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BIG CROWD FOR FOOTBALL AT DELEGATE.

The Bombala local nines competition was concluded at Delegate on Saturday the 31st October, before a very large crowd. The matches on the previous Saturday were cancelled due to wet weather, so the remaining competition games were played before the Grand finals in both the ladies tag and the men's nines. Teams played in some of the NRL team's colours. In the ladies grand final Souths were the winners defeating Raiders and in the men's grand final Parramatta were the winners against Raiders.

Below and R: Photos show some of the locals who took part in the matches: Top L: Shaun Walcott runs the ball, R: Raymond Kading tries to burst through a tackle. Middle: Views of the ground. Bottom L: Jen Jeffries with ball watched by team mate Rosie Gillespie Jones. R: Patrice Clear about to kick the ball. Photos courtesy Sam Tonks.

The winners were Souths in the women's comp. and Parramatta in the men's.



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- 21st Nov— Bombala Rotary Markets.
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- 8th December– DPA Meting



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The Delegate Rodeo Campdraft Inc will be holding their AGM at the Delegate Hotel on Thursday, 26th November, 2020 at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Good360 charity has been donating goods to the Delegate community.

So far we have received Fathers day packs, Seniors Packs, Kids packs, nappies, 2 mattresses' for the nurses cottage and some cleaning supplies.

This has been great for the community with many people being very grateful for the goods they have received.

We hope to have an ongoing relationship with this worthwhile charity that received goods instead of money to pass on to those in need.

DELEGATE NEEDS A HANDYMAN

With many small jobs needing attention and an ageing population a handyperson to help out would be great for the town.

Also a great way to supplement income or pension.

Phone 64588388 if interested.

NOTICE:

The Golden Age Luncheon will not be held this year.

BORDER TO OPEN LATER THIS MONTH

Our border community would have been much relieved to hear the NSW Premier say that the border between Victoria and New South Wales will re-open on the 23rd November. With people living in close proximity both sides of the border, it was an inconvenience for those who had properties and/or families in both States as well as the many who had to cross the border for work. By and large after people got used to getting their permits, everything ran fairly smoothly, with sadly the main trauma being for those who lost loved ones during the border closures. With relatives unable to attend and numbers limited at funerals many had to go to plan B, having cremations and a service later when restrictions are lifted.

R: The first police patrol on the Bendoc border. Later there were many more Police at each check point.



DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

A big thankyou to our patrons for abiding by the Covid rules. Give yourselves a pat on the back. We have to abide by these rules, otherwise it would be a huge fine to the Club (in excess of \$5000 and/or closure) which the club cannot afford, so once again thank you.

We have some great news in the form of a grant of \$35000 received from Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund to install solar panels. This will save the Club between \$7000 and \$9000 per annum, which will be a great help. Our sincere thanks to Boco Rock for this generous donation and also to Pat and Nick for their efforts in obtaining it.

The Club is going ahead with the back deck, so patrons can enjoy a drink and a chat on the deck which will be shaded by shade sails, and if all goes well we hope to see this new addition in the near future.

It is also great to see an increase in golfers enjoying the course in the warmer weather, including younger golfers. It was good to see Aspen Cameron a winner at Coolamatong on the week-end. Well done mate – keep it up. Incidentally we have golf sticks at the club which can be borrowed free of charge and we encourage both young and old to try their hand at golf. We guarantee you will enjoy it. Call Carl to arrange a date and time.

Our Friday night meals have been a blockbuster success, with great attendance. There is a great selection of meals and we thank Nadine for the great job she is doing. Also thankyou to Jasmine who has been helping out. Take advantage of the courtesy bus which operates on Fridays from 5.30 and come along, you won't be disappointed. Phone 64588169.

Also thankyou to the Bombala Rugby League Club and the Delegate boys who prepared the ground for Nines football and the footballers and supporters for their support to the Club after the games. It is like old times to see football at the Delegate Grounds.

All the best and stay safe . Carl.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

1st December 1pm.

DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB.

Food served 2pm

SANTA ARRIVES 3PM.

