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Delegate Doings



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DELEGATE SHOW

Fortunately the promised rain arrived after the show and everyone was able to enjoy the lovely warm Autumn day on Saturday. A good crowd was present for the usual variety of entertainment and ring events. The Pavilion was a picture, full of colourful exhibits, flowers, cooking, fruit and vegetables. Some tables of top grade wool and some children's brightly coloured art completed the picture.

The Marquee held a variety of stalls, with Mr. Magic entralling the children and some adults with his magic tricks, while Tanya Ponsford was kept busy painting some artistic designs on a long line of youngsters. The Bombala Lavender Group and other stalls had items for sale, while the Cross Border Committee were there under their colourful banner with information pamphlets, and a Transport Questionnaire. A new exhibit for this year was the gold panning stall, which was enjoyed by all who had a go.

Below Top L. To R. Ian Campbell presents Jon Hagger with 1st. & 2nd prizes for poetry, Kelly Chapman who won 1st. prize for Junior Sheep Judging, Georgia Rogers 8-10yrs. Girls. Carol Watson's won Best Painting Bottom Row, Regular visitors ex locals Kay Pagden, Jean Talbot, Pauline Crouch, Colourful roses by Patricia Campbell, Tanya Ponsford's face painting was very popular.



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and: 4th June

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Dates for your Calendar

- 11th March Womens International Day Luncheon
- 13th March Delegate Camp Draft
- 19th March Delegate Pre-School Open Day
- 21st March Platypus Pathway Working B 2pm
- 24th /25th March Seniors Week activities
- 27th March Cabanandra Camp Draft
- 27th /28th March Arts Centre open
- 28th March Service Presbyterian Church
- 30th March Full Moon Dinner –Cob Oven
- 2nd April Good Friday Cob Oven Dinner
- 3rd April Reunion at Country Club.
- Easter Saturday—Music Hotel

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DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB.

AGM

22 April, 2010.

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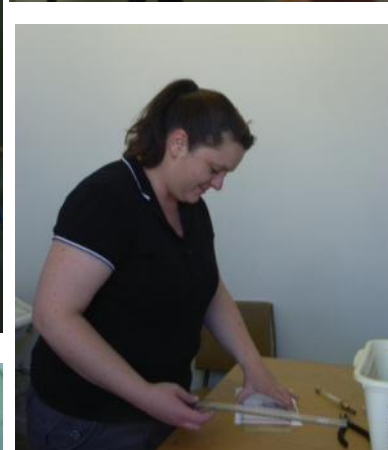
Twenty two ladies from both Bombala and Delegate participated in very successful workshops held at the Art Centre at the old hospital on Saturday 20th February, which included photography, glass slumping, felting and mosaics.

Sallyann Thompson imparted her knowledge on successful portrait photography, Sharon Buckman, held two workshops for the popular glass slumping, Su King's group produced colourful felting items, while Lana Martin McInnes showed her enthusiastic group how to turn terracotta flower pots into works of art with glass mosaics.

On Saturday the woodwork room was open for ladies in particular to try their skills at making articles in wood, under the expert tutelage of Neil Currie

The Craft Day was part of International Women's week programme, which will culminate in morning tea in School of Arts and a luncheon at the Country Club on Thursday, March 11th.

Below top: L. To R. Sally-Ann Thompson taught photography, Kelly Heffernan tried her hand at mosaics, Jan Lee (Portrait Photography), Middle row: Row Tanya Ponsford with her colourful felting, Louise Morley did glass slumping. Bottom row: Chris Sweeting was concentrating hard on her mosaic design and Robin Guthrie made glass jewellery.



BEVERLY STOKES LAUNCHES HER LATEST CD.

Well known local singer Bev Stokes, returned to her old home town of Bendoc to launch her new CD. The event which took place in the local hall on Sunday 2nd March was attended by a good crowd all eagerly waiting to hear the newest offering from Bev's musical collection. Following the official launch by Master of Ceremonies, Keith Bent, the afternoon became a musical feast, with many others joining Bev to entertain the crowd.



Beverly's nephews the Jones Boys and niece Sally were there with their band, as well as sister Heather, and others all joining in for a good old fashioned sing-along.

