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# Delegate Doings

**Delegate Progress  
Association**



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## THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN.

The Delegate River Tavern saw the old year out with a well attended musical event, provided by Frock and Troll and Roger Baker. Billed as Roger and Chrissie, unfortunately it had to be a solo appearance by Roger as Chrissie was ill. The Tavern provided a sausage sizzle and free accommodation for the night and all of their cabins were booked out for the occasion, From all accounts a good time was had by all.

On the 6th January the Delegate Hotel hired a band for the Sunday Sips donations day, when money raised is handed out to local committees. The band from Jindabyne called “Hip Replacements” is making a name for themselves throughout the district and was well received by all. It is good to see live bands and music again which used to be a regular occurrence. Donations were gratefully received by all district fire brigades, the local RSL and Tennis Club.



## COMING UP—THE DELEGATE SHOW ON SATURDAY 4TH MARCH



Next Issue: 10th March then: 7th April and: 5th May

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### Dates for your Calendar

- 9TH February—DPA General Meeting
- 11th February—Movie at School of Arts.
- 26th February—Delegate Country Club AGM 3.30pm
- 4th March—Delegate Annual Show.
- 10/12th March—Delegate Camp Draft
- 18th March—Bombala Show

#### Save the Date

- 21 May - Delegate School of Arts Lecture—Dermot Ryan on Hadrian's Wall

## Henry is Turning 90

Henry Sellers who now lives at Gracewood retirement village at Kellyville in northwestern Sydney will turn 90 on the Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

Jayne and the family are planning to hold a birthday lunch at the Local Shed café and function centre

16 Bellcast Rd Rouse Hill NSW 2155

All Welcome

For more information contact Ian

## THANKYOU

**Alan Neven and Family would like to thank the staff at the Multi Purpose Service, Delegate for their care of their late wife and mother Helen.**

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## THE BIG ROCK

Following a photo by Russel Buckman, published in our November issue we have recently received an email from a disappointed visitor, Joe Hetland concerning the big rock. He and his family recently visited the area and were interested to see where the large chunk of rock had broken away, but were apparently unable to do so. Following is his description of their visit:

“After a long time away from the area, we like to pick up on current local affairs. I was very pleased to discover a new publication, the Delegate Doings, that my mother in law had saved for us. In the November 2022 issue we read about the chunk of rock that had fallen of the Delegate Rock, at some point in the last 10 years. The kids took a keen interest to this, as the story involved an earthquake, and they thought it looked like a bum. We therefore decided to seek it out for a photo opportunity, but was disappointed to find that the dislodged part of the Iconic Rock, is only visible from the private property side. And that the rock itself was inaccessible. There was a brand new barb wire fence and some cattle relaxing in its shade, so we gave up our mission and went to Delegate Mountain instead. It was a bum steer indeed.”

Yours sincerely,  
Joe Hetland

Right is the photo they took when they visited.

Russel did not climb the fence for his photo, but took the photo from his own front yard, using a drone.



### DELEGATE SCHOOL OF ARTS POETRY COMPETITION SPECIAL MENTIONS;

dust motes dance (by P Rosemont)

impatient for change  
i needed to stop rattling,  
tree not yet ready

i stopped resisting;  
the haiku fell into my  
lap finally ripe

sun beams through the glass  
past flyscreen mesh of my heart  
dust particles dance

### GLOBE (by G Yaankovitch)

Hear it now.  
A crack on your wrists.  
Yawning wheatfields brownish  
Checkerboard canola squares.  
Paddocks  
Littered with civilization  
*Salvator Mundi.*  
And snowflakes under skin  
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Always hurtling  
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## COMING AGAIN MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE SCHOOL OF ARTS

The Delegate Progress Association will be showing two movie nights starting on 11th February, with another in a fortnight's time, with monies raised to go the Currawarna Fund. The first movie will be Lyle Lyle Crocodile, with the next to be advised. Ice creams and popcorn will be on sale, so come along and support the Currawarna fund raising project. We plan to get an adult movie next. The film has had good reviews see below:

"Parents need to know that *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* is a live-action, family-friendly musical based on the beloved 1965 picture book. As in the book, the story centers around the Primm family, who discover that they have a crocodile in their New York City townhouse. This version of Lyle (who's voiced by Shawn Mendes) sings like a pop performer -- but only in front of loved ones, never an audience.

