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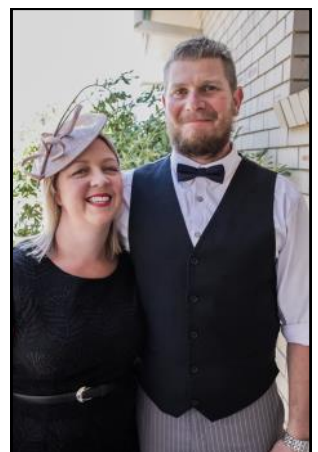
DELEGATE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON AND FASHION PARADE

The Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Country Club was a fabulous day, made so successful by a lot of hard working volunteers. We were treated to a High Tea of delicious goodies and an op-shop fashion parade, featuring local models in glamorous outfits. All the models did a wonderful job, as did Garry Mallard, our MC for the event. There were sweeps, raffles and a lucky door prize. Our best dressed prizes went to Sarah Teschke, Joan Jones and Cleo Jamieson, but all our guests looked lovely on the day.

Looking forward, December will be another busy month at the Country Club, with the Volunteer's Christmas Party held on the 7th December and the Kid's Christmas Party on the 14th December.

The Delegate Country Club would like to thank the Delegate community for a hugely successful year and wishes all our members a very merry Christmas!

Below: Guests, models, and winners of Best Dressed.



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- 10th Dec—Dpa Meeting
- 14th Dec—Kids Xmass Party @ Country Club
- 22nd Dec—Twilight Markets @ Old Delegate Post Office

2020

- 7th March—Delegate Show
- 14th March—Delegate Campdraft



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Xmas and a
Happy New
Year.



DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB
INVITES FAMILIES TO VISIT SANTA AT OUR

Kids' Christmas Party

Be at the Club to see Santa's spectacular arrival, meet him personally and get a picture. Adults: remember Santa gives your child a gift! (Ask the Club for more info.)

SATURDAY 14th December

Kids arrive from 12pm to meet Santa at 2pm
**ALL FAMILIES, MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS,
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Children eat for free, Adults \$5.00

GOLDEN AGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Annual Golden Age Xmas Party was held on Sunday the 1st November at the Delegate Country Club, which was looking very festive for the occasion. Organised as usual by Marilyn Callaghan who along with her trusty helpers provide a lovely Xmas luncheon each year for local Seniors. Twenty or more people enjoyed the social occasion, with a lucky door prize on offer and the drawing of the fund raising raffle. Winner of the lucky door prize was Gail Smallman, while Sue Guthrie was the winner of the ham, first prize in the raffle, with second and third prizes going to David Cottrell and Denise Game respectively. Donations towards the lunch were \$100 from the Delegate Progress Association, a watch set (2nd prize in raffle) donated by Helen Nocny and a bottle of wine donated by Denielle Tonissen. Following the lunch, Natalie Armstrong thanked Marilyn, Sue and Helen for arranging the function and for providing such a special luncheon and the crowd responded with hearty applause.

Below: Jim Stevenson and Marian Sheldrick, Helen Nocny, Sue Guthrie and Marilyn Callaghan, Gail and Max Smallman.



ARMISTICE DAY IN DELEGATE

The Armistice Day Service was conducted on a warm sunny morning at the Cenotaph at 11am on the 11th November by RSL President, Phil Pope. There was a good crowd present, including all of the local public school pupils along with their teachers. Present also were members of the Patriot Motor Cycle Club, who make the journey every year to attend the ceremony. Below: Phil Pope and some of the crowd.



SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING DINNER

On Saturday evening 30th November, the Delegate Sportsground Pavilion was transformed into a fine dining venue as over 100 Guests sat down to enjoy a fabulous six course meal with matching wines served by Chef Nola Brady. The dinner showcased lamb and was inspired by an old menu that Nola found for a 1971 Legacy dinner. Everyone present agreed that the food was phenomenal and a real treat. There were also a number of items auctioned with money raised going to the local community funds. A cookbook featuring the dishes served and other great recipes was also produced and copies of these are still available for \$15.00. They can be purchased at the RTCT.

