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Healing our Spirit Art of Aboriginal People in Custody

The *Healing our Spirit* exhibition at the Bundian Way Aboriginal Art Gallery in Delegate was officially opened by Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, on Saturday (9th March). Over 80 people attended during the day, in spite of or maybe because of the popular camp draft competition at Delegate showgrounds.

BJ Cruse was present, welcoming visitors on behalf of Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council. Pastor Ossie Cruse gave a spirited Welcome to Country. Bombala Mayor Bob Stewart spoke of the considerable values the Bundian Way has brought to the region already. The new Arts Coordinator at Jigamy, Kim Aldridge, was welcomed.

Les Strzelecki, with Cath Calnan, for Corrective Services, Cooma, spoke of how appropriate was the name, *Healing our Spirit* and the importance of inspiration in the works displayed. He asked those present to consider how this might have changed the lives of the artists.

Mr Gooda gave a powerful talk. He praised the art and the imagination of the exhibition, considering what it will mean for the Aboriginal people in custody. He said, 'And what we're seeing with the Bundian Way is a reconciliation. It's a mechanism. You don't just get people waking up one day and saying, 'Let's do reconciliation.' This is a track, a meeting place, that links the freshwater to the saltwater, the beaches to the mountains. People traversed that track for a lot longer than most of us can get our heads around.'



Mick Gouda with John Blay

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Dates for your Calendar

- 5th, 6th, 7th April—Cabanandra Camp Draft
- 9th April—Tuesday Club at Country Club
- 18th April—AGM Delegate Country Club
- 25th April—Anzac Day—Open Day Burnima
- 30th April General Meeting Delegate Progress Assoc.

THANKS

The late Madge Crotty

The family would sincerely like to thank Father Paul Huthnance, Sister Teresa Keane and the Josephite Order, Delegate Catholic Ladies Auxiliary, Delegate Hospital Auxiliary and relatives and friends from Delegate and Bombala districts for the many cards, floral tributes, telephone calls, cooking and expressions of sympathy extended to us in so many ways in our recent sad bereavement. Please accept this as our personal and heartfelt thanks.

Crotty Family- John, Chris, Carl, Vicki & Greg and families.

THANKS

The late Madge Crotty

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr Simonson and all staff at the Delegate M.P.S for the wonderful kindness, compassion and devoted care given to Madge whilst a patient and also through the Community Nursing Service. Equally, to the Doctors and all staff at the Bombala M.P.S. whilst Madge was a patient there.

Our thanks also for the consideration and thoughtfulness extended to our family.

Crotty Family- John, Chris, Carl, Vicki & Greg and families.

SINCERE THANKS

The late Phyllis Myra June Lewis

Her family wishes to express thanks to all for your kind words of sympathy, cards and phone calls after the sad passing of our dearest Mum, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

We would like to thank Rev Judy Holdsworth for her lovely service at St Philips church and to the Delegate Hospital Auxiliary for the excellent catering after the service at the Country Club.

Also an extra special thank you to Karen and her staff at Currawarna for the special care given to Phyllis whilst she was a resident there.

From: Rodger & Rosemary, Noel & Janice, Rhonda & Mervyn and Sherrie & Ross and all families.

Thankyou to all the community members who helped the P& C cater for Edna Cottrell's Funeral.

It was most appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

International Women's Day was celebrated at Delegate on Wednesday 13th March, where a good crowd of ladies gathered at the School of Arts for morning tea. There were also health checks, information stalls, and a massage for those who desired. Bombala Council's Karen Cash gave an update of tourism activities in the district, including the successful Bundian Way project and the aboriginal gallery which is working well alongside the Borderline Gallery, bringing visitors to the area. Karen also reported a big increase in occupancy of the Bombala Caravan Park, with 727 more using the park this year compared to last year.

Successful "Birdsnest" businesswoman from Cooma was an inspirational speaker telling of her journey from a small start to a successful business employing over 80 people. An award was then presented to Louise Cole of the Bombala Post Office for her contribution to the business community and her high level of service. Guests then moved to the Country Club where they enjoyed a lovely luncheon catered for by the Hospital Auxiliary. Here, another guest speaker, Heritage Adviser, Suzanne Plowman focused on the importance of preserving heritage, which can take many forms from an historic building to a sculpture. In fact anything that played an important role in the past.