It will bring back memories of when we all rolled up to the School of Arts on Saturday afternoon and Saturday nights for the pictures, with intermission after the first movie when everyone poured out of the hall over to the shop opposite for ice cream and soft drinks. When the show started, the doors closed and there was no moving in or out. A rule set by Mrs. Sterry, whose husband ran the movie projector and who also kept a sharp lookout for any misbehavior while the movies were being shown. However despite Mrs. Sterry's sharp eye, she did miss some misbehavior, such as Jaffas being thrown or rolled along the floor.



### DELEGATE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME.

The DPA'S proposed small grants programme for district organisations, will not Commence until August this year. After that it will be open twice a year for applications, forms, which will be available at the Rural Transaction Centre. In July Karen Cash will be conducting workshops on how to make successful grant applications. These will be advertised in the June Delegate Doings, along with a reminder about the grants.

### MEMORIAL TO CREW OF AIR TANKER

Memorials were held recently for the crew of the water bomber who lost their lives when the plane crashed while fighting the Good Good Fire at Peak View. A flag raising ceremony and service was held at the Cooma Rural Fire Service Centre, followed by a memorial at Peak View brigade shed.

Finally a Service at the Bredbo Inn's new semi-enclosed beer garden dedicated entirely to the memory of the three airmen

Attending the services was Colonel Andrew Cunnar, who was the US Embassy Air Attache at the time of the accident, who was a close friend of the three American air men.

### QUERY RE UNKNOWN GRAVE

We have received a query from Lesley Faulkner (nee Shinfield), regarding a grave.

"I have been working on the Manning side of our family history and have a query that someone from your team might be able to assist with. We have not been able to find out who belongs to the grave that is in the same compound as Annie and James Manning – pictures attached. We think it would be belong to one of their children, but as yet we can't find which one. On one of our very last trips we did try to clean the rust off but unfortunately had no luck.

If anyone has any information on the Manning family we would greatly appreciate anything you could send our way."





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## **DELIVERING THE MAIL IN THE 1800'S**

These days with mail delivered to our door, it is difficult to imagine what mail delivery meant in the 1800's, and the hardy men who carried out the job with much dedication.

In the early days the delivery of postal services involved quite a long and arduous journeys, particularly in the isolated Victorian border district. The following article was supplied by the late Alan Walker of Bombala and gives an account of the recollections by the late H. R. Reed

"I will first give you the year I was born – 1871. I went to school at Bendoc. Sandy Scott, as we all knew him, ran the mail on horseback from Delegate to the top of Black Mountain once a week. Starting from Delegate, via Bendoc, then Bonang and Tubbut – a distance of about thirty-five miles- he stayed at Tubbut for the night and next day rode to the Snowy, where he left his horse. The Government paid a man named McKellar to cross the river in a boat. Scott carried the mail on foot and walked up the mountain about six miles, and met the mail carrier from Buchan and changed mail bags and walked back to the boat, crossed the river, got his horse and continued on to Tubbut. He again stayed the night at Tubbut and next day proceeded via Bonang to Bendoc, where he would hand over the bag to the school teacher. Then he rode on to Delegate with the Delegate mail bag. There was no road on the Bonang side of Bendoc, only a bush track. My father told me that Scott only missed one trip, owing to scarlet fever and his brother did the mail for him. Sandy Scott gave twenty one years of wonderful service before it ceased in 1889."

Mr. Reed added that in those days the bags were small, but I'm sure they would be getting heavy by the time Mr. Scott reached the top of Black Mountain.





## **SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING RATE PROPOSAL**

At a well -attended special meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January members of the Delegate Progress Association discussed the special rates variation proposed by the Snowy Monaro Regional shire. The meeting unanimously decided that the DPA should send a submission to Council, indicting their objections.

It was felt that the proposed rate variation was far too high at a time when the cost of living had risen significantly and would create hardship. Particularly in areas of low- income demographics, where many are on fixed incomes. People already have to cut their spending, to meet higher power and food bills, which will affect businesses and the whole economy of the area

Everyone at the meeting felt that the Shire should look within, an efficiency and productivity report should be sourced from an independent body and should be transparent. Many instances of waste, over-spending and bureaucratic red tape adding to cost.