Below: Nola was kept busy preparing the delicious food. R: Lots of preparation went into the décor as illustrated by the attractive tables.



Delegate Preschool Welcomes New Director for 2020

Delegate Preschool welcomes Katrina Jamieson as their new Director for 2020. Katrina has extensive experience as an Early Childhood and Primary Teachers and will be a great asset for the preschool. Katrina will be replacing Sherrida Edgecombe who will be retiring at the end of 2019. Also leaving us this year is Tina Samson who has moved back to Ballarat to be closer to family and Lydia Yelds who will be taking up extra days at Bombala Preschool next year.

We would like to also welcome Amy Jamieson who is replacing Tina and Esther Ingram who will be running the Playgroup.

Preschool will finish on the 18th Dec at 1pm and will reopen on the 28th January 2020 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Wednesday.

Playgroups last day will be the 19th Dec and will reopen on the 30th January 9am to 11am.

Enrollments currently open for 2020.

Right: Lydia Yelds, Sharon Buckman, Dennielle Tonnisen, Tina Samson, Katrina Jamieson, Sherrida Edgecombe, Lois Umback, Amy Jamieson at Tina's farewell at the Tavern.



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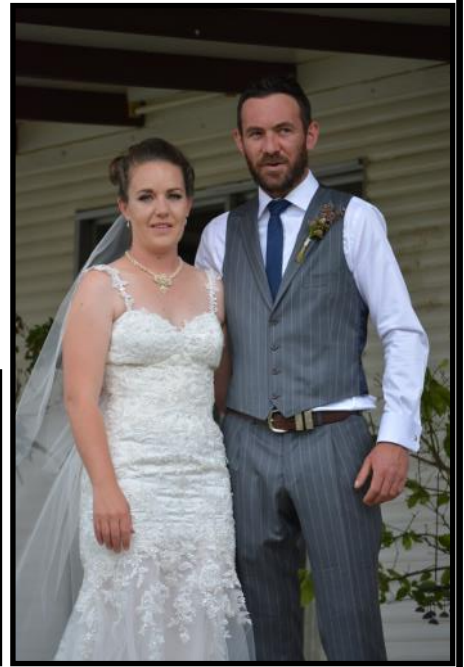
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Local Wedding

The wedding of Tammy Johnson and John Guthrie was held at “Nelenia”, Delegate, on 2 November . John followed a family tradition as his Mum and Dad, Robin and Chops and his aunt, Kylie were also married there. The wedding party consisted of matron of honor Casey Clarke (the brides sister), with bridesmaid Kristy Brooks, Karina Cusbert and Rea Martin. John was attended by brother Andrew as Best Man with groomsmen Shaun Walcott, Raymond Kading and Digby Walcott.. The couples three children Declan, Liam and Ellen were also included as were Casey’s family—Cody, Clayten, Addie and The reception was held in the garden under a marque and the garden looked lovely with lots of fairy lights. The catering was done very ably by the local hospital auxiliary and guests partied until late, even a few light showers didn’t dampen the fun.



SUNDAY SIPS PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday Sips held a hugely successful Xmas Party on Sunday 8th December, raising funds and giving back to the community.

Frock 'N Troll played all afternoon to everyone's enjoyment, even donating an extra hour of their time when no one wanted them to finish.

The Sippers and community members all shared a delicious BBQ meal together.

Donations were then presented to various community organisations. The Sips were able to donate to everyone who applied, with a total of \$6,200 divided up. \$200 each was given to six different fire sheds and the Hospital Auxiliary received \$1000 which may go towards comfortable arm chairs for the residents. Other organisations included Delegate Public School, Delegate Preschool, the Pony Club and the Catholic Auxiliary who intend to put in an access ramp.

Then it was time to raise money to donate next year. The auction is the most successful fundraiser for the group, with this year was even better than last. Justin Lewis did an impressive job of auctioning 19 different items that had been donated by generous Sips and community members. In total, the auction raised over \$6,500!

The Sips committee is hugely grateful to everyone who contributed to the day. There are too many to list, but all are very appreciated.