The following awards were then presented;

- Laura Chapman for her contribution to the merino sheep breeding industry in Monaro and further afield, as well as dedication to the local show and the Delegate School
- Trudi Joseph, for her outstanding efforts to build customer service at Westpac Bombala, both personally, and through her staff.
- Heather Scroope for outstanding contribution to the community through the Delegate Hospital Auxiliary as well as the Cabanandra and Delegate Campdrafts.
- Julia Merritt for her efforts to improve community access to the Bombala Library and its important services.

Below: Laura Chapman and Trudi Joseph were presented with awards by Suzanne Ploughman and Karen Cash. Right: Jane Sellers has a health check.



Left: Maureen Peisley, Bev Moulds, Anna Vincent, Kerry Letts and Pam Peadon at morning tea.

DELEGATE NURSE RETIRES

A Nursing Sister who has worked at the Delegate Hospital for over 35 years has decided to call it a day. Robin Fry says she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and has no set plans for the future. Fellow Nurse Janice Lewis hosted a farewell luncheon at her home for Robin on the 20th March attended by past and present work mates. Pictured below L. To R

*Ricki Jones,
Tracy Reed,
Jo Bibby,
Marian
Ingram,
Wendy
Ingram,
Michelle
Ingram.*

*Seated Lillian
Ber and guest
of honour,
Robin.*



WEDDING

A pretty wedding took place at Thredbo on 16th March, when Brock Jones, son of Mark and Leanne married Annika deKoning

The young couple were married on the Golf Course at Thredbo, and the reception for 80 guests which followed was at the Denman Hotel.

Brock is a grandson of Joan and John (Flatout) Jones of Delegate.



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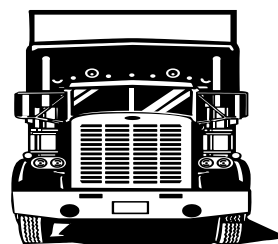
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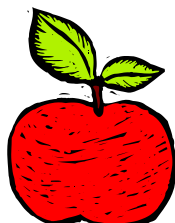
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TWO YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN THEIR FUTURE

Clarra McKinnell aged 18, daughter of Selena and Euan McKinnell, and grand daughter of Dorothy and Jim Hepburn is attending Wollongong University, where she gained entry into the competitive health, science and physio, in which there only 25 positions available.



Dorothy and Jim's grandson Scott Hepburn has started his training for a certificate in fitness training with Paul Perking of Raw Strength and Fitness of Bombala. Scott who turns 18 in April hopes to become a fully qualified fitness instructor.



NETBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

The photo below courtesy of the Bombala Times shows the first netball training camp for the South East Regional Academy for sport (SERAS) for 2013 held in Canberra on the weekend of March 9th and 10th. The photo includes both the senior squad of 15 girls and 13 girls from the 15yr. squad at the Australian Institute of Sport. Three Bombala girls are in the photo as well as one with a Delegate connection, Aimee Badewitz (back 4th right), Katherine Pajuczok (back, second right) Jade Crouch (middle, fifth right), and Georgia Reed (front row, second right) Georgia plays with Queanbeyan Waratahs and is in the Queanbeyan State representative side in the 15s and 17s. She is the daughter of Cathy and David Reed and grand daughter of Alma and Barry Reed, and Natalie Armstrong of Delegate



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WEDDING OF LOCAL INTEREST

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in Canberra on the 2nd February, when Hayley Abbot married Michael Lorenzato.

Hayley is the daughter of Susan and Ross Abbot of Canberra, and the granddaughter of Enid and Jack Stewart of Delegate.

The large Stewart family with 100 guests were there to celebrate at the reception at Old Parliament House. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Bali.



DELEGATE CAMPDRAFT PHOTOS

Below: Open 2 Awards



CYNTHIA BRYSON WINS PRESTIGIOUS HAT AWARDS

Congratulations to former local Cynthia Bryson, nee Jones who recently won three prizes at a recent Australia wide milliners event, held in Sydney on March 3rd. Over 40 milliners presented 3 headpieces each for judging by previous winners of Fashions in the Field at Flemington and Rose Hill. The world renowned Jean Carroll AOM was also a judge and Cynthia took out 3 places in the top 10 including the top prize. Her prize was lunch for 2 at the Members Stand at Rosehill and Flemington, \$500 worth of prizes and promotional advertising in the Australian Ladies in Racing magazine.