It is understood that in the current circumstances a rise in rates is to be expected, but the two proposals of over 50 percent was felt to be excessive. It was pointed out that despite the equalisation of rates introduced by council, Delegate does not receive equal services. Long grass throughout the town will be a fire hazard, roads have been reduced to goat tracks and many basic services experienced by larger towns are lacking.

The Delegate area has borne the brunt of the collateral damage inflicted by the State Governments short sighted plan to encourage managed investments in the pine industry, without first making sure that the infrastructure was in place to accommodate the heavy traffic, when the pines were harvested. Our sealed roads were not designed to carry such traffic and suitable bridges were not put in place on rural roads. The result is that our roads are in a permanent state of disrepair – the road to Bombala was once an excellent highway, but now is constantly full of potholes and as fast as it takes to fill them, they just as quickly appear and grow bigger. We have asked Council to apply for special funding from the forestry and private plantation owners for road maintenance, as we understand other places in similar situations have been compensated.

The meeting resolved that those present should each send a submission to council, adding photos of

## **LOCAL GOLFER DAVID CRAWFORD TURNS PROFESSIONAL**

A former Delegate man who started playing golf on the Delegate Course at 12 years of age., has been accepted into the professional ranks after producing two of the best rounds of his career to finish in the top nine of the Legends Tour Qualifying School.

David continued his golf after moving to Cooma at a young age and has won the Cooma Golf Club championships 12 times, becoming a key figure in the Club's success. Although he now lives and plays the majority of his golf at the Merimbula Golf Club, he said says the support from the Snowy Monaro Community has been overwhelming.

He will start the Legends Tour in February, when he heads to Moama, where he will play alongside some of Australia's most decorated golfers, with the likes of Peter Senior and Peter Lonard competing in the Legend's tour. for the opening tournament. David says he is looking forward to playing alongside the legends of the sport and is targeting a top 10 finish in this year's tour.

Helen Crawford, David's mum has also achieved a lot of success at the Cooma Club, setting a record for the most holes in one on the course. (Article and photo courtesy of the Monaro Post)





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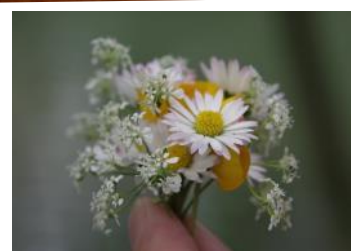
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# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

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## Year 6 Farewell

Last Thursday, our nine Year 6 students enjoyed a fabulous night of fun and frivolity at the Delegate Country Club for their Year 6 Farewell. Students from all grades, staff, parents, carers, and community members came together to share in the educational journey that these students have enjoyed over the past thirteen years. There are many people to thank for their efforts in making the night such a great success. The decorating team of Su, Suzie, Jasmine, and Irene did a marvellous job of making the club look great for us all to enjoy. Mrs. Bannister did an enormous amount of work behind the scenes purchasing items, booking caterers, organising cakes and much, much more. Thank you so much to the team at Delegate Country Club for their ongoing support in allowing us to use their fantastic venue for so many school events. This year, in an

attempt to lighten the load on parents, we engaged Sapphire Coast Eats to provide us with Woodfired Pizzas for the night, and to the parents who supported by providing salads and fruits to accompany our pizzas, we also say thank you. Additionally, I would like to thank Bombala Hudson's Bakery for making a delightful cake for us all to enjoy. And finally, thank you to Miss Buckley for her work with this group of children and for her rousing speech on the night that clearly showed just how much she cares for these children.







Stephen Baggs Funeral Chapel  
Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 11.00am  
*Celebrant - Justine Esmonde*

### 'Helen Anne Neven Life Story'

Helen Anne Neven (known to her old friends as Neddi)  
Known to the local community as the Mayor of Tubbut  
Known to her family as the strongest, most caring, hardworking woman we all  
got to call Nanna.

Helen was born in Orbost on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1939 making her the 5<sup>th</sup> child to Fred and Elsa (Min) Minchin. A sister to Nona, Ian, David and Jean, then Alan arrived a few years later to complete the family.