All Welcome.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHOOL OF ARTS

The Delegate School of Arts 355 Management Committee recently held their Annual General Meeting and the following office bearers were elected:

Chairperson: Bronwyn Wright

Vice Chairperson: Pip Ryan

Secretary: Robert McLeish

Treasurer: Karen Cash

Members: Robynne Burchell, Doreen Standen, Penny Judge, John Judge.

The following report was sent to the Snowy Monaro Regional Council:

No maintenance works were carried out by Council, even though the Committee reiterated the need to address drainage problems that are threatening the structural integrity of the school of Arts building. Council failed to support an application for grant funding to fix drainage issues.

The overall condition of the building is good but there is a continuing threat to moisture damage when there is heavy rain. The drainage problems have only been averted due to unusually dry years.

The public use of the building is for meetings, international Women's Day, concerts, woodworking, hairdresser, visitors to museum, badminton, book launches, training, public events., the regular users being hairdresser, wood workers badminton players, museum visitors

BADMINTON TAKES OFF AT SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The School of Arts Committee are pleased to see families and others turning up for a hit of badminton on Saturday mornings.

The next step will be to form teams or when the border opens, why not issue a challenge to Bendoc to for a team. It was played in the Bendoc Hall in the past and very popular there at the time.

Meanwhile some of the younger generations are learning the craft and having a great time..



GYMNASTICS IN SCHOOL OF ARTS

Each Monday a Gymnastics Instructor from Bega holds gymnastics classes in the School of Arts for three different age groups. The attendance in all grades has been very good and the children taking part will benefit greatly from the experience.

Below: Below: The youngest group going through their paces.



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PROPOSAL FOR CANBERRA TO EDEN RAILWAY.

In 1889 a railway was constructed from Queanbeyan to Cooma and closed 100 years later, while the continuation of the line to Bombala in the early 1900's closed much earlier. The closure of these lines, particularly for freight is one of the many costly mistakes made by Governments at the time.

Now the Cooma Monaro Progress Association has for some time had a proposal for a railway line from Canberra to the Port of Eden on their agenda. With this in mind they approached an independent consultancy, Edwin Mitchell of Stormcloud Engineering, to develop a concept plan for the Canberra to Eden railway. Mitchell had his own website "Hotrails" which is an advocacy and engineering blog which looks into faster rail in Australia and how it can be achieved at lower cost than what is generally being proposed.

The CMPA's reasoning behind the proposal was that Eden is one the best deep water ports in Australia, the others in NSW being based around the Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong area which are all at capacity and suffer transport bottlenecks through Sydney. "They are all at their natural limitations, so the rationale is to open a deep water port on the south coast."

The main drawback to the proposed railway was the altitude difference of around 800 m between Bombala and Eden, which would require extensive tunneling making the project a financial impossibility. However after research Mitchell found that there is a fairly favourable route down the mountain based on work done over 100 years ago by the surveyor Charles Scrivener

From Canberra to Cooma and onwards to Bombala, the proposal is to mainly use the existing track, most of which is suitable to some extent and Mitchell has been able to identify a route, from Bombala via Nungatta, levelling out at Towamba, which greatly reduces the amount of tunneling. The CMPA are convinced that the economic and social benefits of such a scheme would add up, providing a viable alternative for inland freight, thus reducing the dependence on the current choke points in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong area.

Interestingly the proposed route is close to the ancient Bundian Way Track used by aborigines for thousands of years.

Shop Local Competition

If you spend \$25 or more at a local business from now until the street carnival you will receive a ticket in a weekly raffle run by the Bombala Chamber of Commerce.

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SON OF MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER MARCH DIES

Nash Clarke, son of Snowy River man Fred Clarke, died recently in the Orbest Hospital. Nash, who lived at Cabbage Tree, came back to Delegate for both the 90 year and 100 year Men From Snowy River commemorations. On the second occasion he was not well and his wife Betty brought along a wheel chair, in case he couldn't manage the march up the main street. However he insisted on standing through the addresses at the Memorial Park and walked to the School of Arts.

