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# Delegate Doings



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## **OUR FIRST SNOWFALL CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR MOTORISTS**

Winter has arrived with a vengeance with our first snow fall heralding in icy weather conditions throughout the area.

Recently, our local NRMAA rep. John Stewart answered a distress call to motorists stranded in the snow somewhere in the Errinundera National Park and set out with the difficult task of finding the right location in an isolated area consisting of many dirt roads and poor signage. The motorists, two young women had two flat tyres, were low in fuel and had a very long walk before they were able to get mobile coverage to call for assistance. All ended well, but it is a warning to inexperienced travellers not used to dirt roads and icy conditions, not to blindly follow their GPS which can lead them astray in this type of area.



**Next Issue: 5th July**

**then: 2nd August**

**and: 6th Sept**

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### Dates for your Calendar

- 8th June—Wayne Donnelly @ Delegate Country Club
- 11th June—DPA meeting
- 16th June—Trivia night @ Delegate Country Club.
- 2nd July—Celebrate Our Heritage Meeting @6pm RTC
- 20th July—Christmas in July @ Delegate Country Club

#### Save The Date

- 26/27th Oct—Celebrate Our Heritage Weekend

### Harmony Hub

Tarot Circle starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Week 1 Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Fool** – embracing your uniqueness, manifesting and intention setting for new beginnings.

Week 2 Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Moon** – discovering your shadow side, and connecting to your intuition.

Week 3 Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>

**Magician** – believing in magic, connecting to your magical tools.

Week 4 Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Wheel of Fortune** – turning points, life cycles.

Week 5 Sunday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

**Star** – Bring in Spring with hope, renewal, inspiration, finding what makes you shine.

Week 6 Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

**Temperance** – Finding balance in your life.

Week 7 Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

**High Priestess** – trusting your intuition, listening for and receiving universal messages.

Week 8 Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>

**World** – Full circle, completion/integration. Realising the world is at your feet.

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## DELEGATE PONY CLUB

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of May, Amber Butterworth travelled to Bungendore to compete in the Wamboin Mounted Games. Amber was part of a team called the Mix Ups, which was made up of riders from Murrumbateman, Bungendore, Canberra Lakes and Delegate Pony Clubs. Most of the riders in the Mix Ups team, met for the first time on the morning of the competition.

After some overnight rain, the day of the competition was cool and slightly windy but the weather held and an enjoyable time was had by all. It was a good opportunity to catch up with old friends and forge some new friendships. Everyone was happy to share information and Amber has come home with some new techniques to share with other members of her club.



Amber and her pony Anzac



The Mix Ups

DPC had their June rally on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The morning session consisted of flat work and the afternoon session consisted on Mounted games for the up and coming mounted games in Bungendore.



Shania Caldwell and Lydia Jamieson both represented Delegate Pony Club on Sunday at the Cobargo gymkhana. Both girls were in the 10 and under 13 advanced group and had a fun and successful day. They rode together in the riding pairs where they placed first. Lydia won the E grade AM7 and Shania placed in both the AM7 and AM2 E grade courses. Shania and Lydia finished off their day by participating in the rescue relay. Lydia was the 10 and under 13 Age Champion for the day. **Congratulations** to both girls. A huge thanks to Cobargo Pony Club for a well organised and fun day.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAPMAN GIRLS**  
Emily and Jackie Chapman recently received degrees in their chosen fields in Adelaide.

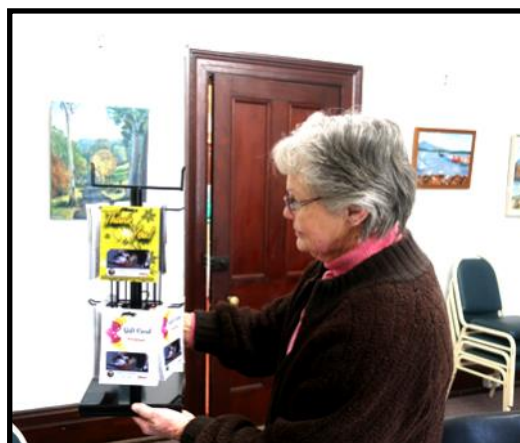
Jackie graduated with a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Science from Adelaide University. She received letters of commendation from the University for receiving Distinction averages all three years. Jackie is currently doing honours at Roseworthy campus in South Australia.

Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Business in Food Entrepreneurship from Le Cordon Bleu in Adelaide. Emily was top of her year in all three years, receiving scholarships for her efforts. She was awarded Dux of her school and a Meritorious Award for academic achievement. Emily is currently working in a business position in Adelaide.

## **“WHY LEAVE TOWN” GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN DELEGATE**

Shop local gift cards were launched in Bombala last week by the Bombala Chamber of Commerce, a project aimed at keeping money within the community. The cards are great for gifts and can be purchased in Delegate at the RT/CT Centre and the Delegate Café and in Bombala at Murphy’s Transport and Building Supplies, Bombala Garden Jewels and Tags Inside Out. Cards can be spent in any of the load up stores and participating businesses around Bombala and Delegate, as follows, the Borderline Gallery, Delegate Café, Old Delegate Post Office, Bombala Cycles and Chainsaws, Bombala Garden Jewels, Bombala Pharmacy, Bombala Post Office, Bombala Shoe Shed, Club Bombala, D & M Automotive, Hair on Main, Heritage Guest House, Powers IGA, Ingram Quality Meats, Lou Lou’s, Maybe Decor, Murphy’s Transport, , Pricilla’s at Heritage, TAGS Inside Out, Tree of Life Papercraft and Village Ford.

R: Jan Ingram, pictured at the Borderline Gallery with the Gift Cards.





# *Delegate Café*

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*Cooking will cease at least 30 minutes  
prior to closing times.*

We will not be able to fill gas bottles but Elgas 40kg swaps will still be available as usual. 9kg and 4kg swap bottles are available from John Stewart next door. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

## **DELEGATE HOTEL**

*Your host: Paul Herringe*

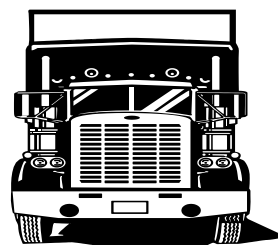
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## OPEN DAY AT MULTI PURPOSE SERVICE

The local MPS held an open day in December to celebrate 15 years since the move from the old hospital. There was a special morning tea for visitors and Residents and pictured below L: David Cottrell being served a sandwich by the school children, and R: Charlie Burton, Julie Mooney Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Russel Buckman, Gloria Cotterill, Manager Heather Scroope, and Auxiliary President Claire Strickland.



It is pleasing to know that the MPS now has a 24/7 Emergency Department, with access to trained staff on duty at all times.

## SCULPTURE BY THE LAKE

Senior members of the community were invited to decorate small jars to be hung on a tree sculpture for an entry into the Easter Sculpture by the Lake exhibition at Jindabyne. We were supplied with jars, tiles, paints etc. and duly completed the required number. Most of us did not get to see the completed work, but fortunately Robin Guthrie called in to Jindabyne to see the exhibition on her way to Lake Crackenback and took a photo for us. Apparently the event draws large crowds, which grow bigger each year. There is quite substantial prize money for winners and John Blay and helpers were past winners with the canoe sculpture, which is now on display by the river in Bill Jeffrey's Park.



## VICTORIAN SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures have arrived early in the High Country, due to early snow falls, taking effect from the 6th June.

The long week-end often sees many visitors to the area, and people are advised to seek information from the local DWELP or visit the website <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures>

## CONGRATULATION TO NATALIE INGRAM WHO CELEBRATED HER 89TH BIRTHDAY IN APRIL





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## HERITAGE WEEK-END

A meeting was held on Tuesday 4th June discuss plans for the annual Heritage week-end to be held on the 26th and 27th October. There will be the usual Heritage games at Bill Jeffreys Park on Saturday, when the museum Settler's Hut and Galleries will also be open,

The following day there are plans to walk part of the Bundian Way on the old track from Delegate to Craigie, visiting the viewing area where a look-out is to be build on top of Craigie range and back to Delegate for refreshments. For those who are not inclined to walk, transport will be arranged.

Below: On the Bundian Way -Emus at Merambego. R: One of the Tug of War teams at the Heritage games



## **SNOWY MONARO ACTION GROUP MEET IN DELEGATE**

Members of many committees from smaller towns and villages throughout the Snowy Monaro Regional Shire, which are part of a representative Action Group which regularly hold meetings throughout the Shire. Last week they came to Delegate and met with members of the Delegate Progress Association to discuss the many issues and some of the problems which have arisen since the amalgamation.