Below Cynthia's glamorous creations L to R 1st prize, blue hat with purple feathers and gold beads, 4th place yellow flowers and black egret feathers, 6th place orange velour felt, hand beaded.



DELEGATE CAMPDRAFT REPORT

The Delegate Campdraft Committee ran another successful weekend of drafting on 8th, 9th and 10th March, kicking off with the Encouragement on Friday afternoon, which was judged by Will Van Weerdenburg and won by Julie Bird. This was followed by the Ladies, with a delighted Tracey Joiner and Ruby taking out the honors.

Jim Hiscock travelled from Coonamble to judge the Ladies and Open Drafts on the weekend, while Matt Webber from Geurie did the honors on the Maiden and Novice Drafts.

Veteran horseman and campdrafter Frank Coonan travelled to Delegate and sponsored the Junior Draft. Frank has supported and promoted the Juniors for many years and gets a kick out of seeing the young ones enjoying the great sport of campdrafting.

Local cattleman and horseman Ron Flanagan sponsors the Juvenile every year and Ian Laurie judged both events. There were big entries in both Junior and Juvenile events which indicates a sound future for the sport.

Jenny Solomon of Jen Sol Photos Cooma, donated an A3 size framed photo to the winner of Open One Draft and Chrissie French and Acacia have the choice of a beautiful team of Clydesdales or a campdrafting shot of herself in action.

Early starts and great organisation and team work from the committee and helpers kept things flowing along all weekend. A well deserved pat on the back and a grateful thank you to all concerned; the yardmen, cattle donors, judges, drovers, first aiders and caterers, with special thanks to Norm Talbot Transports and drivers.

Below: Open 1 Awards, Bottom: Junior Awards.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Delegate Cross Country

On the 18th March Delegate Public School hosted the Cross Country carnival which was held at the Delegate Country Club, Bombala Public, Bibbenluke Public and St Joseph's Catholic schools attended. Around 126 children ran on the day, the weather was not so kind a very cool morning made for good running conditions, the students said. Speaking with some of the children they had a fun day running the course and playing balls games to end the day, everyone got in and help packed up which was a great help.

The students have asked that we thank some people for all the help on the day, Mr Lavender for riding his bike up and down over and over again, Brian Murphy for mowing the track and volunteers on the track, Mrs Sellers for all her organisation of the day and all the people that helped in the canteen cooking food and keeping up with the hot drinks.

Easter Activities

On Thursday the 28th March the students held their annual Easter activity day along with the assembly, which K12 presented a song and dance to entertain the parents, carers and friends that could make it. The weather was not so kind and most activities were held in doors, the BBQ was sparked into action to provide a warming sausage or two. A great day was had by all.

Congratulations to all the Easter Activity Winners

Colouring in Competition

Georgie, Mackenzie, Zayne and Russell

Easter Mask

Lachlan, Fletcher, Brigid and Faith

Egg Decorating

Cooper, Iris, Jaidyn and Ellery

Egg Rolling

Lachlan, Hunter, Fletcher and Jaidyn

Egg Rolling Final Champion

Jaidyn



LOCAL SENIORS ENJOY A DAY TRIP TO EDEN

During Seniors week, the Delegate Community Technology Centre used seniors week funding from Aging, Disability and Home Care Dept of Human Services to combine with Bendoc Neighbourhood house and the Delegate Tuesday Club for a trip to Eden. 21 Seniors participated in the trip and enjoyed a delicious morning tea at the Settlers Cottage on the Princes Highway between Pambula and Eden, followed by a trip to the wharf at Eden. The Settlers Cottage is a new venture for Ian and Tracy Stroud, Tracy is the daughter of Dot and Wally Williams of Wyndham. The cottage and coffee shop are a collector's treasure trove, and needless to say the group had a delightful time browsing and quite a few purchases made their way to the bus. Then on to a tasty seafood lunch at the Eden fisherman's club, and some shopping in the main street, before heading home. Only one male was brave enough to join the group, well done Doc. All agreed they had a great day, and at lunch gave a special thanks to the trip organisers, Sharon Buckman, Louise Manning and Sandra Walker, and to Sue Phillips, who drove the bus.



Want to Study Online?