Helen went to Bonang State School where she had to walk several miles each day with her brothers and sisters to and from school. She helped out with the milking of cows on the dairy farm at Bonang and that's most likely where she got her love of milking cows from. She went to High School in Orbost and boarded down there during the week. This is where she met Alan Neven, as Min used to ask Alan to give Helen a lift to and from Orbost when he was driving through regularly. Alan often delivered honey orders, picked up fuel and groceries for his parents and others living in the area. Little did Min know, she was setting them up for a long and beautiful marriage.

Helen's first job was in Melbourne working for a Doctors clinic as receptionist. She lived with an Aunt at the time, but returned home shortly after as she missed Bonang, the farm and her family too much.

Alan and Helen courted for some time while attending local dances where they often danced the night away. They married at Delegate on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1961. Many stories were said of that day being cold and miserable, but not enough to dampen the spirits of the newlyweds. They enjoyed a short honeymoon travelling along the Great Ocean Road in Victoria, then back to Tubbut where they have lived til this day.

Helen fitted into the farm life effortlessly, living alongside Pa and Ma Neven and sharing the generator between their two houses, until 1972 when the electricity was eventually connected to Tubbut. She trapped rabbits morning and night to sell the carcass and skins to save enough money to buy a washing machine. Helen told Alan she was not going to have any children until they owned a washing machine. Helen had the best vegetable garden, like a true market gardener, a huge orchard to harvest from, her beautiful



milking cows to reap from and of course the Neven honey to cook with. She learned to live off the land and made all her own produce. She would preserve all the fruits in Fowlers jars, store them in the pantry and have loads of boxes of jars under the house. She made chutneys, pickles, jams, jellies, tomato soup and preserved beetroot by the gallons. She would freeze bags and bags of beans, peas, corn and anything else possible from her vegetable garden. The two big freezers on the outside veranda were always full to the top of meat butchered on the farm, and produce out of the garden. They were never going to go hungry. Helen also made her own butter, bread, cakes and slices and the family rarely went without a homemade dessert every night. She made ginger beer and the best home-made beer with Neven honey, rather than using sugar. If craft beers were around back then, Helen would have made a fortune.

The family started with Philip being born in 1964, Brenda in 1966 and completed with John in 1968. That would have made life a lot busier, with farm work, milking cows, all the home cooking and now being a mother. Lucky enough the Primary school was right across the road from the house, so that made getting to and from school easy. Once High School started, it was a bigger challenge, finding private board in Bombala for the week, or travelling by car and two buses each way. Helen sold eggs and milk to locals to afford the school fees and always made things work out. Times were tough, but Helen was a good bookkeeper, wrote a diary every day and managed to keep the farm, school, bees and petrol business in control all the time.

Once high school was over, Helen and Alan's children all grew wings and flew the coop. Philip wanted to stay by and help out with the family farm so moved in just across the yard, into Ma and Pa Neven's old house. John ventured a bit further east and settled in Bombala meanwhile Brenda explored Australia and eventually landed in Bairnsdale. Life had changed slightly for Helen and Alan, not having their children close by, but frequent trips home to visit where always welcome and their rooms were prepared for whenever they wanted to stay. Life got even more interesting as each one married, and the grandchildren started to arrive. 8 in total would join the family over the next few years and Helen loved them all. She was fortunate to have 4 of them living just across the road, so she witnessed all of them growing up and fondly enjoyed visits from the other 4 who lived further away. She will always be remembered for spoiling them all with baked treats, a hot breakfast every morning and singing nursery rhymes even when they were well into their teens. More recently, Helen's life was made joyful with the introduction of 7 great grandchildren, all loved just as if they were her own.

Helen was on every committee available in the local community. She was the rock that everyone relied on. For so many years, that are unfortunately not recorded, Helen was on the committee for CWA, Pony Club, Hall Committee, the Sunday Tennis and Tubbut School committee, Camp draft and Tubbut Tattler groups. While Helen was on the Tubbut Hall Committee for a very long time, she instigated and ran the annual Easter Fair. A huge fundraising event that all families loved that carried on for years. But the longest standing of them all would have to be the CFA. Helen was not only on the committee for well over 50 years, she was the chief organiser at every bushfire in the area and took control, knowing exactly what to do and handled the situation with a calm and sensible authority. Everyone appreciated her knowledge and leadership and her strong capability to remain level headed in these stressful situations. There were many, many bushfires over the years, with little to no loss to the farms and surrounding areas.