Better means of communication and effective liaison with Council appears to be on top of the list of priorities and this was the key reason for the formation of SMAG. Two years on apparently there has been little improvement. They have forwarded a letter to Council with suggestions which may lead to a better outcome.

Other items on the agenda were Snowy 2 (The increase in demand for local housing), Telecommunication, New Town and Village signs, Tourism, Web Site Housing, Road Maintenance. Regarding the proposal for a Canberra to Eden Railway, Dugald Mitchell reported that the feasibility study is proceeding well and that preliminary indications are positive with respect to the likelihood of the project progressing to fruition. Current information is available on the Cooma Monaro Progress Association's website. The opportunity for freight are compelling, utilizing the seaport of Eden and thus removing some of the log jam in Sydney. Eden has a magnificent deep sea port, which is underutilised and with Snowy 2 underway, and the proposed extension of Boco Rock wind farm means that the haulage of large machinery etc. will be required into the future.

### **STATUE OF LIGHTHORSEMAN**

The Delegate RSL Sub-branch are applying for a grant for a statue depicting an Australian Light horseman at the charge of Beersheba which took place on 31st October, 1917. If their application is successful, the small statue will be erected on top of the red granite monument.

Pictured below it will be a great addition to the memorials already established there..



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### **DELEGATE MULTI PURPOSE SERVICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

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Do you have knowledge of specific health issues that are experienced by members of the community?

Are you enthusiastic about collaborating with others to share your knowledge to help build a healthy community and quality health service?

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If you have answered YES, then the Delegate Multi-Purpose Service Community Consultation Committee would like to hear from you.

This advisory committee provides a forum for community members to contribute their ideas and local knowledge to help us build a health service for Delegate now and in the future.

Application forms can be obtained from Renata Sheehan, by calling 0477 322 107 or email [renata.sheehan@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:renata.sheehan@health.nsw.gov.au)



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Every week except public holidays.

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## Jane Crawford Eulogy

Jane Crawford is a Beautiful and Remarkable Woman of 95 years — whose life we are here to celebrate today. On behalf of all my family — Alan, Julie and Paul, Debbie and Phil, Mitchell and Kate, Katelyn and Ashlea and myself we wish to thank you all for being here today with us to celebrate Jane's life. Jane was born on 6 April 1924 at Tingaringie near Delegate, NSW — she was the third child and eldest daughter of Henry and Mary Walker. Jane had two brothers Jim, and Gordon and a younger sister Sarah. Jane was a farm girl and lived in the country until she was about 4 when her parents moved into 'Town View' on the outskirts of Delegate for the children to be able to go to school. Jane attend the Delegate Catholic Primary School until about 14 years old then Jane stayed at home and helped with the work on the farm.

We have two beautiful items from Mum's early life — her doll simply called Doll that mum was given when a baby and who mum has looked after very carefully for all of her life.

And a baby bracelet that mum was given at birth.

Mum's childhood was significantly impacted on by the Great Depression of the 1930s. And The Second World War started when Jane was 15 years and concluded when she was 21 years. Both her brothers joined the army and saw service in New Guinea — luckily both Jim and Gordon returned safely from the war. During this time Jane was actively involved with her Father and Mother in the full running of the farm — Mum was a keen horse rider, and drove the cars and trucks on the farm well before Mum had a drivers licence.

Mum's Father didn't really like driving the car — he preferred to ride a horse; so he would get mum to drive to the edge of town — and the local policeman would turn a blind-eye as long as Mum didn't drive in town. In order to get a drivers licence mum had to do to Bombala about 37 kms away — and it is not surprising then that Mum actually got her learner's permit and driving licence at the same time on the same day when aged 19 years - after many years of driving.

The years of the War were formative years for Jane — it seems that they gave her a sense of independence, family responsibility, maturity, a strong work ethic and sense of fun — that stayed with Mum throughout her life. This changed at the end of the War and Mum said that she needed to leave home and Delegate as there was not much to do when the boys returned home to work on the farm.

