gave a small oration on that event and its link to Anzac Day.

At the Council meeting of 18 April I tried to get \$65,000 diverted from Bombala to the Tennis Courts. Unfortunately I got voted down on it, but did get my vote recorded against. I'll try and have the funds for the tennis courts upgrade put in next year's budget.

A new toilet block for the showgrounds remains in the budget for 2013/14 and I look forward to its completion. Other works in the near future locally will include a new Bar-B-Q at the Bill Jeffreys camping ground and a new sign at the Country Club on the Highway.

I will be absent undergoing medical treatment in Canberra for 5 weeks commencing 20 May. Councillors have granted me leave of absence for the May and June meetings, by which time I should be back in action, (or earlier I hope). During my absence if you have any matters that you consider urgent, you could leave a message on 0428 431 942 and I'll get back to you. Or email me at kangabill9@gmail.com or put it in writing to me, PO Box 57 Delegate NSW 2633.

PHYLLIS MYRA JUNE (KEWPIE) LEWIS
6th June 1922 - 7th March 2013

Phyllis was born in Delegate to parents Charlotte and Thomas Preston and brought into the world by midwife Granny Stone. Phyllis was one of three children, Alice May and John Henry (both deceased). Phyllis was better known in the area as Kewpie, a name given to her by her older brother John when she was a toddler because of a little curl of hair on her forehead.

Phyllis lived on her family farm at Snodgrass until she reached school age when her mother Charlotte (Cissy) moved into Delegate and rented a house with the three children. Phyllis attended St Joseph's school and they would go back to Snodgrass on school holidays as it was a long way out travelling by horse and buggy.

Phyllis loved her horse given to her by a family friend and would go off into the range setting rabbit traps to sell the skins for money.

After reaching the age of 18, she went to Sydney and worked in a fabric mill where they made material for the soldiers uniforms. It was while she was in Sydney that Phyllis and her childhood sweetheart Walter (Ron) Lewis (pre-deceasing her in 2008) decided to get married. Ron was on leave from the army where he was based in Darwin. They caught the train to Bombala and were married in St Philips church on 6th February 1943.

Around 1947 after living in a old house on the plain, they had their house built in Hensleigh st Delegate and there they lived until Ron applied for a soldiers settlement farm in which he succeeded, then moved to "The Forest" Tombong in 1955. Phyllis kept herself busy teaching correspondence schooling to their two youngest children. Also rearing poddy lambs and attempting rearing calves. Also having her share of Snodgrass to which she would drive to on weekends with her trusty dog John at her side and worked hard repairing fences, doing sheepwork, larviciding rabbits and keeping kangaroo numbers down. She was also proud of the fact that she topped the wool market in the area with her wool from Snodgrass in 1973.

After retiring to Bairnsdale in 1984, she found her talent in writing poetry and painting and always loved playing the

organ and keeping visitors entertained with her music. Phyllis had her share of sickness over the years but lived to a grand old age of almost 91 to when she slipped away peacefully at Currawarna Aged Care in Bombala on 7th March 2013, where she happily had been a resident since 2009 and would keep the staff entertained with her quick wit and her little ditties that she would surprise them with. Phyllis will be remembered with love by many. She was a loving wife to Ron for 65 years and a loving mother of Rodger, Noel, Rhonda and Sherrie, a loving Nannie to nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. A very lovely lady who lived a long life of up's and down's who took a care in her appearance and always held her head high, together at last with Ron, now at rest in Gods care.

Celebration at Delegate Aboriginal Reserve

Another significant step along the Bundian Way journey was taken on Friday 12th April 2013 when the Delegate Aboriginal reserve was formally gazetted as a significant Aboriginal Place.

A large crowd gathered at the Old Aboriginal Reserve 2 kilometres from Delegate, to hear Uncle Ozzy Cruse from the Eden Aboriginal Lands Council give a Welcome to Country and Paul House from the Office of Environment and Heritage explain the significance of this event.

The gazetted of Aboriginal places ensures that sites significant to Aboriginal culture are recognised and legally protected.