Always willing to donate her time and musical talents to a good cause, Bev deserves every success with her CD. *Below left: Bev joined by the Poddy Dodgers Band, Right Keith Bent leaves stage after launching the CD*

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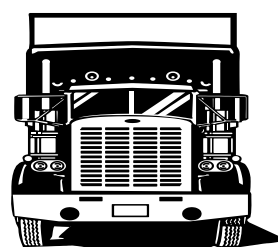
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INGRAM MALONE WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday 20th February, when Esther Malone married Jamie Ingram on the Ingram property at Bonang, with a reception to follow at the Bonang Hall. The groomsmen were Mark Bates, Trent Tonissen, Jamie Austin, Jarard Ingram and the bridesmaids were Missy Potts, Emma Hall, Sophie Reece and Grace Malone.



DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB

**** Coming Events ****

Thursday 11th March 2010.

International Women's Day Lunch..

All welcome . Bookings 6458 4622.

Friday 12th March 2010..

Delegate Public School Cross Country..

Course close f 8.30am till 4pm.

EASTER Thursday 1st April 2010..

MONSTER EGG RAFFLES!!!!!! 7pm till late.

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April 2010...

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EASTER Saturday 3rd April 2010..

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DELEGATE USES TOO MUCH WATER.

General Manager of Bombala Council, Mr. Don Cottee attended a recent meeting of the Delegate Progress Association, and reported to Members that it had come to his attention that the water allocation for Delegate has been above average by up to 10%. If this trend continues they will be looking at ways of charging Delegate Community for water. Delegate residents are in a unique position of not having to pay extra for increased water use, but we still need to be vigilant in how we use water to avoid this scenario. Council were particularly concerned about **large amounts of water being used on vacant blocks**, and will take action to prevent this overuse of town water resources.

The water Board have some tips on how to reduce water consumption.

- Shorter Showers
- Wash only when washing machine is full
- Water gardens once week
- Water before 8am or after 6pm
- Put in rain water tanks.
- Fix dripping taps
- Wash cars on the grass.

Everyone can play a part in reducing their water consumption, and thus avoid having water meters placed on every household in town.



Above: L. To R. Mel Kidd with Gabby who won 1-2yrs. Girl, 0-1yr. Winner Jayda Conanan.

Middle Row: L. Teagan Lambert 3-5 Girl winner, R. Connor Reed 0-1yr. Boys

Bottom Row: L. The children were transfixed by Mr. Magic, R. Cohen Jamieson—1-2year boys winner.

BUSH POETRY

The Bush Poetry Competition was this year judged by David Meyers, well known Bush Poet and Entertainer from Canberra, and the winners were as follows:

Senior Section: First Mrs. Jean Manning with a poem entitled "What Do you See"

Second: Mrs. Allen with a poem titled "Black Saturday"

Encouragement Awards went to Gloria Cotterill and Natalie Armstrong.

Junior Section: Jon Hagger First Prize for "Bird of Healing"

Jon also received second prize for "The Bush"

The Judge sent an email congratulating all the entrants for their excellent contributions. He wrote "Poetry never gets better if it sits in the bottom drawer and never sees the light of day. It only lives if it is out there being shared with other people. I was impressed with the variety of subjects dealt with by the entrants, and was delighted to see their hard work coming to fruition in the form of Bush Poetry. I can never stress enough the value of writing and re-writing poems many times over before you are happy with the final result. Good bush poets around the country probably write 10-15 drafts of each poem before they publish it, or commit it to memory for performance. I would also recommend that people writing bush poetry spend some time reading great Australian Bush Poets, especially Patterson and Lawson, where they will learn the art of "Rhythm, Rhyme and Metre, and gain and feel the smoothness of good bush ballads."

The winning poems were read after the official opening of the Show by ABC Manager from Bega, Ian Campbell, who presented the cheques from the Delegate Progress Association to the prize winners.

David also kindly sent comments on each poem which we will publish in later editions of the "Doings"

Jean's poem is printed on Page 18 of this publication.