In 1946 at a dance in Bombala Murray Crawford, a young man from Delegate invited Jane to the pictures — the pictures were a very new thing on a Saturday night in Delegate. And Jane accepted! Mum and Dad were engaged in July 1948 and married on

7 May 1949. Mum and Dad would have been married for 70 years next month. They honeymooned in Katoomba, NSW.

It is important to note that Mum said that — the main good events in her life were — getting married and coming to live in Canberra.

Mum had 5 children — Alan, me, Julie and Debbie — born over a 12 year period from 1951 — 1963. There was also a second son Peter who was born between Alan and I — he was still born and died at 5 months into the pregnancy. Mum was pleased that Peter could finally be included in the last Census.

Back to driving for a minute - Mum always encouraged us to drive and spent many hours patiently teaching all of us. Mum stressed the link between being able to drive and being independent — even if you didn't own a car. Mum was adamant that women needed to be independent Mum had many and varied interests in addition to caring beautifully for her family - these included reading, sewing, knitting, cooking, cake baking and decorating, word puzzle books, golf — mum played golf for over 30 years and played pitch and putt golf well into her 80s — always very competitive!!, playing cards — euchre, bridge and other various forms - very competitive!!, and annual holidays at the South Coast with her family and later her grandchildren — Mum loved just being near the water.

Up until a year ago — much like her Granddaughter Katelyn — Mum could often be found reading a good book for hours. This was a passion mum said she had had since she was a child. This reminded me that Mum was always an excellent speller - you could ask her almost any word and she could quickly and confidently spell it - and mum was an outstanding proof reader — often of unusual and unfamiliar subjects that we studied later at University — not bad for someone who left school at 14.

Mum attended many CIT Courses particularly on cake decorating — and we benefitted by having lovely decorated cakes — I remember getting a beautiful swimming pool cake for my 13th birthday and Julie and Deb both received spectacular Dolly Varden cakes Mum was an early adopter of technology and change and attended Intro to Computing Courses in her 80s and commenced using her new found skills to explore Family History, to store recipes and play cards. Mum was very comfortable using microwaves and DVDs as they were introduced — Mum had a box Brownie Camera when we were young and upgraded for a while to a Polaroid Camera — both sources of many photos that you will see later. For her 70th

birthday we gave mum a Hot Air Balloon Ride. Mum worked casually at DJ's in Civic for a number of years in the early 70s — It happened that Mum went to enquire about job opportunities for me — as I was turning 15 years Mum was told that they were not employing young people but as a mature woman was she interested? Mum was interested and most importantly Mum worked in the Dress Materials and Patterns Department of the store. Dad and Mum travelled extensively after Dad's Retirement — in 1983 and over the next 10 years — did lots of bus travel



throughout Australia and New Zealand. For many years they holidayed in the 1990s in Sydney at Bondi with Auntie Phyl and Uncle Roy - It was a great opportunity to catchup with Sydney based relatives. Mum Mum loved TV, films and live theatre — and we would go on bus trips to Sydney to see the new musical productions of Cats; My Fair Lady; and Evita — and much later The Lion King and Cirque de Soiel and also other performances in Canberra. Mum and I would regularly go to the movies — until her eyesight failed. Mum was over joyed when Debbie and her husband Phil presented her with her three beautiful Grandchildren. Mitchell who is now 22 years; and Katelyn and Ashlea — the twins who are now 19 years Mum was always keen to attend her Grandchildren's' numerous sports and School Concerts over the years in addition to all grandparent activities. Mum has had a lot of pleasure in closely observing her Grandchildren grow into fine young adults — independent and most importantly also driving their own cars.

Mitchell has reflected that when — and I quote

"Growing up, it was always great to have a second home at Nanna and Grandpa's house. Not only were they a huge source of comfort, but also instrumental in shaping the young adults that the girls and I have become. Nanna has always strived to do as much as possible for me and the girls - something I know we will all be eternally grateful for."

Nine (9) years ago Mum and Dad moved to Unit 24/7 in the Independent Living Units with Southern Cross Homes in Garran — just a few minutes up the road from here.

Mum loved living here with her many new friends — such supportive neighbours and great card players.

Up until two years ago - there were many times when mum would return home exhausted from her weekly playing cards with her neighbours and go straight to bed — much to the worry of my Dad who would go in and gently poke my mum to ensure that she was ok — and I assure you it was not a good thing to do to disturb mum when she was sleeping. The South Coast — Mum loved the water and her holidays at Batemans Bay — We were there in December last year and Mum persuaded us to go again in February this year — Mum loved looking at the Clyde River and visiting the Pancake Café.