Delegate RTCT Centre is showcasing a range of free courses offered online from TAFE NSW, including short courses designed to allow you to choose whether a career will suit you. For example, you can do introductions to the construction trades, hospitality, or business. You can also brush up on your maths skills to get ready for an apprenticeship or traineeship, or just to manage life better. The courses are free. Just drop in to the Delegate RTCT Centre or phone Sharon on 64588388 for more information.

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LAUGHER THE BEST MEDICINE

Some interpretations not found in the dictionary.

ADULT—A person who has stopped growing at both ends, and is now growing in the middle.

SECRET—Something you tell one person at a time.

TOMORROW—One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN—An honest opinion, openly expressed.

MOSQUITO—An insect that makes you like flies better.

INSULTS WITH CLASS

He is a self made man who worships his creator. *John Bright*

“Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it.?” *Mark Twain*

“He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.” *Oscar Wilde*

“His mother should have thrown him away, and kept the Stork.” *Mae West*

DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB

For the Information of Members & Their Guest.

**** Coming Events ****

18th April AGM

**GOLF SUNDAYS 1PM HIT OFF.
ALL WELCOME!**

TIPS FROM DELEGATE GARDENERS

Delegate residents Anne and Laurie have been growing dahlias for many years and have got it down to a fine art. They source new varieties from a dedicated hobbyist Tom Beynon in Tasmania who helpfully provides detailed cultural and showing notes. Dahlias are frost tender perennials from Mexico.

Anne and Laurie plant their tubers at the same time that potatoes go in i.e. Melbourne Cup Day. The tuber must still have a little bit of the previous year's stem attached so that there is no wound that could allow in rot. The tuber must also have a good eye in order to develop a strong shoot because the tubers are planted 250mm. deep. The stake should be firmly in the ground prior to planting with a maximum of two tubers planted per stake which are placed 75cms. apart in the row.

To have sturdy vegetative growth dahlias require a full sun position. However, the flowers of some cultivars either fade or burn in full sun so shade must be provided for these types. A shade cloth roof which also protects from rain damage is ideal. It is important that light transmission remains high - say 50%. Heavier cloths, regardless of colour, make tall weak plants that become prone to mite and aphid attack.

The soil must be well drained to avoid tuber rot. Sometimes it is necessary to hill up the soil to provide sufficient drainage. Some growers do not water until shoots are 40cms. high. Dahlias are sensitive to superphosphate but are gross feeders appreciating a soil rich in organic matter dressed with blood-and-bone.

A pea sized flower bud takes about 3 weeks to mature and when the first coloured petal appears it is an indication that it will be a further 20days before the flower is fully open. It is important to know this when preparing flowers for show. Flower size is much improved by reducing the number of shoots per plant and thinning the flower buds.

At the end of the season the tubers need to be lifted and stored. Dahlia stems are hollow so if it is necessary to cut the plants back before they have fully died down it will be easy for water to travel down into the tubers causing them to rot. A trick is to seal the cut ends with aluminium foil.

Anne and Laurie store their favourites in damp sawdust in foam vegetable boxes in the dark. The boxes need to be checked periodically because if the sawdust dries out the tuber will wither and die and if it is too wet the tuber rots. The boxes also need to be open because the tubers need oxygen throughout dormancy. Attention must also be paid to rat control.

Dahlias are easy to grow and their glossy foliage is usually healthy. However whenever any plant is intensively grown over a period of years there is a build-up of disease. Mites are the most damaging insect pest distorting flowers and bleaching foliage.

HERE & THERE

Happy Birthday to all the April people including, Kath Ingram, Angie Ingram, Natalie Armstrong, Rachel Clear, George Tonissen, Cheryl Mustard, Murray Mustard, and John Judge. Also to two young people with local connections, who are turning 18, Clarra McKinnell and Scott Hepburn, of Bombala, grandchildren of Dorothy and Jim Hepburn.

Many Happy Returns also to Peter (Loppy) Stuart for a special birthday. On the 23rd March, family and friends celebrated with Peter at the Country Club on the occasion of his 60th.



The deaths occurred in March of two local ladies, Mrs. Phyllis (Kewpie) Lewis and Mrs. Patsy Manning.

Kewpie was buried in the Delegate Cemetery after a service at St Philips Church. She had been a resident of Currawarna for some time, and last year celebrated her 90th birthday there with her family. She is survived by two sons, Roger and Noel, and two daughters Rhonda and Sherrie, eight grandchildren and six great grand children.