Cob-Oven Full Moon Dinners

The last dinner was held on Monday 1st March but because the sky was overcast we couldn't witness the full moon. A great little crowd gathered to share pizza, enlightened conversation and loads of community spirit. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for the community to relax in beautiful surroundings and to partake of the wonderfully cooked pizzas from the cob oven.

The next dinner will be on Tuesday 30th March. The oven will be ready to cook any time after 4.30pm. Bring your own pizzas or makings for pizza, and drinks. There is plenty of room for the kids to run around and opportunity for a yarn. There will be an extra dinner on Good Friday 2nd April. This will start at 1pm. This one will be limited to fish and vegetables so put your creative thinking caps on for unique meals to cook in our Cob Oven .

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE.



Mabel, the Church gossip, and self appointed arbiter of town morals, accused George of being drunk because his ute had been parked in front of the local pub all afternoon.

George said nothing, but that evening he parked his ute in front of Mabel's house and left it there all night.

QUOTE FOR MARCH

Flattery is like chewing gum, enjoy it but don't swallow it.

DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

BER Building Arrives

The Delegate School children watched in amazement recently as a huge crane arrived at the school to place the new Building our Education Revolution (BER) multi-purpose building on the school grounds. Students and staff watched from the classrooms as the new building was slowly moved into position behind the canteen and music room.

The building is being connected to the utilities and the set-up is nearly complete. When the site has been cleaned up, work will start on transforming the multi-purpose building into a kitchen and science lab, thanks to the Stephanie Alexander School Gardens and Kitchen grant.

This new asset to our school will allow the students to learn to grow food and prepare simple meals themselves. As well, the kitchen will be made available to communities groups in the future. Thank you to the hard working committee that applied for the Stephanie Alexander grant that will allow the fitting out of this new asset to our school.



The crane carefully lifts the first section of the BER building off the truck.

Delegate Show

The Delegate School children spent many hours preparing artwork, woodwork, beading, and class projects for this year's Delegate Show. Many of the school entries were a result of the very successful Workshops that were held in Term Four last year.

The students' works made a colourful display in the main pavilion, with paintings and drawings hung from the ceiling, while canvas paintings and woodworking trays and birdhouses covered the walls.

Many Delegate students also attended the Show and participated in all of the activities available on the day. The Animal Nursery was a highlight of the day, with many Delegate School students spending time playing with the puppies, kittens, chicks, and rabbits. The Year Five and Six students volunteered time in the Dining Room helping to clear tables and wash up as a community service.

This year, some of the Delegate students entered the sheep and cattle junior judging, with Anna Horton winning second place in the sheep junior judging. Congratulations to her. Later in the day, the sheep decorating was well supported, with Brahnie Mitchell winning a prize for her brightly painted sheep.

Finally, a big thank you goes to all the school community that helped Delegate School contribute to a successful 2010 Delegate Show.



Some of the paintings Delegate School entered in the show.

Maddie Manning plays with Milo the kitten at the Animal Nursery.



Bournda Excursion

The Delegate Public School Year Five and Six recently spent three days at a leadership camp at Bournda National Park. This year, eight students attended with six parents and Ms Wood as the supervising teacher.

The students participated in ropes course, bike riding, and kayaking. This year, the children used two men kayaks, which required a high degree of teamwork to steer. They went on many bushwalks, but found the trails challenging, as the recent heavy rains had caused trees to fall over the path in places and made walking slippery.

The students spent time swimming in the lagoon and exploring the beach. The final morning was spent on challenge and environmental games that taught teamwork and higher order thinking skills before packing up and going home to Delegate.

Throughout all activities, students conducted themselves in a positive manner and are to be congratulated. A big thank you to parents Minnie, Cleo, Ron, Robert, Mirabel, and Bevan who attended the camp and helped to transport and look after the students during all the activities.



The students complete a challenge game by supporting Francis.



The Year 5/6 at Bournda Lagoon: Anna Horton, Janine Jamieson, Emma Stewart, Leanna Haley-Perkins, Jordan Williams, Toby Mustard, Nathan Cusbert, and Francis Famador.



The Delegate students learn to control the two person kayaks.

Swimming Carnival

The Delegate Public School competed in the Bombala District Swimming Carnival after having to reschedule due to rain and lightning. Some of the younger students competed in the novelty events across the pool, with noodle, kickboard and swimming events held.