Members of the McLeod family, who had grown up on the reserve were present at the ceremony and related moving and entertaining stories about their father's time on the reserve.

The Bundian Way Management Committee, represented by John Blay sees this as a significant event that recognises the indigenous tribes of the district. It also provides another example of the shared history of the region which is traversed by the Bundian Way.

Right: Ozzy Cruse.



Cabanandra Campdraft

The Cabanandra Campdraft was run under perfect weather conditions on the weekend of 5th, 6th & 7th April. There were big entries in all events and a record number of cattle had to be mustered in the Gelantipy – Wulgulmerang area from generous cattle donors Frank & Dawn Boulton, Gordon & Sally Moon, Andrew & Julie Sutton and Black Mountain Station.

A large contingent of drovers and dogs guided the cattle on the epic drive down Turnback Mountain and across the Snowy River to “Deddick Springs”.

A special Memorial Novice Draft was included this year in memory of long time cattle donor and mountain cattleman, John “Buff” Rogers of Wulgulmerang.

The Committee were pleased to receive a Grant of \$2000 from East Gippsland Shire under their Regional & District Events Sponsorship Funding towards the running of this years Draft.

A drama erupted on Sunday morning when President Tom Ventry became gravely ill and required urgent medical attention. The Campdraft had to be held up for a couple of hours when First Aid personnel had to leave the ground with oxygen to attend to Tom while awaiting the Ambulance. Our thanks go to all involved in the emergency.

The Competition resumed on return of Yvonne & Vernon and all events were completed in good time.

The Cabanandra Campdraft Committee sincerely thank all those who helped run the Draft, especially the Cattle Donors, Yardmen, First Aiders and Caterers, not to mention the Drovers who gave the best part of two weeks of their time mustering, droving and returning the cattle back home.

The Last Post origins date back to the American Civil War

We've all heard the haunting strains of a bugler playing 'The Last Post' and it never fails to bring a lump to the throat, but did you know the origins of this music that is played on Anzac Day and every military funeral?

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the American Civil War when United States Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in coastal Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if he was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, Ellicombe reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When Ellicombe finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

Ellicombe lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier ... it was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. Captain Ellicombe had asked if he could have a group of army band members play a funeral dirge at the funeral and the request was turned down, but out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician and the captain chose the bugler.

He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted and the haunting melody now known as 'The Last Post' was born.

This lovely story appeared in the Bairnsdale Advertiser recently, and we thought it worth including in the “Doings”. It may be a myth, because “The Last Post:” originated in the United Kingdom. However the USA have their own version which they play at military funerals etc. called “Taps”

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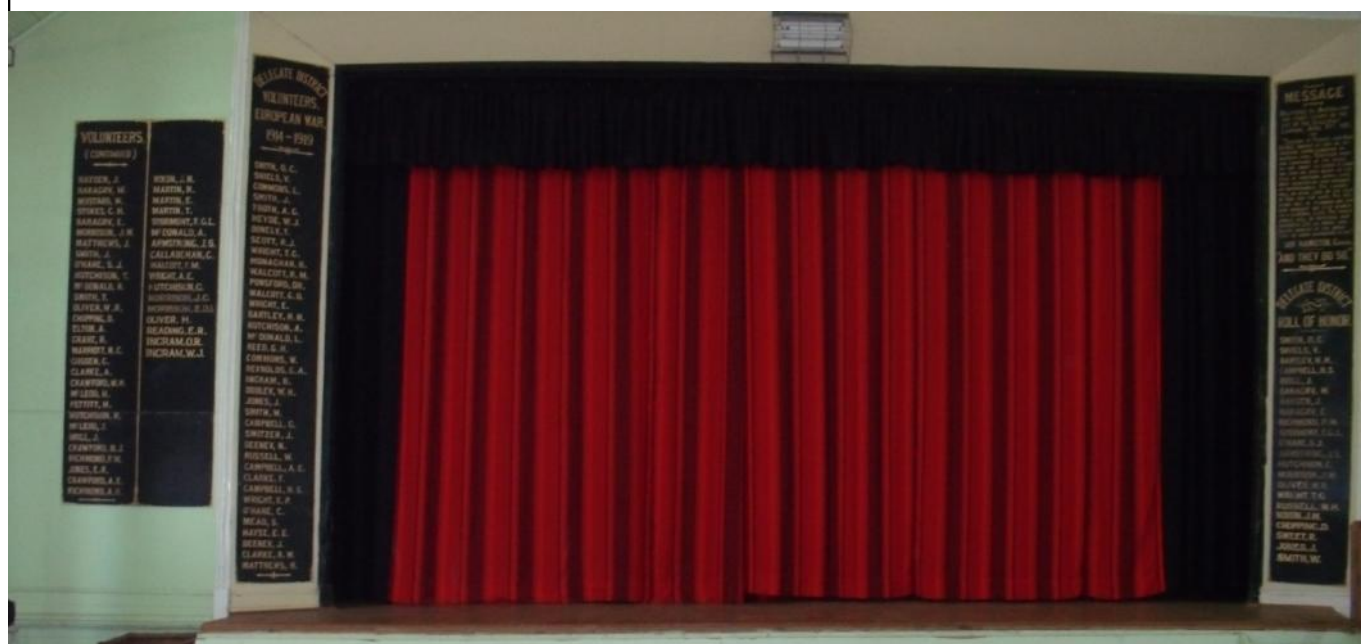
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GRANT TO RESTORE HONOUR ROLL