Patsy Manning died in Bombala Hospital and her remains conveyed to Sydney for cremation. A Memorial service was held on Friday 22nd March at the Bendoc Ecumenical Church. She is survived by her husband Derek and two sons.

Sympathy is extended to all.

The death occurred on Friday 23rd March of Mrs. Edna Cottrell at the Delegate MPS, where she had been a resident for some time. The funeral service was held at St Joseph's Church on Wednesday 4th April, followed by interment in the Delegate Cemetery. Edna is survived by one daughter Kaye, and four sons, Clive, Paul, David and Philip, and eleven grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to all.

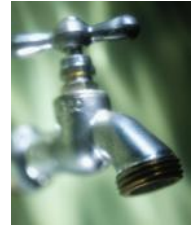
Many locals who enjoyed a night at the Delegate River Tavern, will remember Mrs Valda Savige who passed away recently. Mrs Savige managed the Tavern between 1992 and 2001.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the deceased was held in the Anglican Church, Paynesville, on the 15th March, 2013.

Following a well attended meeting regarding the Delegate Water Supply, which has been declared un-potable following new changes in the NSW Act and regulations. Council is now considering their options. The changes will have implications for all water suppliers throughout

N.S.W. Delegate Water supply was connected in the 1950s, and the same standard has been supplied to residents since then.

Bombala Council have issued a Press Statement, which we publish on the back page.



Congratulations to those who organised the very successful Deb Ball in Bombala. Some Delegate and District locals who took part, were debutantes Sarah Marian, Veronika Hartmeier, Kayla Jamieson, and Troy Jamieson who partnered Rebecca Richardson of Bombala.



During the open day at Burnima Homestead on 25th April, an added attraction will be a display of well known artist Hilda Rix Nicholas' paintings.

Following their successful outing to Eden, Tuesday Club members are looking forward to their next event, a luncheon and fashion parade at the Country Club on 9th April. Some of the members will be modelling clothes from the Delegate Op Shop.



The Borderline Gallery will open their new exhibition in Early May. Anyone who would like to put articles in for sale, contact RTC.

LOOKING BACK

The “Cow and Shrub” was a very successful concert staged in the Show Pavilion to a packed audience over 30 years ago. Several years later the “French Follies “ was staged at the same venue. Below: Ray Smith and Pam Clear sing “If you were the Only Girl in the World”, with Alma Reed far left.



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Eulogy - Margaret "Madge" Ellen Crotty 22/06/1935 – 10/01/2013

Margaret Ellen Stewart was born on Saturday 22nd June 1935 at the Delegate District Hospital. She was the fourth child of Geoffrey and Ellen Stewart. Geoff had spent his early days at Bibbenluke before moving to Delegate. It was here that he met and courted Miss Ellen "Nellie" Jones and they were later married in 1917 in this church, St Joseph's Catholic Church Delegate. They raised five children, Mary (Edna), Catherine (Kitty), John (Jack), Margaret (Madge) and Roma. Her father Geoff in her earlier years called her "Madge" and this was to be what she was more affectionately known as.

Along with her siblings, Madge attended St. Joseph's Convent School in Delegate and was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In those days there were three sisters in the Delegate Convent and as well as providing religious, general and intermediate education the sisters also provided music tuition. Madge decided to learn to play the piano and went on to gain her final music certificate. Two of her school friends were Ilma Bates and Molly Smith and she would often tell the tale about them jumping out of the school window and one of their tunics catching onto a nail or when a blazer caught fire when they tried to extinguish a cigarette. Also attending St. Joseph's School at the same time as Madge was a young man by the name of John Crotty. As there were five boys in the class with the Christian name John, they were commonly referred to by their surnames. Madge has always affectionately referred to John as "Crotty", identified from these school days.

Growing up in Delegate in those days was certainly different without computers and iPhones. They were the days when you made cubby houses in old sheds, built bon fires, rode your bike, listened to the wireless complete with its static interference and visited your neighbours and friends. Geoff and Nellie owned one of the local garages "The Motor House" in the main street of Delegate and with their family lived in the family home directly opposite. Madge and Roma, being of a similar age, formed a great friendship with Yvonne Callaway and Jill Armstrong. The four of them would spend many hours in the cubby house at the back of family home. With the Armstrong family living next door to the Stewart family a wonderful friendship began. The family would often visit Sydney when Geoff required new vehicle stock or spare parts for the garage. On one occasion whilst the family was checking into a private hotel, a young Madge asked the receptionist "Would you know if there any pictures on in Sydney tonight?". With Edna and Kitty leaving home to marry and raise families, Madge was in her element playing the role of the young Aunty to assist with looking after their earliest born children.