In the main races, Delegate students gave their best effort. Students competed in breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and freestyle.

Brahnie Mitchell, Anna Horton, and Janine Jamieson qualified to compete in the Cooma District swimming carnival held the following week. All the students tried to the best of their abilities and are to be congratulated for all their efforts.

Gardening Corner

March is Autumn.

It has truly arrived in Delegate with welcome rain, cooler nights and lately crisp mornings. Autumn bulbs are appearing with crocus, anemones, grape hyacinth and nerines in growth. If you lift a jonquil or daffodil now you will be amazed at the quantity of roots present gathering food and water for the late winter growth spurt. Now is exactly the right time to plant spring flowering bulbs.

If nerines have become shy flowerers it is probably because the bulbs have gotten deeper in the soil which can easily happen if mulch is used. These bulbs only flower well when they sit on the surface so lifting them up again will bring masses of flowers next year.

In the vegetable garden the season for summer vegetables is closing although it can be prolonged a bit. In general mildews are discouraged by keeping foliage dry and removing clutter at the bottom of plants. This reduces humidity and also allows the sun to get to the soil keeping soil as warm as possible for as long as possible. It is often judicious to pull back mulch for a few weeks too to maximise the benefit of sunlight on soil. The mulch should be replaced again later as the increase in heat losses at night overcomes the benefit of the day's sun. At this time mulch acts as blanket keeping soil warmth in.

Pumpkins must be left to ripen on the vine so if frost threatens cover them with thick cloth but remove it during the day. Even if the leaves of the vine dry out the thick vine stems are still delivering vital water and nutrients to the fruit. Do not remove these leaves as they protect the stems from cold damage and since all the energy required by the pumpkin is being manufactured by the green skin of the fruit itself it is essential to remove the cover during the day.

To maximise yield from tomatoes pick the maturing fruit just as it is showing a blush of pink. Use secateurs to clip fruit keeping the stem intact wherever possible as this avoids a wound that may give entry to rots at the top of the fruit. By removing fully formed fruit the younger fruit are now released from the dominance of the older fruit and are able to fill out more rapidly.

The clipped fruit can be ripened in a well lit position indoors. It helps to place them on a towel which softens the point of contact and improves air flow. Do not allow fruit to touch each other and avoid direct sun as it will cause moisture loss if not scald.

If the worst happens and the tomato plants wither from cold whilst still holding fruit pull the plants out and lay them, roots and all, in an airy place such as a shed or garage. The fruit will ripen slowly and there will be some to eat as late as July. If all else fails there is the old standby of making green tomato pickles!!

The other job to get ready for is pruning and disease control in fruit trees. The main Autumn feeding should occur soon. Even though deciduous trees and shrubs are leafless, the roots are actively growing and still supplying water to the plant body.

Water transports elements throughout the plant and roots struggle to extract the nutrients that maintain cell integrity from cold soil. This is why applying nutrients in Autumn is so beneficial to the overall health and productivity of all plants.



MARCH HAPPENINGS.

This week has been a particularly busy one for all including the Delegate Camp Draft Committee and the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. The Camp Draft takes place this week-end, and the Auxiliary have taken on double catering duties for both the Camp Draft and an afternoon tea at the Tennis Club. The

International Women's Day Luncheon at the Country Club and morning tea at School of Arts takes place on the 11th. Bombala Show is next on the Agenda followed by the Cabanandra Camp Draft the following weekend. There will be a service on Palm Sunday in the Presbyterian Church, and in early April, a big re-union on Easter Saturday.

HERE & THERE

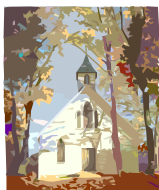
Sympathy is extended to Michelle, Garry Ingram and family following the sudden death of Michelle's father Bernie Buckley at his home in Nimmitabel on Saturday 1st March.

The funeral took place at place at Nimmitabel following a service in the Catholic Church.

The weekend of 1st & 2nd of March, saw an increasing number of motor bikes travelling through Delegate on their way to Phillip Island. Apparently they like the winding road through to Orbost which is now mostly sealed.