Delegate Community Library

Books Available to Borrow

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

10am to 3pm at the RTC

**When you have finished reading your book
please return it for others to enjoy.**





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ANOTHER MILLINERY AWARD FOR CYNTHIA JONES BRYSON.

Another trophy to add her long list of awards, when Cynthia received a millinery award at the Myer Oaks Day Fashion Awards, a prize which she also won in 1915. This stunning concoction was made of feathers.



CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD DELEGATE POST OFFICE

Trading hours will be extended leading up to Christmas. A perfect opportunity to get some shopping done for all the family. Karen will be trading extended days from December 16th, through to December 24th. Everyday from 10 am til 4 pm.

The shop has lovely gift ideas, packages, and decorations. Some delicious food ideas too to put into hampers, or add a dash of extra taste to the Christmas table.

You will find various Gift Vouchers in store for the Harmony Hub, for those needing some pampering or a chakra wellness check in for the 2020 new year. Leonie will also have some of her Gift Vouchers for her business the Elegance Beauty and Wellbeing.

Music CD's from Michelle Farran and also Frock'nTroll. All the equipment for delicious teas. Wooden and long lasting kids toys. Crystals, incense, tarot cards, bath bombs/shower bombs, the most yummy smelling soaps, lavender products such as hand scrubs and foot soaks, chocolates, and so much home-ware goods at reasonable prices.

Don't forget the fresh produce, Karen has fresh eggs, plants and craft ideas to help make your Christmas special. Marita's scrumptious Fruit Cakes now instore.

There are gifts for all the family; men, women and children. Make the Old Post Office your one stop shop for everyone this year.

Thursday Craft mornings from 11am will continue, the only day not on will be December 26th.

The shop will close on December 24th and reopen on January 2nd. If you would like an appointment in between please call Karen on 6458 5289 or Su on 6458 8315 to arrange a time.

Extra special mention is to the Summer Solstice celebrations on Sunday December 22nd. From 5pm – 9pm, at the shop and surrounding grounds. A chance to bring the whole family shopping, in the atmosphere of the beautifully reinvigorated gardens with Live Music, gift wrapping and local stalls. Fresh summer time foods available as snacks, fresh flowers for the Christmas table. Karen and Su look forward to celebrating the last Solstice of 2019 with you all.

Your support of the shop during 2019 has truly astounded us, of which we are extremely grateful. May your 2020 be filled with abundance, and many blessings to you all from us at the Old Delegate Post Office and the Harmony Hub.



Summer Solstice Celebrations

Sunday December 22nd

5pm – 9pm

Old Delegate Post Office



Live Music

Gift Wrapping

Delicious Food

Last minute shopping

Plants, fresh flowers, gift vouchers, toys, jewelry and so much more.

Come and enjoy an evening of family, friends, community and Christmas in a friendly atmosphere.

Delegate Multi Purpose Service
Craigie St, Delegate 6459 8000

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Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri 10.30am - 11.30am

Every week except public holidays.

No Appointments necessary.

A clinic where well people come for health monitoring and a variety of nursing procedures such as:

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- Suture or clip removal
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Pathology clinic (conducted by Pathology West)

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am.

No appointment necessary.

Every week except public holidays.

Other Community Health Services

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

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Merry Christmas



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Coast Excursion



Thunder Nation



CHILDREN'S RACE REULTS - Heritage week-end Games.

PRE-SCHOOL

Running

1st Paige Nichol 2nd Thomas Kading 3rd Harvey Kelland

PRE-SCHOOL

Egg & Spoon Race

1st Paige Nichol 2nd Harvey Kelland 3rd Thomas Kading

KINDER to YEAR 3

Running

1st Logan Nichol 2nd Cooper Gilbert 3rd Scott (boys)

1st Layla Brooks 2nd Bella Tonnisson 3rd Georgie Jeffreys (girls)

KINDER to YEAR 3

Egg & Spoon Race

1st Logan Nichol 2nd Wyatt Preston 3rd Cooper Gilbert? (boys)

1st Georgie Jeffreys 2nd Bella Tonnisson 3rd Abby & Layla Brooks (girls)