Upon leaving school, Madge went to work for her father at "The Motor House" where her brother Jack also worked. Madge attended to the bookkeeping side of the business which also included the NRMA and RACV agency. In the earlier years petrol was pumped by hand and in the advent of the mechanics being unavailable she would take on this task. With the arrival of the electric pump the serving of petrol became her forte and she was well known for her chats with the customers and her quick wit.

Some years back a customer requested \$2.00 worth of petrol to which she was overheard to say "Oh heading off on a long trip are you". Madge loved her work at the garage and was known at times to go the extra distance to assist people who were involved in car accidents or breakdowns by offering them a home cooked meal or bed to stay overnight. Part of her routine would usually include a chat with the bank staff whilst doing the banking, a chat at the cafe whilst getting an ice cream or around to Pat Walker's shop to talk church business or to check on the new stock which had just arrived. Madge remained working at the garage with her brother Jack and nephew John until around 2005.

In 1957, Madge married that "Crotty" lad that she went to school with, the marriage taking place in this church. They raised four children, Chris, Carl, Vicki and Greg and they also all attended St Joseph's School. Eventually they built the family home in Bombala Street opposite the Police Station and were blessed with wonderful neighbours including the Southam, Cameron and Reed families. Weeknight meals were never served until 7pm to allow the family to watch "Bellbird" on the TV. Gardening and cooking were always an important part of Madge's life. Every year the rose bushes had to be pruned and the petunias planted in the front flower beds. Homemade vegetable soup as per her Mum's recipe, baked dinners and salmon rissoles were a speciality and a family favourite. Saturday afternoon was always the day when she would make cream puffs and a sponge cake and the Crotty kids would be there "at the ready" waiting for the finished product. Crotty would be in the lounge room watching the football or races and each time that the mix master was turned on there would be a loud bang on the wall to indicate that it was interfering with the TV reception, however the mix master remained on. She enjoyed her daily ritual of watching "Days of Our Lives" on the TV whilst doing the ironing and over the years at night it was "Dallas", "Dynasty" or whatever provided a good laugh.

Jason was her first grandchild born in 1977 then along came another eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She was always the doting grandmother and great grandmother and she was affectionately known to them all as "Madge".

Madge had great community spirit and was involved in many committees including the School of Arts, Progress Association, St. Joseph's Church and School, Country Club, Meals on Wheels and the Hospital Auxiliary. For many years she took charge of organising the food for the luncheon at the annual Delegate Show and was always spot on to ensure that there was too much food rather than not enough. For over 20 years Madge was also the caretaker at Bill Jeffrey's Park ensuring that the facilities and grounds were clean and the trees watered. Many a friendship was formed with the campers that were regulars each year.

Madge enjoyed watching Rugby League and always followed the local Delegate Tigers teams, the Gundagai Tigers and the NRL Canberra Raiders. Local priest Fr. Peter Gannon played football for Bombala in the seventies. In a match against Delegate, he scored for Bombala, and many heard Madge shout from the sideline in a jovial manner "no money on the plate for you next Sunday Father". She was a keen tennis and badminton player and particularly enjoyed her Saturday afternoon social badminton games with the "girls" along with the laughs and stories they would tell. She also played hockey for many years with the Delegate Hockey Club being the outright winners on several occasions.

When Madge & Crotty took over the Dalgety Franchise in Delegate in 1978 it meant a great working association with her nephew Barry Reed, long-time friend Yvonne Richardson and all the staff at Delegate & Bombala offices. Madge always ensured that the office floor was polished each week and the garden tended to. Customer service was always a priority in the business and many a time she would assist Crotty with phone messages or deliveries. Madge loved to walk wherever she could and also loved driving the car. At one stage she bought a pushbike and would ride to and from work. When challenged what would people think about the pushbike she replied "I couldn't give a hoot what they think". In her early days of driving, she bravely drove to Sydney with Enid Stewart and Rita Thornton, very different to driving the quiet streets of Delegate. Being unfamiliar with zebra crossings she was somewhat puzzled as to why a pedestrian was in her pathway at Goulburn so she politely honked the horn to clear the road.