Helen was a very busy woman, but still managed to get away on several holidays over her lifetime. There were numerous trips to Bairnsdale and Ballarat, long drives with very few stops in between to ensure she made the most of any time she could spend with family. These holidays were so important to her and continued for as long as she could. Helen and Alan also visited Cairns, New Zealand, Kangaroo Island, Cape York, Alice Springs, England, Ireland, Birdsville, Norfolk Island, Tanami Track, Boat cruise on the Murray River and also a tour of Western Australia.

Helen was very fond of country music and often went to Tamworth Country Music festival, and other country festivals she found out about and especially to see any local artists from Bombala area.

Helen was a hard worker, she was a caring, helpful person, who always put everyone before herself. The Tubbut community, along with her family meant everything to her.

She was known for her catering skills, organisation, team work, leadership and most importantly, her jam rolls.

As you all know, Helen suffered a stroke in 2018 but fought hard to make it back to Tubbut and the farm. Alan took good care of her for the next 4 years and did all that he could. We all thank Alan from the bottom of our hearts, for taking on such a tough, time-consuming and sometimes difficult role of being Helens carer. It was a massive learning curve and huge change to their independent lives, but they soldiered on as best they could, being the true strong team they are together. As much as Helen wanted to keep living for him; after all he was her everything, sometimes medical intervention can't help any



longer and nature takes over. She needed to rest, she deserved to rest after all these years, and she had to let go.

We will always treasure the life lessons Helen taught us and the wonderful memories we hold on to of the times spent with her.

Helen and Alan's family want to thank you all for coming today to show how much Helen meant to you all.

Alan and Helen Neven





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## **Preschool Playground Renovation**

Delegate and District Preschool received a Stronger Country Communities Grant from the NSW Government in 2021. They are onto the final stretch with the play equipment being installed over the Christmas break. There is still soft fall to be installed and some landscaping to be done. This replaces the old wooden equipment that was installed approx. 40 years ago, it was well past its use by date. There will be an official opening when all the work is finished.

The Preschool is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30am to 4.00pm

3/5 year olds are Free Casual Rate \$35.00 per day

Under 3 years old are \$20 per day Casual Rate \$35.00 per day



## Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund

Delegate Progress Association received a grant from the NSW and Commonwealth Govt for a number of tourism programs for Delegate. Due to holdups in supply chains some of the projects are behind schedule.

One project that has been finished is the bathroom and toilet upgrade to the Gallery Flat accommodation.



The driveways have also been completed for the cabins, with delivery hopefully being in March.



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# HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all our January and February People including the following:

January: Laken Clear, Michael Lewis, Philip Reed, Christine Moss, Trent Tonissen, Georgia Reed, Chris Armstrong.

Feb. Jayden Clear, Flynn Callaway, Mark Reed, Robin Guthrie

Special mention to Henry Sellers, who turns 90 on the 26th March and whose family will be holding a birthday luncheon in Sydney to honour the occasion. (See advert.) on page 2.



Former Delegate resident Dot Mead passed away at Heyfield Hospital on the 24th December. A graveside funeral service was conducted at Delegate Cemetery on Friday 6th January. Dot moved from Delegate to join her family at Heyfield several years ago. She is survived by two daughters Rhonda and Sue and several grandchildren, her husband Ron having pre-deceased her and our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

The sudden death occurred recently of local man Ron Reed, whose funeral service took place on the 11th January at the

former Presbyterian Church, followed by interment in the Delegate cemetery. Ron is survived by his wife Kaye, four children Tanya, Bevan, Kylie and Dallas and four step-children, Belinda, Karen, Shane and Teeny and a number of grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers, Laurie and Jack. Sympathy is extended to all.

Judging from comments and letters in the Monaro Post, not many rate payers are happy about the steep rate rises suggested by Council. Submissions to Council closed on the 22nd. January, and who knows what the result will be. Councils like all Government departments, "consult" the public and do what they intended to anyway.

The fund for Currawarna have raised over \$40,000 up to date. With a target of a million, there is still a long way to go. Fund raising will not be easy in the present climate, so it is a big ask. With the growing need for aged care in the area, we hope that the plans for opening will not have to be postponed.

The Delegate Progress Assoc. will be starting their fund raising effort with the showing of movies in the School of Arts.