There would not be many close descendants left of the original marchers. A cousin of Nash and son of another marcher Dick Clarke, Wally Webster, now living in the Wol-longong area also joined in the commemorations on both occasions. We extend our sympathy to Nash's wife Betty and his family and friends.



LOCAL MAN DIES AFTER BE- ING BITTEN BY A TIGER SNAKE.

Brian Jarrat, who moved to Delegate a few years ago, was bitten by a Tiger Snake at his home in Church Street. On Thursday 22nd October. He was flown by Air ambulance to Canberra hospital, but passed away a few days later.

Apparently when he went to investigate what his dogs was barking at, he found a small echidna in his yard. Fearing it might be harmed he moved it to a safer spot near the river, which is when he was bitten by the tiger snake.

Snakes are becoming very active this time of the year and the Tiger variety are particularly aggressive and venomous. Brian is survived by his wife Barbara and we understand a family in Canberra, to whom we extend our sympathy

Free Legal Advice

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is running free legal clinics in Bombala and Delegate

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre and the Bombala and Delegate Public Schools are working together to provide a free legal outreach service to families affected by the bushfires and to assist the community more broadly.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is funded by the Government to provide free legal services in insurance matters, family law and family violence, insurance, debt, tenancy, employment, social security, enduring powers of attorney and guardian and much more.

We offer legal advice, legal information, referrals to other services and some limited representation.

If you have an issue, a legal question or want to discuss your matter in a confidential manner call our office on **1800 229 529**.

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

Bombala Public School: Wednesday 18 November 2020

Delegate Public School: Wednesday 9 December 2020.

We also run outreach clinics in Cooma and Queanbeyan.



Local Accommodation

Do you have family coming for Christmas?

Not enough room?

Consider the local accommodation that is available.

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64588388

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Bombala Rotary Markets
Saturday 21st November 2020
8am - 2pm along the banks of the Bombala River.



For more information or to
secure your site, please contact:
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Delegate Multi Purpose Service
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Monday 9am-10am

Every week except Public Holidays

No Appointments necessary.

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- Suture or clip removal
- Injections with Doctors written order
- Other procedures that do not require a Doctor

Pathology clinic (conducted by Pathology West)

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am.

No appointment necessary.

Every week except public holidays.

Women's Health Clinic

4th Thursday of the Month

Phone 1800999880 for appointments

Other Community Health Services

- Dietician
- Diabetes Educator
- Immunisations
- Podiatry
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Community Health Nurse

To refer to any of the above please ring Community Health Central Intake team on 1800999880

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DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Sport and Rec

We are lucky to have the staff from Jindabyne Sport and Rec Camp in attendance to guide us through Day 2 of their Outreach Program. Today's focus was on Teambuilding and working together in cooperation to form effective teams. This two-day program has been wonderful and we thank Jindabyne Sport and Rec for their ongoing support of Delegate Public School.



Classroom learning

Both classes have been engaged in technology lessons on Robotics. The Department of Education allows school access to STEAM kits throughout each year and at the moment we have a Robotics Kit under loan. The students are learning to construct a robot and code through an iPad how to

operate the robot. It is so much fun to see all the students so engaged in deep in their learning of this subject.

K12 are this term undertaking a Unit of Work on Celebrations of the World which will investigate celebrations from different nations and cultures across the globe to gain an understanding of what and how people from different cultures celebrate and how they do it.

3456 will be working on a Unit of Work on Identity and Values that delves deep into the values that make Australia, Australia. During this unit, students will have the opportunity to investigate Aboriginal history, compose songs and pieces of music, design and construct science and art displays and indulge in Australian poetry and other literature.



BENDOC SCHOOL CONCERT:

This programme of a school concert by pupils of Bendoc school which was held at Delegate in 1942 was sent to us by Hazel Rodwell who found it in her mothers collection. Many of those featured are no longer with us, but it will be of interest to those descendants who still live in the area.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY BENDOC CHILDREN

S.R.M. Profit of £25 10/4/1942

LARGE AUDIENCE APPRECIATES CONCERT

The Mechanics' Hall was packed to overflowing for the concert presented by the Children of Bendoc and a most enjoyable evening's entertainment was had. The proceeds of the concert will go to the Orbest Hospital Auxiliary.