Mum was an excellent house wife and home maker —extremely hard-working and Mum was always very proud of her home and family.

In terms of Personality - like many of us - Jane could be difficult at times.

Overall Mum was determined, very strong, independent and stoic. Mum would readily tell you if she did not like something.

Mum worked really hard to ensure that — the four of us —were always treated equally — that there were no favourites. It was extremely important to Mum that we actually get on with each other.

Mum's advice to all of us in terms of life — was to 'just do your best'.

Mum has a special bond with Alan — as the eldest and only boy. He can get away with a lot more than the three of us girls. Dad would always say if you want to do something or to get your Mum to agree to something just get Alan to suggest it to Mum or to talk to Mum about it. Similarly it would often frustrate the rest of us — that apart from her own clothes - mum would never buy anything without Alan seeing it first and getting his agreement that it was ok. Deb is the baby of the family — and shares many of mum's interests in sewing, cooking, and cake decorating and has catered for regular Sunday night family dinners with Mum for the past decades. Deb described mum as a fantastic Grandmother to her children.

Later in life, Julie was mum's confidant — and would always provide mum with options. Julie respects and supported mum to remain as independent for as long as possible. Julie was viewed by mum as being more caring and would always listen.

By contrast, Mum would describe me lovingly as 'a pest' and that I would often talk too much. We shared lots of interests — mum was my corner stone from which I have confidently adventured out into the world all my life.

Murray Crawford — my Dad - was the love of Jane's life — they had a tender, loving and enduring relationship for 68 years —before Dad died almost two years ago.

Mum and Dad were best mates, they talked to each other about everything including finances and did most things together. Dad also had the important role of being blamed for everything — particularly as mum was losing her independence and had reduced mobility.

In early 2016, after mum had a fall and fractured her pelvis -they both had a renewed look at their relationship. The tenderness between them was so beautiful for us to observe. They would hold hands and touch cheeks - It was a demonstration of such deep love and feelings for each other.

The past two years have been challenging for my Mum — in many ways that we — as adult children and grandchildren-cannot fully appreciate. Mum loved life when she was more independent, mobile and when Dad was here.

Jane - Mum your life is well lived and your journey has connected you with many family members and friends. You are an inspiration in terms of how you accepted and lived each day — you just got on with, no matter what life would throw up or what we might make or ask you to do.

Mum you have challenged each of us to live full and rewarding lives — and to go forward from today surrounded by the ongoing certainty of your love.

Jane — Mum - I can confidently say that 'you have done your best' and it is now time to rest and I hope they play Euchre and Golf in Heaven.

# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS



Lydia Jamieson attended the 2019 snowy Mountains Interschool Equestrian Competition in Jindabyne from 26-30<sup>th</sup> April with over 250 riders from different schools competing in a wide range of disciplines. Lydia took great pride in representing Delegate Public School at this event.

Lydia participated in combined Training, Dressage, Show Jumping, a Working Stockhorse Challenge, Fancy Dress, Sporting Activities and Show Ring Events. Points were awarded to riders during the four day event. Lydia came home with nine ribbons and was eligible to ride in the Barrel Race final with 7 other fastest time junior riders Lydia was placed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 56 Year 5 & 6 riders at the conclusion of the event.

Lydia Pictured with her ribbons

The TRAKZ Program is a program run by Monaro Family Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all schools across the Snowy Monaro Region. The program offers opportunities for the students to connect with their culture. Cheryl Davidson has delivered art and story telling workshops in all schools across the region. The students will all produce some art that will be displayed in the Cooma Library in July in conjunction with NAIDOC Week. Below: Cheryl Davidson with students from Delegate Public School





# HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to June birthday people, including a big list for this month, Joan Jones, Craig Lewis, Lakesha Clear, Tayla Mikula, Evelyn Walker, Sandra O'Hagan, Carol Graczol, Wendy Bruce, Trish Guthrie, Phil Pope, Norman Armstrong, Barry Reed, Nell Southam.



Congratulations also to Kate Guthrie, who recently celebrated her 21st Birthday.



Sympathy is extended to Russel and Sue Collins on the recent death of Russell's brother Ash.