There will be another service in the Historic Presbyterian Church on Sunday 28th. March (Palm Sunday) at 11am.

The Service will be conducted by Father Mick.



On Saturday night 6th. March, Bombala RSL was the venue for a 40 year reunion for Bombala High School's Year 10 class .

A number of ex pupils travelled distances to join with those who live locally, many of whom had not met up since school days.

From all reports a good time was had by all.

The Delegate Community has been saddened to hear of three deaths of people well known in the area.

Helen Reed formerly of Delegate, died at her home in Merimbula on 4th March after a short illness. Interment took place in the Pambula Cemetery on Monday 8th March, following a service in St. Clements Church Merimbula. Helen is survived by three sons, and seven grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to all.

News of the unexpected death of Maryanne Strickland (nee Glen-non) who spent her early life in Delegate was received on Saturday 6th March. Her husband Shane predeceased her and she is survived by two sons. The burial will take place in Cann River.

Viv Hall passed away on Sunday 7th. March at Pambula Hospital after a prolonged illness.

His funeral will take place at Delegate Cemetery following a graveside service on 11th.March. Viv is survived by 6 children, (3 boys and 3 girls) 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to all bereaved families.

The local store is undergoing renovations to the front part of the building and until such time as these are completed, entrance will be at the back of the store.

Congratulations to Luke Mikula who celebrated his 18th at a dinner with family and friends at the Delegate Hotel on Thursday 4th March.



A farewell dinner was held at the Delegate Hotel on Tuesday 10th March for long time MPS employee Ulan Sievert, who has decided that running a cafe and working three mornings per week is becoming too difficult.

The occasion was attended by fellow staff members, Hospital Auxiliary and MPS members.

Congratulations to Leanne Clear on her engagement to Marty Brick. The wedding is planned for later this year.



The whole of the Monaro has a new colour not seen for a long time, a brilliant green covering the countryside is a sight to see.

The Bombala Debutante Ball to be held shortly will see a number of Delegate and District boys and girls take part this Saturday.

Practises have been going on for several weeks, and the excitement is building.

LOOKING BACK.



The above photo taken at the Delegate Show over twenty years ago, shows spectators watching events in the Ring from the steps in front of the bar. Some of those pictured are no longer with us and of course the children pictured are all grown up. However we were able to pick out many in the crowd.



The old photo on left shows life-time supporters of the Delegate show, members of the Ingram family, L. To R. Mrs. Dot Ingram, Mr. Neil Ingram, and Mrs. Marie Oliver.

All now deceased.

A MUSICAL NOTE

Following the success of the musician's blackboard format at Delegate Show on Saturday night there is a lot of enthusiasm for providing venues for local musicians to showcase their talents.

We are rich in community halls which have great facilities and can cater for families and people of all ages. Bonang, Bendoc, Craigie, Delegate to name a few.

The idea of having a music venue circuit is most welcome.

The first such event will happen at Bonang Hall on Easter Saturday 3rd April starting at 7.30 pm. All musicians are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Bring your own meat for a BBQ, drinks and instrument. A sound system will be provided.

We can decide the next venue and time on this night.

See you there!



Greg Crotty Gets Prestigious Award



The Australian Public Service awards Australia Day medals to Commonwealth Public Servants that have provided outstanding services to the community. This year Greg Crotty was awarded such a medal.

Presenting the award to Greg was the Deputy Commissioner of NSW & ACT Jennifer Collins who said receiving such an award is a testament of the value that Department of Veterans Affairs places on excellent client service and Greg has exceeded that expectation. He is held in high esteem by his staff, peers and supervisors. Congratulations.

CROSS-BORDER COMMUNITIES

The Cross-Border communities group had a very successful debut at the Delegate Show on Saturday. Deb, Penny, John, Jayne and Heather were kept busy fielding questions and inspiring discussion about the future of our communities. The ideas board will be continued at the International Women's Day morning tea at the School of Arts on Thursday 11th March. The display of photos and programs of events in our area was well received and commented on especially by people from outside our area, the general impression given was that they envied us our active, vibrant community and were impressed by the level of council involvement in the many projects. Penny was interviewed by Ian from the ABC giving the group an excellent opportunity for promotion in the media. Another media opportunity is the setting up of our own Facebook page.