KINDER to YEAR 3 SACK RACE

1st Logan Nichol 2nd Wyatt Preston 3rd Cooper Gilbert (boys)

1st Layla Brooks 2nd Georgie Jeffreys 3rd Amelia Jeffreys (girls)

KINDER to YEAR 3

Three-legged Race

1st Lola Tonissen & Georgie Jeffreys, 2nd Logan & Wyatt 3rd Harlan & Amelia

YEAR 4 to 6 Running 1st Lydia Jamieson 2nd Gabby Kidd 3rd Erin Farren

YEAR 4 to 6 Egg & Spoon 1st Lincoln (boys)

YEAR 4 TO 6 Egg & Spoon 1st Charlie Brooks 2nd Erin Farren 3rd Lydie Jamieson (girls)

YEAR 4 to 6 Three Legged 1st Lydia & Erin 2nd Gabbie & Courtney 3rd Charlie & Emily (girls)

YEAR 4 TO 6 Sack Race 1st Charlie Brooks 2nd Lydia Jamieson 3rd Emily Gilbert (girls)

YEAR 4 to 6 Three-Legged 1st James & Lincoln





LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Nimmitabel, Delegate and Bombala Water Supplies

Applies from 12:00pm, Saturday 14 December 2019, until Further Notice

With the prolonged dry weather conditions, flows to the Lake Wallace Dam and Delegate and Coolumbooka Rivers have decreased. This has meant less available water at the Nimmitabel, Delegate and Bombala water treatment plants and reservoirs. **Residents in Nimmitabel, Delegate and Bombala are advised that as of 12:00pm, Saturday 14 December 2019, Level 3 water restrictions are in place until further notice.**

Activity	Level 3 Water Restrictions
Private Gardens and Lawns, Parks, Sport Amenities and Public Gardens	The watering of lawns is not permitted.
	Gardens and plants may be watered, subject to the below conditions.
Watering Systems	Sprinklers & irrigation systems can be used to water gardens and plants, but only once a week between 5pm and 8pm -Saturday for even house numbers, Sunday for odd house numbers.
	In-ground water systems, soaker hoses or micro sprays cannot be used.
Hand Watering	A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used between 7am-10am and 3pm-6pm, based on an odds & evens system (e.g. odd house numbers or rural address numbers on 1st, 3rd, 5th..., even house numbers on 2nd, 4th, 6th..., days of the month).
	A bucket or a watering can may be used at any time.
Washing Vehicles	If not washed at a commercial car wash, any vehicle must be washed on a lawn or other porous surface and then must only be washed by using a bucket or watering can.
Swimming Pools	Existing swimming pools may only be topped up using the odds & evens system (e.g. odd house numbers or rural address numbers on 1st, 3rd, 5th..., even house numbers on 2nd, 4th, 6th..., days of the month) and only if they have a pool cover.
Bowling Greens	Can only be watered for 2hrs/day.
Paved Areas	Water must not be used to clean paved areas unless cleaning is necessary as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.
Window and Building Washing	Gutters may be cleaned at any time using a hose with a trigger nozzle.
	Water must not be used to clean windows or buildings unless cleaning is necessary as a result of accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.
Construction & Related Activities	Non-potable water must be used for dust suppression.
Automatic Flush Toilets	Must not be used.
General Exemptions	Fire Fighting
	Rainwater (as long as the tank/dam is not topped up from, or switched to, the drinking water supply)
	Reclaimed water (generally supplied through purple pipes)
	Greywater (water from sinks, showers, washing machines etc)

These restrictions will apply to all properties connected to the Nimmitabel, Delegate and Bombala water supply schemes. The restrictions will apply until further notice. More stringent restrictions may be imposed should conditions fail to improve.

Under Section 637 of the Local Government Act 1993, a person who wilfully or negligently wastes or misuses water from the public water supply, or causes any such water to be wasted, is guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty is a fine of \$2,200.

Council advises that for all other towns on water supply, a conserve water notice is now in place, with details below.

For more information please contact Council

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DELEGATE HERITAGE WEEKEND DEBRIEF.