A grant of \$4000 was recently received to restore and upgrade the Honour Roll in the Delegate School of Arts, from the latest round of "Saluting Their Service" grants program. These grants encourage Australians from all walks of life and all corners of the country to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the role of those who have served and continue to serve the nation.

The School of Arts is a wonderful old building with many tributes to our servicemen, including the very impressive war museum in the front of the building.



HERE & THERE

Congratulations to the ever helpful and obliging Sam Hennessy, Editor of the Bombala Times on her recent wedding to Brad Tonks. We wish them both all the very best for the future.



Many happy returns to all who had birthdays in the month of May including Marilyn Callaghan, Mark Guthrie, Kevin Callaway, Rhett Guthrie, Jordan Cameron, Scott Guthrie, Natasha Yelds, Clay Smith, Joan Lundstrum, Leonie Hong (nee Roberts) and Alex reed



Don't forget the Biggest Morning Tea at the local MPS on Monday 13th May.



An important meeting 14th May to form a committee for the Snowy River March re enactment in 2016.



Welcome to the new General Manager at the Council, Ngaire McCrindle, formerly CEO at Waggambi Shire, and General Manager of George Town Council in Tasmania.

Congratulations to Barbara Lindsay on graduating as a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at Perth University. Barbara is now working in Brisbane.

A new addition to the family for Denielle and Trent Tonissen with the birth of their second daughter Lola Louise (photo page 6).



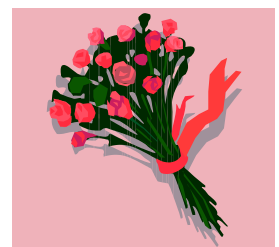
A successful open day was held at Burnima on Anzac Day as part of the National Capital 100 year celebrations. The lovely historic homestead was much admired, and visitors were entertained perusing a variety of stalls including a showing of the paintings of Hilda Rix Nicholas

The Fall Into Winter exhibition at the Borderline Gallery is being set up as we write this column.

It has some lovely knitted and felted garments, an impressive lot of woodwork by Peter Jones and the Delegate Woodwork room and a large collection of pottery from the Ando Pottery group. Of course there is the usual display of beautiful paintings. All in all, well worth a look

Amalgamation is once again being talked about for Shires across NSW. The Independent Local Government Review Panel released its findings, recommending several amalgamations, and the development of new country councils. A detailed report appears in the last issue of the Bombala Times. The Council is one of the largest employers in the district and it is likely that amalgamations would mean job losses.