The Scarecrow naming competition was won by Alex Reed who was thrilled with her prize of a little gardeners set and chocolates. Apparently she is already a keen gardener. We thought her name 'Crosswood' was very apt for a scarecrow. The Scarecrow dressing was very popular and thank you to the Delegate OP shop for the use of bags of clothing and accessories—the kids thoroughly enjoyed finding the most outrageous outfits from the huge range available. Funnily the boys were more adventurous with their outfits than the girls! Photos of the scarecrows can be seen on our Facebook page at Facebook Cross-border communities.com.au

The night-time music organised by Cross –border communities was very well received. The bush dancing was a big hit with the kids and this response encourages us to organise a full scale bush dance at the School of Arts. The rest of the evening passed in a very relaxed way with musicians from the local area and the coast providing varied and enjoyable entertainment. We were thrilled at the positive response to the new-look evening and are open to suggestions for next year.

Helen Mary Reed/Ingram/Beveridge, 1937-2010

Helen Mary Reed, nee Ingram, nee Beveridge. Born on 25th January 1937 to Edna May (Maude) Beveridge and Ernest David Beveridge at Stradone Private Hospital, Bombala. Just 2 years before Australia was flung into the 2nd Great World War of the 20th century. She remembered as a little girl seeing the soldiers on the train during the occasional trips they made to her mother's people in the central west. Later she was to marry one of those soldiers.

Educated at Mila, Temora and Rosemeath Schools and to leaving certificate level at Bombala Central School during a very difficult period for the family, her father died when she was just 4 years old. Immediately finishing school she obtained a trainee nurse position at Delegate Cottage Hospital. She began there in Jan 1954 at the age of 17 as a trainee nurse. There began her lifelong profession and love of nursing. Mum never gave up nursing. Even in retirement she was still active in the Hospitals Auxiliary. Being awarded a lifelong membership in 1984, 50 year membership in 2006 and becoming Patron of Delegate Hospitals Auxiliary in 2006.

Delegate Hospital was quite an adventure for Helen. I remember as a child looking in amazement at Mother glammed up for the Delegate Hospital Queen competition of 1955 including photos of her waterskiing on the Gold Coast. "Is that really you Mum?" we would say. While at Delegate she befriended another nurse trainee, June Ingram of Tombong. One day off while staying at June's and driving down the Tombong Road she met one Edwin Gregory Ingram, known as Teddy, confirmed bachelor and grazier of Tombong. Teddy's life of freedom was over. They were married at Orbost in 1958.

They built the house at Redhill Tombong and 3 sons arrived, Stephen in 1959, Milton 1960 and Grantley 1964. They were great years for Helen. As the family grew she threw herself into the house and garden at Tombong. All the while involved in the day to day running of the property while coping with the demands of family including the extended Ingram family and the constant stream of visitors and guests from all walks of life.

Mum loved Christmas. Christmas at Tombong was a massive time for Mum and one us kids both dreaded and loved. We would be cleaning and tidying the house and garden for weeks, washing down walls whether they needed it or not, putting up decorations, shopping trips to town etc.

Christmas Day was a triumph of church, visitors, presents and masses of food and drink. Lunch usually got started about 2:30pm and went well into the evening. All was managed superbly by Helen and enjoyed greatly by all.

Teddy died sadly in 1978 but she carried on with great spirit and determination, continuing her nursing work and managing the property at Tombong.

In 1981 she married Keith Reed of Delegate, previously of Goongerah. This extended the family a little and worked out well for all involved. We brothers got a sister and Suzy got 3 brothers.

Mum was quite amused at the comment by a Delegate wag who said of her and Keith "It's great to see you two getting together. You really deserve each other." They were never really sure exactly what that meant.

Keith and Helen went on to establish the Keathellen Poll Hereford Stud exhibiting at many shows in the South East and Sydney Royal Easter. Later in 2005 both Helen and Keith were made Life Members of the Royal Agricultural Society for their services to Delegate and other local shows where Mum was constantly judging flower or food exhibits.