Several local ladies attended a volunteers luncheon at the Delegate Hotel recently, organized by Snowy Monaro Regional Council. A nice meal and get together was much appreciated.



There will be a new exhibition in the Bundian Gallery some time this month. The works of Cheryl Davison which has been featured has drawn many admiring comments. There will also be a new exhibition in the Borderline Gallery, with an official opening towards the end of the month.

There have been some additions to the Camp Kitchen at the park, but it is still not fully furnished. Also the Streetscapes projects are soon to go out to tender.

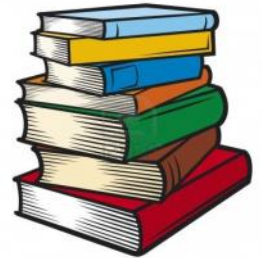
Winter arrived here on the 27th May with snowfalls in some areas, followed by a very icy day, temperature wise. Those who did not receive snow also received some welcome moisture.



An email from Gloria, from the Princess Cruise Line, where she is enjoying a world cruise. Sent from Dubai where they visited the tallest building and had a long walk around the biggest mall, ending up exhausted. She says she's having a great time and meeting nice people.

The Mobile Library did not do its usual run to Delegate on June 6th. So it's many customers will

be looking for something to read on these long winter nights. Fortunately the Rural Transaction Centre and the Op Shop have a good supply of books. The RTC books are on a borrow basis, while the Op shop has a small charge.



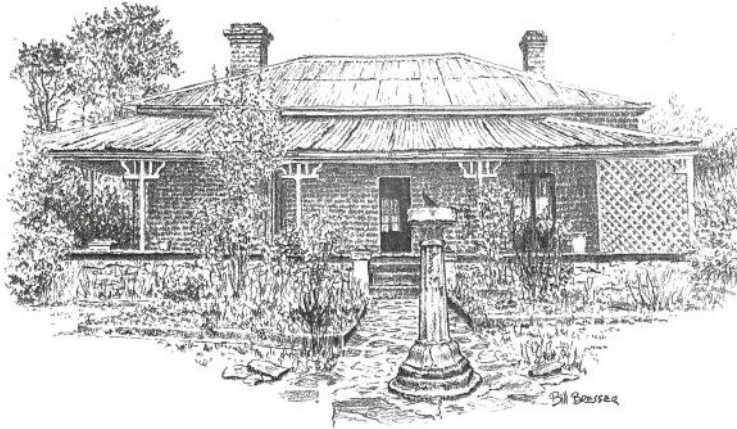
Our Cross Border Committee have been working towards getting the Border Commissioners to visit and speak to the Community. Unfortunately when the Victorian Commissioner was visiting Gippsland recently, he had a full itinerary, but has promised to visit this area next time. It is important that both Commissioners are here at once so they can appreciate the many anomalies that arise for communities living each side of a State border.

Don't forget to visit the Borderline Gallery to view their array of winter woolen items, children's hand knitted garments, crochet rugs, beanies and scarves are all there to tempt you.



# LOOKING BACK

Tombong Homestead—The property was purchased by Arthur Henry Wright in 1880 and has been held by the Wright family ever since.



## 40. Wollendibby

Wollendibby has been described as being at “the end of the world” - hence the surprise at the charming but sophisticated appearance of this historic stone homestead.

The last outpost on a simple country road abutting the Kosciusko National Park almost on the border of NSW and Victoria, Wollendibby dates back to the early pioneering days of the Monaro.

The original slab home was built on the creek below the present homestead and it wasn't until later last century that a more substantial home was built for the Mackay family. That was a small square stone building with separate kitchen block. This front section complete with gables was added later; the verandah has been restored to its former elegance by the present owner and looks out onto the old-world garden and surrounding countryside.



# Community Information

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## **POLICE**

**Delegate: 6458 8044**

**Bombala: 6458 3444**

**Cooma: 6452 0099**

**Bendoc: 6458 1523**

**HOSPITAL: 6459 8000**

## **CHURCHES**

### **CATHOLIC**

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Sister Teresa Keane 6458 3045

1st Sunday Mass Delegate Sat 5pm and

Bombala Sunday 8am

2nd & 4th Sunday –Liturgy Del. Sat 5pm,

Bombala Sun. 9am

3rs & 5th Sun. Mass Del. Sun 8am,

Bom.10am

Website [www.cg.org.au/bombala](http://www.cg.org.au/bombala)

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# FROST AND WIND DAMAGE TO PLANTS

If you ask, most people will say that frost is the number one problem in their garden. Really these problems are of our own making in that we seem to be driven by the desire and challenge to grow plants well out of their natural range – think tomatoes as a prime example. Plants that have evolved in climates that experience frost have an amazing suite of coping strategies.