With such a beautiful singing voice, Madge was always involved in the local concerts and often asked to sing solo. She enjoyed her sing alongs around the piano or listening to many an old time song on the cassette player. Along with Janie Roberts, you could always hear her voice here at St. Joseph's whenever Mass was held. She would visit the church most days to recite the rosary, pray her novenas and pray to Mary MacKillop. Coincidentally, Madge's Funeral Mass today 15 January 2013 also marks the birth of St. Mary MacKillop born one hundred and seventy two years ago.

Weekend socialising was always a priority on the calendar and Madge loved the "one arm bandits". Many a night would be spent at the Country Club or Delegate River Tavern with family and many friends including Jack & Enid Stewart, Ron & Val Crawford, KD & Wilga Ingram and Norm & Audrey Armstrong. When Crotty and Madge purchased a house at Tura Beach in later years Madge enjoyed her time there catching up with her cousins the Brown family for a cup of tea and chat or off to the club for a night out with Loma and the Yelds family.

As the years went by, sadly, Madge's health deteriorated. She remained at home in Crotty's loving care for many years until the time came for professional medical assistance at the Delegate Multi Purpose Service in late November 2012. Whilst a difficult family decision it was indeed the right decision to ensure continued care for Madge.

Father Paul Huthnance gave Madge the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as well as celebrating Mass at the Delegate MPS the day prior to her death. Sister Teresa Keane visited Madge daily and gave her a Holy Cross of St. Mary MacKillop which she clung to until she passed away peacefully.

Let us not grieve for what we have lost, but rejoice for what we had.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DUCK RACE

We had good weather and great fun for this year's Good Friday Duck Race. The kids were kept busy with the egg hunt, followed by the egg and spoon races, 3 legged races and wheelbarrow races, with even some adults joining in the fun.

Fantastic pizzas were made and eaten, the judges, being Steve Ricketts and Joe Ingram who were very impressed with the culinary skills of the children.

Tanja Ponsford was on hand with her usual skilful face painting for the children. The kids boat race was a hit, and first boat over the line was Bryson Philips-Jones followed by little brother Zayne Phillips-Jones, while 3rd prize went to Joan Jones' granddaughter Kelly.

The fishing competition was also great fun, with a thank you to Trent Tonnisen for assisting the beginners along.

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ABORIGINAL POEM.

Cancer, disease, aborigines,
We thought them all the same.

We stole their children,
We broke their faith,
Oh what a big disgrace

We discriminated you,
We were racist to you
Yet you forgive us?

Now we see
What a big fee.
We have caused thee

We killed your clans,
Spoiled your plans,
Now can we be friends?

As the decades pass,
I hope our friendship lasts,
The violence is in the past.

By Jackson Cottrell.

Jackson submitted this entry for the Naidoc Week Poetry competition years 5-6, the theme of the competition was "Forgiving". Jackson is the eldest son of Greg and Joanne Cottrell, and grandson of Clive and Lorraine Cottrell of Delegate.

SECOND PRIZE WINNER BUSH POETRY COMPETITION

When They Called Us To War

(By Sandra O'Hagan)

When they called us to war, we decided to go
Full of excitement, but we didn't know
What horrors awaited, the pain and the fear
How we'd miss our families, whom we held so dear.

Yes, we are Anzacs, our hearts swell with pride,
Adventure did beckon, we went along for the ride.
If only we knew what the future did hold,
Would we still have enlisted, still been so bold.

Crammed on the ship, and sick from the swell,
That was only the start of our march into hell.
In faraway places, the enemy we sought
In fear of our lives, but bravely we fought.

Stuck in the trenches, the mud and the rain
Death all around us, our mates in great pain
The thunder of guns, the bursting of shells
Accosted by Huns, bombarded with smells.

Four years of fighting, living with fear
Then one day it's over, homecoming is near
Loved ones are waiting, the end of the game
Home again safe, but we'll never be the same.



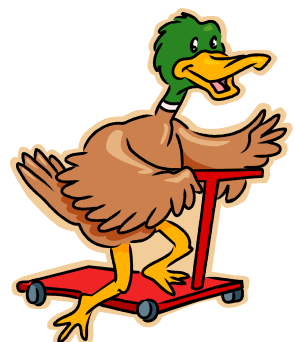
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The auction was yet again another great success with all ducks being sold, and plenty of bidders.