Members of the Heritage Week-end Committee met on Tuesday the 3rd December for a debrief on the week-end events and to discuss suggestions on how things can be improved. The week-end is an on-going annual event, held on the last week-end in October, with most events remaining the same with some new and/or different items added each year. It was resolved that as the Blessing of the Flock was so successful, it will be held again, this time at St Philip's Anglican Church and at St. Joseph's the following year. A further proposal was to have a children's choir to sing at different venues. Chrissy Grobbin to liaise with the school regarding this.

The Bundian Way walk will be featured every year, with different sections of the walk being undertaken. Next year it will be from the Union Reserve at Corrowong in to Delegate, with participants being bussed out. The Tug of War teams events will be featured prominently at the Heritage Sports as following the success of the first year, this year's effort was disappointing. Another suggestion was a campfire event at Bill Jeffrey's park, with the Council being approached to build a cement fire pit.

Considering so many of our over 45's took place in the races this year, it was thought it only fair that a special events be held for them. Also considering this year's horrible windy Saturday, a plan B will be considered, i.e. holding the event at the Show and Sports ground, where the Stalls can be under shelter.

Graduation

Congratulations to Nicole Mellon who recently completed a Diploma in Marketing through Torrens University.

Nicole is now available for any local marketing jobs. No job to small.

Nicole can be contacted on 0404540157.



Catholic Church Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Mass – 24 December 2019 – Mass Delegate 5pm & Bombala 6.30pm

1st Sunday – Mass - Delegate Saturday 6pm & Bombala Sunday 8am

2nd & 4th Sunday – Liturgy - Delegate Saturday 6pm & Bombala Sunday 9am

3rd & 5th Sunday – Mass Delegate Sunday 8am & Bombala 10am

Mass at Delegate MPS 2nd Wednesday of month 10.30am

Website: www.cg.org.au/bombala

Email: joeysdelegate@gmail.com



FINALS DELEGATE NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITION

The first tennis competition grand finals were held last week and the winners and runners up are pictured below.

Top: Winners, Zac McGowan, Toni McLeish, Robert McLeish and Michele Ingram.

Bottom: Runners up, Hannah Marriott, Clay Clear, Jeremy Clear, Lana Jamieson, Hunter Reed.



EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT DELEGATE.



Members of the Delegate Progress Association recently received a visit from representatives of the East Gippsland Shire Council, for a general discussion regarding cross border matters. Elena McIlroy councils Community Planning Officer, emailed the Association to thank them for the meeting which she said they found very informative. Also she said they were impressed with the range of services at the RT/CT Centre and with the DPA's commitment to working cross border.

Above DPA members with Eleni Mcilroy and a South East Gippsland representative.

Boco Rock Grant

The Delegate Progress Association were successful in getting a Boco Rock grant to help offset costs at the Heritage Weekend.

We bought a Slushie Machine, Fairy Floss Machine and Popcorn Machine. These can now be used at various events around Delegate.

Below: Sharon Buckman serving Bob Stewart a Slushie from the new machine. Bob is on the Boco Rock Committee.



SUCCESSFUL MEN'S MUSTER HEALTH NIGHT AT THE CLUB.

The last of the three Government funded Health events for the Delegate area was held on the 7th December at the Delegate Country Club. Following a welcome drink, thirty eight men sat down to dinner, which was catered for by Evelyn Walker.

The guest speakers Ted O'Kane front from the Department of Primary Industry and Sam Stevenson from Wellness were well received by the audience.

We have received good feedback from those attending, with particular reference to the excellent dinner provided by Evelyn. There is more available for Mental Health and Well Being projects, so perhaps next year we may consider holding more of these events.

Above : Speakers Ted O'Kane and Sam Stevenson, with Doug Cameron and Clive Cottrell.

Right: The guests enjoying dinner.



Bombala Demerge Progressing as Deputy Premier supports Gundagai demerger

There has been an apparent policy backflip on council demergers by the State Government. Early last week Minister Shelley Hancock announced that the Gundagai and Tumbarumba demerge petitions were valid and that the matters would be referred to the Boundaries Commission for official examination. This is the next step toward demerging and comes after the government had sat on the petitions for many months. It is understood that the Deputy Premier supported the decision in a recent meeting with the Premier and Minister in Sydney.