A Happy Mothers Day to all Mums on the 12th May



The Bendoc Bus is going to Canberra on the 1st June, for the Hilda Rix Nichols exhibition at the portrait gallery and then on to the Museum to see the 1913 exhibition. Seats are filling fast, if interested contact Louise at the Bendoc Community Centre

LOOKING BACK



Back row: Stuart Reed, Andrew Minchin, Stephen Walker, Middle row: Anthony Reed, Dean Ingram Jackie Reed, Karen Duffel, Jeremy Clear, Brendon Cotterill. Front row: Justine Harkness, Kerrie Cotterill, Fiona Crawford, Megan Clear, Toni Callaway, Julie Walker.

WALKATHON FROM BENDOC TO DELEGATE

The following humorous article about the latest betting market for the above walkathon appeared in an old Bombala Times kindly loaned by Sandra O'Hagan. The walkathon was to raise money for the School Centenary.

"Nominations are coming in well for the big walk and it is noticed that many are in training. "Gus's book has the Golf Club entry Legge and Stokes at short odds. Lorna, Dawn and Heather, the Hospital entry are walking to work, and training seriously, are at 4 to 1 against. Nev Lewis, who looks short of wind, has blown to 10 to 1, Madge, on the other hand, pumping petrol furiously has shortened to 10 to 1 —whilst Secretary Jill, worn to the elbows and racked with worry will dash from the barrier a 100 to 1 pop. "Tis a good bet" thinks Gus that she'll finish in the flares."

Editors note: *Just as well Tom Waterhouse wasn't around in those days*

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WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM LOCAL GARDENERS by Susan Tocchini.

Jenny Wright has gardened in this district for decades, first in a large garden at "Knockalong" and later creating a new garden in Delegate township on an elevated site overlooking the river.

Jenny works by a few overarching rules.

Firstly, choose plants that suit the site - consider sunniness, aspect and most critically the drainage.

Secondly, she recommends planning the plantings to take advantage of the two best seasons in Delegate – Spring for blossom and Autumn for the stunning colours produced by deciduous trees.

Thirdly, do not mow the lawn too short or too frequently. This makes it more drought proof on those odd hot days and keeps it greener overall with less weeds.

When Jenny started the new garden 8 yrs ago the first plants to go in were designed to give some wind protection which was essential for this site as it is quite exposed. Very quickly conditions improved enough to be able to start to establish more vulnerable plants without undue losses. To make beds Jenny first herbicided the grass and then lay down a thick barrier of paper to prevent grass re-growing in the beds. She advised that it is important to wet the paper thoroughly as otherwise it will take a very long time for water to be able to penetrate to the soil again. The moisture present in the paper also allows the bark chips that are laid on top to start the breaking down process. When the chips show a black colour underneath there is already a buildup of beneficial microbes in the soil that makes plantings and their subsequent growth really successful. Remember that if you are laying chips around established plants it is important to keep some space clear around the trunks to avoid damage and disease.

When asked about the difference in gardening here and on the farm she quickly identified the availability of a reliable water supply. The other difference was that some favourite plants were not really suited to the new site. "There is not enough shade for azaleas or rhododendrons" she said "but on the other hand I have been able to fulfil a long time ambition of growing roses".

Jenny has a mixture in the garden of Northern Hemisphere and native plants and it works really well. The rock walls help to retain water in the dry periods and to stop erosion on this steep site in heavy downpours. Despite the naturally good drainage some plants were lost in the extreme wet last season and this reminds us that the garden is always changing. Jenny reluctantly admits that keeping up the garden is much harder as we age and some things like annuals are no longer worth the effort.

As a sentimental favourite Jenny has planted some Snow gums which are the iconic trees for our area as well as silver birch near a pond which makes a nice vignette. I think Jenny's garden is remarkable especially given its youth.

NOTE: if you want to follow Jenny's example of planting our most recognisable tree there is a selected dwarf form of *Eucalyptus pauciflora* sold as **Edna Walling's Little Snowman** available in Canberra nurseries. This means that its ultimate size is guaranteed to suit small suburban gardens. There are also some other dwarf Eucalypts available such as **Honeypot** that will bring in small birds to enliven the garden.