After expenses had been deducted a profit of £25 was realised.

Mr. F. Hay, Head Teacher of the Bendoc School, who was in charge of the children, is deserving of special praise for his splendid training of the performers. He has trained these children during the last three years and each December a wind-up concert is presented at Bendoc. The children filled their roles remarkably well and the applause they received was some reward for their work in memorising parts etc. Mr. Hay's object in bringing the children to Orbest was—in addition to helping the local hospital—to get the children to broaden their outlook on life. They were also given the opportunity of visiting Mario, a novelty for these children who live so far back in the bush. Some of the children had not seen the sea before. Mr. Hay desires to thank the following:—All who provided accommodation, the Hospital Auxiliary for their support, Mr. Charlie Vaude of 3DB for use of his gags and comic songs, which he especially compiled for minstrels, Mr. A. J. Ashby, of Delegate, for scenery effects and Mr. George Matthews for cartage.

One small girl in particular, Loma Mustard (sister of Mrs. Jack Ryan, of Orbest) was outstanding in carrying through her part during the evening. By special request this little girl sang 'South of the Border.'

Mr. F. McCoy, on behalf of the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary, made a presentation of a box of sweets to each child. He also expressed the appreciation of the Auxiliary for the effort to raise funds.

Children to take part were—Jack Mustard, Harold Mustard, Dot Nichol, Annabelle Rodden, Loma Mustard, Linda Jackson, Daphne Clarke, John Mustard, Jim Rodden, George Miles. Mr. Hay also took part in one sketch.

JUVENILE CONCERT

IN AID OF
RED CROSS—DELEGATE BRANCH

DELEGATE SCHOOL OF ARTS

Saturday, 14th March, 1942.

Producer: Mr. F. Hay.

Accompanist: Mrs. G. Jamieson.

PROGRAMME:

1 THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

2. Minstrels—

Sambo: Jack Mustard.

Bones: Max Stewart.

Pete: Ron Jamieson.

Tambo: George Miles.

OPENING CHORUSES—

"All Good Pals," "On De Mississippi," "Heigh-Ho" ... Company

Solo—"Playmates" ... Loma Mustard

Chorus—"Oh Dem Golden Slippers" ... Company

Solo—"Sunny Queensland" ... Arthur Jamieson

Choruses—"Dinah," "Dixie" ... Company

Solo—"Shearers Goodbye" ... Harold Mustard

Duet—"Blueberry Hill" ... Dulcie and Gwen Jamieson

Chorus—"Brown Jug" ... Company

Finale—"Mocking Bird Lane," "Singing Hills," "Join in

on Chorus," "Goodbye-ee" ... Company

3. Negro Burlesque—"Wanted: A Boy."

CHARACTERS:

Professor Bluegreen (Artist) ... James Rodden

Pompey ... George Miles

Julius ... Ashley Jamieson

4 Solo ... Arthur Jamieson

5 Juvenile Revue—"The Sweet Shop"

CAST:

Penelope Patience (Proprietress) ... Ivy Jamieson

Bertram (The Billman) ... Max Stewart

Carrie and Maodie (School Girls) ... Loma Mustard, Ada Warne

School Boys ... George Miles, Ashley Jamieson, Geoff. Jamieson

Sweets Characters—"Wrigley Men," "Columbine Caramels," "Life

Savers," "Minties and 2 T's," "Penny Sweets," "Lesser Lights."

Couriers—A Boys Ballet.