The regional fallout from this snap decision has been rapid with Hilltops Council (Boorowa, Young, Harden) Mayor, Brian Ingram (formerly of Delegate) losing a no confidence motion at a special meeting during the week. This comes at a time when the Hilltops General Manager resigned unexpectedly and now Mayor Ingram is openly supporting residents to sign demerge petitions circulating in their towns.

Buoyed by this policy change Save Bombala Inc will now formally submit the local demerge petition to Minister Hancock for consideration. In order to give residents one last chance to sign up Save Bombala Inc. will have a table at the Bombala Street party on December 13 with petition forms ready to sign on the night. Anyone who is unsure if they have signed up already can check on the night. The petition started circulating at the federal election in May and even though Save Bombala have already collected sufficient signatures they want to give all residents the opportunity to make their mark on the future of our local council.

THE DELEGATE TENNIS CLUBS RECEIVES GOOD NEWS.

The Delegate Tennis Club recently had a very productive meeting with Tennis Australia, and will shortly be receiving a \$5000 pack to support to promote tennis in the area. The aim is to encourage more adults to take up tennis, which for some years has seen numbers decreasing. A concerted effort, involving all tennis clubs titled "Get your Racquet On" will hopefully see more people taking part in this very enjoyable and beneficial sport.

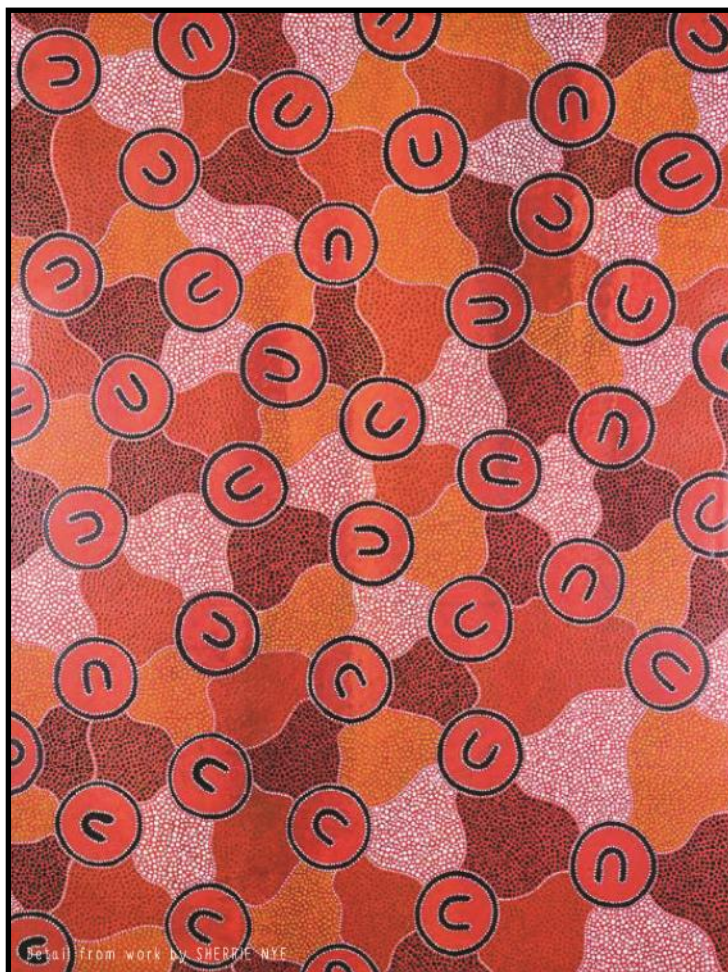
Something, which has proved very popular for older participants, will be a half court game to encourage those who are not as agile as they used to be.

It would be great to see a revival of tennis in the area and it was once the major sport.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The second Ecumenical Carol service will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 14th December at 6pm. As well as the usual Xmas Carols, there will be a pageant performed by local children, featuring the little drummer boy. At the conclusion there will be a sausage sizzle at St. Joseph's School Centre. All are welcome to attend.