The most common strategy is simple avoidance. Long lived plants simply hibernate, the most familiar being deciduous trees. They routinely withdraw nutrients into a ‘body’ protected by insulating bark. The bark may be thick and furrowed or it may be papery relying on a trapped air for insulation. Some smaller plants use soil as the insulator and store their summer-made nutrients in underground structures such as bulbs or tubers. Many herbaceous perennials rely on the insulating properties of fallen leaves to cover crowns of dormant buds. Some plants are more highly adapted and simply travel in time. They have a short summer life, store their nutrients in seed that ‘hibernate’ until conditions once again suit e.g. sunflowers.

The most fascinating plants are those that are able keep their leaves and even grow over the cold times. They typically have hard leaves due to the thickened cell walls that are needed to cope with the expansion of water as it freezes and they usually contain a variety of oily chemicals that act as antifreeze (thyme, eucalypts). The Northern Hemisphere conifers are a group that remain evergreen in frozen conditions and because water cannot be extracted from frozen soil, their survival trick is to be drought tolerant. However, they also need to adapt their foliage to withstand the cold drying winds. One adaptation to minimise moisture loss is to reduce their leaves to needles which is the same strategy developed by cactus in the opposite extreme of the hot desert. The other adaptation is to have a high resin content. Counterintuitively conifer survive well in our arid landscape where the drought period coincides with summer rather than winter.

Although frost is front of mind, it is actually wind that places the greatest limits on growth. Wind strips moisture from the aerial parts of plants and simultaneously the rocking motion breaks the fine roots thereby reducing the plant’s ability to uptake replacement water. When the aerial part of the plant is buffeted the energy is transferred to the roots. Slight movement in the roots breaks off the root hairs, those microscopic structures that extract the water adhering to soil particles. After every bout of wind these hairs must be regrown so there is always a delay in water uptake.

Although there is little any plant can do to avoid wind there is an almost universal adaptation that helps. The pores (stomates) are found on the underside of the leaf. These pores are the mechanism through which oxygen and carbon dioxide is exchanged with the environment. The plant is also losing moisture through these pores (transpiration) in much the same way that our breath contains moisture. The plant has a constant battle to find enough water in the soil to allow it to keep ‘breathing’ in order to grow its body. This growth occurs by capturing sunlight and combining it with carbon dioxide. Leaves usually have a slightly convex shape which allows a layer of saturated air to coat the underside of the leaf thereby reducing evaporation.

Wind strips away this saturated layer and once this layer is gone the plant immediately closes its stomates to prevent further water loss. When the stomates are closed the plant cannot carry out its growth processes. On a windy site growth is routinely depressed by 40% because plants cannot withdraw water fast enough, even from a wet soil, to maintain turgidity. This has particular relevance to the productivity of the vegetable garden.

Strong wind also inflicts mechanical damage that is most apparent on plants grown as specimens as most of our garden plants and street plantings are. In a natural setting plants support and shelter each other. The most damaging aspect is that wind carries particles that literally ‘sandpapers’ plant tissues. The particles can be soil uplifted from bare ground or particles of ice. This is the mechanism that enlarges hot and cold deserts. Desertification is an increasing modern problem that follows the overuse and degradation of the natural environment. It usually starts with deforestation which reduces the convectional portion of natural rainfall. Deforested areas typically have 50% less rain than before commencing a cycle of plant stress. The reduction of organic matter produced by plants impacts carbon levels in the soil and the downward spiral of environmental health becomes inevitable.

Interestingly areas around the Sahara are having great success in rehabilitating the land by using Australian legumes (wattles) to form windbreaks. These are providing firewood, fencing wood, livestock fodder and bread flour from the seeds as well as introducing nitrogen into the soil. This turnaround is achieved in as little as five years. We should learn from this and plant our own wood lots in order to be self-sufficient in fuel wood in quick time.