See page 6

The Delegate Country Club will be holding their AGM on Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to David Crawford, who will shortly become a professional golfer and will take part in the PGA Legends tour. (See page 8)



Movies are back in Delegate, with Nicole Mellon kicking off the New Year with a showing of "Avator" for the Youth Group, on Thursday 26th. She is expecting a good crowd and with popcorn and ice cream on the menu, it should be good night.

Descendants of the Marriott family will be descending on Bonang on Saturday the 28th January. Following morning tea and lunch in the Bonang Hall, they will be placing a plaque on some of the old graves of the original Marriott pioneers.

Charlie Maslin is the Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for Currawarna and is looking for volunteers willing to have their photo included in a calendar of local identities of both sexes. If interested, please contact Charlie.



# LOOKING BACK



This photo of the school at Delegate River would have been taken sometime during the WW2, because Mrs. Maude Mead pictured in the middle, second row from back was recruited back into teaching, when all the young male teachers were called into the Army. Some of the children I can identify are Geoff Foley, Les Crawford, Ted Crawford, Charlie Allen, Kevin Ingram, Bonnie Ingram, Brian Shaw, John, Mervyn and Phyllis Crawford, Margaret Shaw, Beryl Ingram. Some parents and members of the P & C were also present and while some faces are obscured, the ones I can identify are Jack Crawford, Willie Allen, Mrs. Maisie Crawford, Jessie Begley and Elsie Ingram. The woman in white I think is Elaine Schultz (nee Mead). She and husband Eddie had two boys and built their house below Elaine's parent's house, later sold to Frank and Nancy Mead.

There may have been McDonald children as well and possibly Garth Freeman and Ted Taylor. During those years, larger populations in rural areas meant there were a number of small schools, many built in the 1800's, to cater for school age children. They were all in walking distance for most families, although school attendance often involved quite a long walk for some.

DELEGATE RIVER STATE SCHOOL—SS3452

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## CLIMBING PLANTS for Delegate's Climate

There is often a place in the garden where we want height without the bulky width of a shrub or the greater height of a tree. Choosing the right climber from the palette of climate suitable plants depends on the exact requirements of the position e.g. a screen usually needs to be evergreen, a walkway needs to be thorn free, a shed covering needs to be rampant and a wall covering needs to be free of aerial roots that crack masonry.

Most of the best-known climbers are tropical in origin and this makes sense because in lush, dense vegetation there is an advantage in using a taller host tree to cling to and run up in order to gain access to light. Consequently, the palette of garden worthy plants for cold climates is quite limited. We are denied by frost the floral display of bougainvillea, flowering passionfruit, the volume of chokoes and the perfume of pink jasmine.

For floral display **climbing roses** immediately come to mind. However most have thorns, are bare in winter and require quite a lot of management with pruning and spraying, which is more difficult at height. Similarly, **wisteria** is deciduous, needs knowledgeable pruning in addition to a very sturdy support.

**Ivy** is evergreen, usually has a disease free narrow dense habit but its aerial roots can intrude into masonry, cause timber walls to rot due to trapping moisture and if it climbs a tree it will eventually kill it. It is such a dark green that it can make the mood of the space feel oppressive and it is invasive on the ground.

The evergreen **white potato vine** is a standout for its light green foliage and long flowering season. The blue species is more showy but frost tender.

Where summer shade is desirable, on say a pergola, a **fast growing deciduous vine** is needed. You cannot go past the speed of **grape vine**, fruiting or ornamental. Both give a display of Autumn leaf colour. In this category **hops** and **kiwi fruit** are also successful. Hops provide an acid green foliage on a light structure and kiwi fruit an abundant supply of this popular fruit but it needs a very sturdy support.

Another possibility for perfume, evergreen and voluminous growth is **honey-suckle** which now comes in a variety of colours. The evergreen and perfumed **star jasmine** does well here and is not as rampant as honeysuckle.

Some other climbers are really twiners and **have much less foliage**.

Best known is **clematis** and very occasionally **chocolate vine** is seen in older gardens as well as winter flowering **primrose jasmine** which is most often grown as an arching shrub.



There is still a wider choice of plants of course, but the overriding factor when making a selection is the exact requirements of the position that the plant is to fill.



*Right: Hops (deciduous) covering a shed and right primrose jasmine (evergreen winter flowering) on a netting fence that supports its arching growth habit.*