This will be the second year that the tradition of Christmas Carols has been revived in Delegate, the first being held at St. Philip's Anglican Church last year.



BUNDIAN WAY GALLERY

Delegate, NSW
20 Nov 2019 ~ End Jan 2020

STORIES FROM MOGO

An exhibition featuring artists from the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council gallery including arts and crafts by Sherrie Nye, Adam McCarron, Matthew Carriage, Amethyst Downing-McLeod-Campbell and Lynda Nye. Perfect Xmas gifts.

ALL WELCOME

SouthEastArts



Delegate Progress Association

HERE & THERE

Many Happy returns to all those born in December, including Megan Downey, Raymond Jamieson, Nerida Reed, Dennis Reed, alma Reed, Heather Jones, David Jones.



The death occurred at Cooma Hospital, recently of local man Alan Talbot. His funeral took place at the Delegate Cemetery where a service was held prior to interment. Alan is survived by his wife Amy and three children, Ken, Dennis and Vicky and three grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to all.

Following the success of the three Mental Health and Well Being projects held this year, we are considering applying for funding for more of these events next year. The men's night proved popular and unfortunately a few late bookings had to miss out. It was too late as the caterer had already been given the number to provide for. It is important to RSVP in time, particularly where catering numbers are concerned.

NSW Police have a program, which helps people living alone to have contact details of Next of Kin, as well as their nominated

Doctor and any medical alerts which would help in an emergency situation. Any information provided will be safely stored and only accessed by NSW Police. To register contact your nearest police station.

Congratulations to Maree and James Coates on the birth of their third daughter, Tilly Michele a sister for Lanie and Eliza and the eighth grandchild for Michele and Garry Ingram.



As usual this time of the Xmas parties are taking place all over the district. The Delegate Progress Association held their annual event on Friday the 29th November at the Rural Transaction Centre, while the big Bendoc combined party is scheduled for Friday then 6th December at the Bendoc Hall.



The Delegate Community have formed a link with the Australian National University, with recent visits from Medical Students, and an art Exhibition in the Bundian and Borderline galleries by Art Students. The Progress Association recently received a thankyou for catering for the visiting students, from Dr. Robert Wiles, Senior Lecture and Academic Coordinator,

The Streetscape contractors are at present working on a long standing problem in front of Delcott's former garage, where water would lie after even the slightest rainfall. They have also partly completed works in front of the General Store, where they experienced an unexpected glitch, uncovering the remains of an old petrol tank. It is thought that it would have been used in the 1930's, when George Alam was the owner of a store there.

Meanwhile the long drought continues with continuous winds making the situation worse. Bushfires have already started in our local area, with one causing problems near Combienbar and another in the Gelantipy area across the Snowy River from Tubbut. This is the area, where all our worst fires start, following the Great Dividing Range in what is mostly inaccessible country.

The death occurred in Sydney last week of former Delegate resident Therese Lees, (nee Wolfe.) Therese was the only daughter of Mona and Thomas Wolfe and she is survived by three children, to whom we extend our sympathy.

Congratulations to Jeremy Clear, who celebrated his 50th birthday last week-end with family and friends at the Tathra Hotel



LOOKING BACK



The originals of these old photos were found in the previous Collins family home by Dennis Reed, present owner.

Left: The late Chicken (Arthur) Collins wearing his Clayton Cup Blazer won in 1970, pictured with his Fiancé Marcia Walker. Sadly Chicken died in 1973.



Below: Judy Walker and Helen Stokes former residents of Delegate (both now deceased)



Community Information

EMERGENCY / AMBULANCE: 000

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POLICE

Delegate: 6458 8044

Bombala: 6458 3444

Cooma: 6452 0099

CHURCHES

CATHOLIC

Father Mick McAndrew 02 8331 7609

Sister Teresa Keane: 6458 3045

1st Sunday Mass Delegate Sat 6pm and

Bombala Sunday 8am

2nd & 4th Sunday –Liturgy Del. Sat 6pm,

Bombala Sun. 9am

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

Bombala .10am

Mass MPS 2nd Wed. 10.30am

Website www.cg.org.au/bombala

Email: joeysdelegate@gmail.com

ANGLICAN

Rev. Judy Holdsworth 04 0853 1544

Rev. John Kuruvilla 0406765443

Services: 11am every Sunday.