But the news you are all waiting for is who won the duck race?

First prize went to duck number 9, which belonged to Pam and Max Clear, second went to Rachel McKenna, and third to Janice Lewis.

Platypus Pals would like to thank the Bombala Council for their support and assistance on the day, and also Annette and Uland at the Delegate Cafe, Penny at Lou Lous, the Garden and Gadget Gallery, and National Australia Bank, Bombala for their support.



Bundian Way Gallery Exhibition Opening *(continued from page 1)*

And it should be a track for all of us to come together now, where we can come together and understand the value of what's happening in our age... ‘

He stressed how important it is to find the things we all agree upon, as a way of moving forward. He described his agenda as Commissioner as comprising relations foremost, and in health, education and criminal justice, as well as constitutional recognition. He acknowledged the work of Corrective Services' officers in helping the Aboriginal people in custody find in their art a way forwards. The over-representation of Aboriginal people in custody remains a great problem and speculated on ways to avoid this and perhaps create a safer society for all.

A number of the artworks were sold. Strong interest suggests there will be more sales to come. On the day many remarked on the great quality and value. Similar works in Sydney would cost many times the sales price in Delegate.

But the most essential element of the opening, says John Blay, the Bundian Way Project Officer, was the evocation of Aboriginal culture, how powerful it can be and how its expression can enhance everyday life in places like Delegate, or Eden, or just about anywhere. Great hopes were raised for the future.

And the event was brilliantly hosted and catered for by the Delegate Progress Association.

John Blay
Bundian Way Project Officer
Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council



Left: Mayor Bob Stuart with Ossie Cruse and BJ Cruse

Below: Some of the artworks.



Bombala Council Press Release

“DELEGATE WATER SUPPLY ISSUES”

On Thursday the 14th March Council held a meeting at the Delegate Country Club to discuss recent developments in the way water supplies must be managed and the impact these changes will have on the Delegate water supply. Presentations were given by Council staff and NSW Health. A question and answer session was provided after the presentations.

The water supplied to residents in Delegate meets the health criteria of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The guidelines also have other criteria that relate to aesthetics such as colour, taste and also levels of iron and aluminium. From time to time the Delegate water supply does not meet these other criteria. It was discussed at the meeting that chlorination is currently the only treatment measure employed at Delegate. Chlorination is used to control bacterial pathogens. The system at Delegate is identical to numerous other town supplies throughout New South Wales. It was discussed that it is preferable that multiple treatment processes are used to increase confidence in the quality of the water.

Changes to the NSW Public Health Act and Regulation have had implications on all water supplies throughout NSW. Water supply authorities such as Council are now required to develop Drinking Water Management Systems (DWMS) for their individual water supplies. The DWMS will require Council to ensure their water supplies comply with the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Australian Drinking Water Guidelines". Council is required to develop and adhere to a DWMS by September 2014.

Council continues to monitor the Delegate water supply in accordance with a Drinking Water Monitoring Program adhering to the microbiological and chemical sampling and testing regime set in consultation with NSW Health. The NSW Office of Water also conducts independent monitoring of the Delegate and Bombala water supplies. Daily operational monitoring of chlorine levels within the Delegate water supply is also undertaken.

Council is currently in the draft stage of developing a DWMS for the Delegate water supply and has commenced implementing controls to address potential risks that have been identified through the development of the DWMS which could affect water supply quality.

Once the DWMS has been finalised Council will have a clearer direction in regards to options relating to the future management of the Delegate water supply. Council will continue to provide updates to the Delegate community.

It is noted that nothing has changed to the way that the water supply is operated in Delegate. Essentially the same standard of water has been supplied to residents since the scheme started in the 1950s. What has changed is the general risk management landscape and the requirements of the new Public Health Act. The declaration of the water supply as non-potable is a response to the changing risk and regulation environment and was fully supported by NSW Health. The declaration may only be an interim measure as Council will prepare and present a range of options for consideration to the community in the near future. With enhanced treatment the supply will be able to fully meet the guidelines. Any new treatment facilities will come at some cost. The analysis of these costs will be part of the community consultation process. The declaration of a non-potable supply means that in instances where consumption of water is likely ie drinking water, preparing food, cleaning teeth etc, residents are advised to boil the water.



Grantley Ingram