Keith and Helen loved to travel but Helen hated flying. Notwithstanding an exciting trip to the USA and Canada in 1985, this problem was solved with the addition of a large caravan to the family vehicular stable. They enjoyed many trips around Australia, always dropping in on the far flung displaced children of Delegate and surrounds. And adding even more friends to the Christmas card list.

Sadly Keith passed away in 2005 not long after their retirement to Merimbula. Mum carried on. The visitors kept coming and she always kept up with her huge circle of friends. We had many lovely family holidays at Mum's in Merimbula. The table was always set for breakfast. There was always a big family dinner and she insisted on spoiling her beloved grandsons, Murray, Lindsay, Tom and Ben, constantly undermining their parent's good work.

She warmly embraced her children's marriage partners. Becoming a firm friend and advocate of Marto, Sarah and Margot.

Helen was very generous both in spirit and deed. Many times when I returned to university there would be an envelope with a couple of hundreds dollars or more stuffed in the glovebox of the car, despite my somewhat proud undertakings of being able to support myself and being my own man.

Helen was never judgemental. She never gave up or forgot a friend. She developed a phenomenal network of people during her life and she always stayed in touch. She was a caring and inspirational mother, grandmother, aunty and sister. Above all she was simply a wonderful person. We miss you greatly. Rest in peace Mum.

DELEGATE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Have you seen the preschool front yard lately! Thanks to some very dedicated parents and children, the yard had a few additions, painted tractor tyres, trees, garden edgings and flowers. The service was lucky to receive a land care grant that has enabled some things to be purchased such as fruit trees. The children will be actively involved in this process and it will be also happening out in the backyard. Vegies and other edible plants will be planted in a vegetable garden for which the children will be able to actively participate. Currently the children throw their food scraps into compost, turn the compost occasionally and then use this compost in the garden. They get to follow the entire process which is a great learning experience.

Staff had the opportunity to attend professional development based on Early Childhood Music Education, focusing on using music as a medium to help reinforce concepts set in place by occupational therapists, speech therapists, kinesiologists, clinical psychologists, physiotherapists and yoga teachers. It was a very worthwhile experience for those who attended. Music forms a large role in the services program so much that it happens three times in the day. Children look forward to these parts of the day as they get together to learn many concepts and skills. Along with all the music and gardening, children have also been preparing for the annual Delegate show, they will also be displaying samples of their work at the Rural Transaction Centre so look out for these, and children put a lot of effort into their work and are very proud to show their talent.

On the 19th March the preschool is holding an open day from 11am, we are inviting you to come along, bring your child or grand child and see what it is we do. There will be dances for littlies, stories and games, and a sausage sizzle for lunch. **COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!**

Right: Children have enjoyed the warmer days before the rains came getting to play with water.



What Do You See?

By Jean Manning

What do you see? Tell me, what do you see?
Who are you seeing when you look at me?
A crabby old woman, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes,
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, for you're not seeing me.

I'll say who I am, as I sit here so still,
As I rise at your bidding and sit at your will.
I'm a small child of ten, with a father and mother,
Sisters and brothers, who love one another.
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon her true sweetheart she'll meet.
A bride at just twenty, my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows I've promised to keep.

At age twenty five, I've babes of my own,
Who need me to build a secure happy home.
A woman of thirty, my children grow fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
Dark days are upon me, ill health is so near,
I look at the future, I shudder with fear.
My children are busy with babes of their own,
I think of the years and the love I have known.

I'm an old woman now, grace and vigour depart,
But thousands of memories live in my heart.
Inside it, you see, a young girl still dwells,
And now and again, my tired heart swells.
I remember the joy, I think of the pain,
I'm loving and living life over again.
So open your eyes, please open and see,
Not a crabby old womanlook closer....see ME!

MORE SHOW PHOTOS.

Alex Reed showing off her face painting, Ryan Conconan won the 3-5yrs. Boy.



Sheep judging, Penny Judge and Russell Buckman bush dancing, Ian Campbell presenting Emily Chapman with the Hinesville Stud awards.



Tyson Noble (Delegate), Kayla Jamieson and Cassie Angeloski (Bendoc and Wollongong) and Paddy Evans (Nimmitabel) with their scarecrows

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