DELEGATE MPS 6459 8000

BOMBALA MPS 6458 5777

Community Health Central intake team on 1800 999880

Victorian Visits—Community Nurse visits Victorian Clients every fortnight. For referral or info ring Orbost Regional Health 03 5154

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Delegate Community Health Nurse on 6459 8000

Bombala Medical Practice 6458 3022

Healthdirect and GP helpline 1800 022 222

(See advert in paper for detailed information)

MONARO FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Bombala Office: 6458 4888

open Tues to Thurs - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Delegate Pre School: 6458 8196

Delegate Public school: 6458 8183

DELEGATE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

RTCT Centre - 6458 8388— dpaooffice@bigpond.com

Newspaper: delegateprogress@exemail.com.au

Tubbut Access Centre 6458 0295

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Gardening News

Last week frost touched many new summer plantings. It is always a conundrum when things are half dead whether to discard the plant or to start again with new plants. Since gardeners are by nature nurturers, we tend to retain the damaged plants in the hope that 'they will come good'. The plants that will probably survive and thrive are those with multiple stems or underground storage structures that also produce buds such as dahlias and peonies. Those plants with strong vertical growth such as trees will change form and become bushy as the side shoots develop to replace the dominant growing point that was killed by frost.

Unfortunately, the 'nurture' strategy applied to vegetables causes delayed development which comes at the cost of a reduced crop. If we raise our own seedlings it is always wise to grow more than we really need to cover losses to frost or sunburn that is so common on planting out.

But then, when the spares are not needed after all, it is very hard to ditch them. There is always the option of giving them to a neighbour, but often we are tempted to plant them anyway by poking them into odd spots or overcrowding existing plantings. The ones in odd spots are invariably neglected and the overcrowding ones lead to reduced performance for each individual plant if not disease problems. I recognise too well this compulsive behaviour in myself and consequently admire those disciplined (read ruthless) gardeners that have neat orderly rows of plants.

Frustratingly this year early heat and wind made the Spring display disappointing. Flowers that normally give weeks of colour such as iris, daffodils, rhododendrons seem to have come and gone overnight. Greater fluctuations in temperatures, as well as reduced humidity, are the new norms due to climate change. The challenge for gardeners is that everything that we have learnt about plantings in the past is no longer applicable for the future so we now have to re-examine everything we think we know.

Hedges and shelter belts will play an increasingly important role in the garden as will larger plants that throw shade. Those plants that normally thrive in a full sun position e.g. tomatoes benefit from some shading during the day. Sunburn on tomatoes appears as white hardened skin and underlying flesh. Sun protection can be achieved by growing more leafy types (potato-leafed varieties), reduced pruning or erection of shade sails. Field growers of crops such as apples and grapes are already resorting to spraying fruit with sunscreens.

Pollination of fruit trees was poor here this year mostly due to the collapse of insect populations but it was also hampered by the low humidity/wind that reduces the viability of pollen. Pollination problems are emerging worldwide. The situation is so bad in China that workers clamber through trees to hand pollinate stone fruit and in Japan nurseries stock vials of kiwi fruit pollen. Germany has had a 76% loss of insect biomass recently and has given 100 million euros to the protection of insects and the education of the population starting at preschool. An important aspect addressed there is the reduction of the light pollution that has been shown to interrupt mating of insects.

What can we as individuals do? Firstly, really appreciate that we rely on a functioning environment for our own survival and secondly, cultivate a thoughtful attitude to everything we do, to be mindful that things are changing more rapidly than they have in the past and recognise that we have much to learn in order to adapt.

In practice we can grow a bigger range of plants with the aim of providing flowers all year round, turn off outside lights, provide water for particularly bees and butterflies to drink and of course no insecticides. When providing water for insects and birds it is essential to prevent drownings by providing emergent rocks or sticks.



Bird baths are mostly elevated to protect birds from cats but many creatures such as lizards need the water to be at ground level



These bees are at risk of toppling into the water and drowning.