INTERVAL

6. Juvenile Operetta—"Gipsy Gay."

CAST:

Romany Rot ... Ivy Jamieson

Marta ... Linda Jackson

Thirza ... Joan Stewart

Anyeta, Zingra, Zelia, Tarna (Girls) ... Bossie Stewart, Ada Warne,

Gwen Jamieson, Daphne Clark

Jarga ... Max Stewart

Michel ... Geoff. Richardson

Marileon, Marko ... Ron and Ashley Jamieson

Colonel Pratt ... Jack Mustard

Mrs. Pratt ... Dulcie Jamieson

7. Solo ... Dulcie Jamieson

8. Johnnie Walker (Impersonation) ... Jack Mustard

9. "The Victory Show."

PLAYERS.

Heralds ... George Miles, Ashley Jamieson

Sergeant-Major ... Gwen Jamieson

Soldiers ... Dulcie Jamieson, Max Stewart, Ron Jamieson

Admiral ... James Rodden

Sailors ... Jack and Harold Mustard, Geoff. Richardson

Squadron Leader ... Loma Mustard

Airmen ... Bossie Stewart, Ada Warne, Geoff. Jamieson

Nurses ... Joan Stewart, Ivy Jamieson, Linda Jackson, and

Daphne Clark.

A. J. Ashby, Printer, Delegate

MARKET DAY IN DELEGATE

There was a nice lot of goods on display in front of the old Delegate Post Office on Saturday morning, including some delicious home cooking, local honey, and plenty more. The morning was overcast and cool, but despite the weather plenty of folks stopped by to sample the goods on display. The market days are held regularly, on the last Saturday of the month. The Old Post Office Shop is also open each Saturday, so it is a chance to browse the great choice of gift items on offer.



50th Birthday

Brendon Cotterill pictured below with his mother Gloria at his home in Queanbeyan, where he had a quiet family celebration for his 50th birthday.



HOUSES SELLING FAST IN DELEGATE

It is not so long ago when houses could be on sale for quite a long time before finding a buyer. Lately they are being sold quickly, in fact five have been sold in the last few weeks. It is sad to see some long term residents leaving, and we can only hope that the new buyers will become part of our community. When newcomers do not join in local activities, gradually the sense of community which is such an important part of country towns, becomes lost.

The RTC is also experiencing increasing demand for accommodation and are having to turn many away.



HERE & THERE

Manny Happy Returns to all those born in November, including Norman Talbot, Terry O'Hagan, Jessi Fein (nee Reed), Jack reed, John Callaway, Alan Cotterill.



Special birthday greetings for Jack Reed of Queanbeyan, who turns 18 on the 11th November.



Local man Paul Taranto tells us that his mother will be celebrating her 100th birthday in November. Paul is a regular visitor to his mother at Bronte and he and his two sisters will be having a small celebration at her home on her special day.



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to former local Kevin Crotty older brother to Scrub and Bernie. who turned 90 on the 20th October. Kevin and wife Joan are living at Tweed Heads, where Kev enjoys his surfing.



Happy 50th Birthday to Brendon Cotterill, who celebrated quietly at home in Queanbeyan.



The death took place recently at Currawarna of long term resident John Cameron. John who was born at Dellicknora is survived two sisters Merle and Beulah. A cremation was held at Wolumla with plans for a family remembrance day at Dellicknora, when Border restrictions permit.

A man who moved to Delegate several years ago, Wayne Morrison recently died at his home in William Street.

The death also took place at Currawarna of another long term resident, Mrs. Rosemary Lewis. Following a cremation held previously, a service for Rosemary was held at St Philip's Anglican Church on the 14th November.

Rosemary is survived by three sons, Scott, Justin and Ben, four grandchildren, one sister Jennifer and one brother Phillip.

The death also took place at Eagle Point, Victoria of former Delegate resident, Jennifer Cotton. Jennifer's body was cremated at Traralgon and when border restrictions allow there will be a graveside ceremony at Delegate where her ashes will be interred. Jennifer is survived by

her partner Noel, one sister Marilyn and one brother Carl, four nieces and one nephew.

The death occurred at Cooma Hospital of former Delegate Resident Mrs. Ann Martin. Her funeral took place at Cooma on Wednesday 21st. October. Ann is survived by one daughter Lana and two sons Guy and Ross, her husband Malcolm having pre-deceased her.

Just a month after the death of his brother John, the death took place in Bombala Hospital of Alan Cameron who had suffered ill health for some time. Alan is survived by his wife Sandy, and three children, Julie, Steven and Jodie, seven grandchildren and two sisters Merle and Beulah.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families and friends of all.

The unexpected death occurred in Canberra Hospital, following a snakebite (see article P. 7) of a local man Brian Jarratt. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Our Navy and Army friends who have been on border duty here for many weeks, have finally left us, with the Police now solely doing the manning of both border stops.

The Shoalcoast Community Legal will be visiting Delegate in the near future. (See Article Page 8)

LOOKING BACK

The photo of the little “Tigers” in photo below was probably taken in the early 1970’s and the Delegate Public school photo was taken in 1967. The two smart marching girls are Sandra Walker and Alma Reed, and we will let you have fun working out who all the others are. The football coach was Kevin Baker.



Community Information

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Delegate: 6458 8044

Bombala: 6458 3444

Cooma: 6452 0099

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Father Mick McAndrew 02 8331 7609

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

3rd Sun. Mass Del. Sun 8am, Bom. 10am

5th Sun. Vigil Mass Del. Sat 6pm.

Bom. Sun 8am

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Rev. John Kuruvilla 0406765443

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6666 or

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Full Page	\$70.00	\$350.00	\$630.00
Back Page	\$80.00		
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What a difference rain makes!

There is nothing like rain to put a spring in a gardener's step and it is also just as effective in turbocharging all the garden processes. It comes as a bit of a shock after so many dry seasons at how quickly weeds can grow and how fast the vegetation of perennials and shrubs becomes dense.

All this rampant growth brings a new set of factors to consider and deal with. After so many seasons of gardening with dryness the garden and the gardener have evolved to rely on plants that perform well, or at least survive, in those harsher conditions. It is not possible to instantly change the suite of plants that we have so we must adapt quickly to the changed conditions and help these plants as much as we can.

Take irises for instance. Even before flowering they are developing leaf spot which is something we are used to seeing only as foliage senesces at the end of the season. Irises prefer to have their rhizomes sitting on the surface exposed to baking sun. In dry years they will tolerate a bit of mulch and the humidity created by crowding, but this year they are already objecting to such conditions. The smaller rhizomes are rotting, flower stalks are soft and falling under the weight of wet flower heads and there is reduced leaf function from the before mentioned spot.



To prevent losing favourite varieties it would be wise to create a security population by transplanting pieces into a dry situation such as sandy soil in a polystyrene box.



Whilst this technique is doable for herbaceous plants it is not possible for shrubs and trees. It is quite confronting to recall the diseases that emerge just from humidity. We can't stop it raining but we can reduce the effects of humidity by improving air flow. This means thinning growth.

One example is lilac.

They have finished flowering so instead of just removing spent flower heads get in and take out older stems back to ground level to open up the bush. Pruning lilac heavily now will improve flowering next year as it will have all Summer to develop the new flowering sites. All Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned as soon as they finish as a late Summer tidy up will only serve to remove next Spring's flowers.

It is not only diseases that intensify in wet years but also pests. Introduced slugs and snails, white butterfly and aphids have an easier time on tender foliage. In the summer of 2018 Queensland fruit fly caused a lot of damage. Usually our frost kills over wintering pupae in the soil but with climate change the permanent populations that have established on the coast are now within flying reach of Delegate. Adult females arriving in Spring are capable of establishing Summer populations. Adults require overnight temperatures of -3°C for 4 consecutive days to be killed. Those disappointing late frosts in November that always caused fruit drop and delayed summer crops had an unappreciated role after all. I do not think we will have that degree of coldness this year. Fruit fly also infests tomatoes, capsicum and other unlikely things such as cucumbers. I can see a time soon coming when we will have to grow under exclusion netting and be assiduous in spraying fruit trees.



Lastly, do not shave the lawn as it generates bare spots that creates conditions for weed infestation, a lesson well demonstrated on a larger scale from overgrazed paddocks Australia wide.