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# Delegate Doings



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## **Snowy Monaro Council Administrator meets with Delegate Progress Association**

Dean Lynch Administrator of the Snowy Mountains Regional Council visited Delegate recently and met with representatives of the Delegate Progress Association. It was an opportunity to show the new administrator the achievements and assets of the Delegate Progress Association and to discuss our plans for the future.

It was also an opportunity to bring up various matters of concern with the Administrator and on top of the list was Delegate's water supply, now deemed by the State Government to be not potable. At a public meeting Delegate some time ago there was unanimous agreement for the then Bombala Shire to apply for a grant for a new water supply for the town. We have been left in the dark as to why this did not eventuate and as a result this important matter was shelved. As a result Delegate is in the unfortunate position of having signs in our camping ground saying the water is not fit to drink, certainly not the way to attract visitors. We feel strongly that as the State Government decided that the water, which has not changed in decades is now not potable, then it is their responsibility to fix it. We also suggested to the Administrator that a large water tank installed at the park would be beneficial in the interim.

Another item we spoke of was the plans for the new amenities block, because from what we have heard on the grapevine there are shortcomings in the plan which need to be rectified. It will be disappointing if the opportunity has not been taken to build a modern attractive asset with an eye to future tourism rather than cutting corners.

Administrator Lynch outlined his plans for including all sections of the enlarged Shire in their advertising, encouraging visitors to the mountains to take day trips to other parts of the Shire. We emphasised the need for the Bundian Way to be included as it is already bringing many visitors to Delegate and has the potential to grow as the walking track progresses. Although the Delegate River teems with platypus there is no designated viewing area here, but of course people can sit on the steps at Bill Jeffreys park and observe them close up.

The changes to the Trainlink Public Transport service which has so disadvantaged people in this area, was also discussed and we indicated that we had sent in submissions to the Public enquiry currently being held by the NSW Government.

It is pleasing that Administrator Lynch visited the town, and we hope that the locals appointed to represent us on the Shire will also meet with us to hear our views in the future.

**Next Issue: 7th October then: 4th November and: 9th December**

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### Dates for your Calendar

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- 6th Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon—Country Club
- 7th Delegate Progress AGM 3pm
- 5th-9th September Womens Health Week
- 8th September Glass Fusing/Slumping workshop Tubbut
- 10th Sept. Darts Doubles –Hotel—names in by 1pm. Draw for Partners.
- 24th September Bundian Gallery Opening 11am
- 12th October Printing on Clay Workshop Tubbut
- 8th October—Delegate Ladies Golf Tournament
- 15th October Combined Churches Trivia Night
- 15th October Bombala Caulfield Cup Day
- 26th November Wool Workshop Tubbut
- 26th November Fancy Dress Party

### **Cross Border Craft Tubbut Neighbourhood House Phone: 02 64580295**

#### **GLASS FUSING/SLUMPING WORKSHOP**

Thursday 8th September 10am at Tubbut

**PRINTING ON CLAY** Wednesday 12th October at 10am—Tubbut We will be working on printing photos onto clay tiles

**WOOL WORKSHOP** November 26/27th at Bonang We are lucky enough to have Heather & Margie Stewart coming up to do another wool weekend. This time we will be learning to dye wool with natural dyes & weaving. Start saving your onion skins!

### **Local student and Lone Scout, Ellery Farran remembers her participation in the Men From Snowy River March**

Delegate Progress Association asked Ellery, one of the youngest participants in the Men from Snowy River March, to present the photos from the re-enactment to the community on the actual day the soldiers left our shores, the 5th of September Ellery also saw an opportunity to use this as the main activity in working towards her Australian Scout medallion as part of a scout award 5th September being the day that volunteers embarked on the ship.

### **NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK**

**For those interested in registering for the National Broadband we advise that Telstra representatives will be in Delegate at the RTC between the 12th and 16th September—(an exact date to be advised)**

**Please phone 64588388 and leave your name and phone number if interested and we will contact you.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMEMORATIVE MORNING TEA AT THE DELEGATE SCHOOL OF ARTS TO MARK 100 YEARS SINCE THE EMBARKATION OF THE MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER TO FIGHT OVERSEAS.

There will be a presentation about the Reenactment March.

The Delegate Public School will be attending and after the presentation will take part in a few activities around the hall.

This is a community event so anyone can come.

Hope to see you there!

If you would like to bring a platter of food that would be very much appreciated.

**At 11:00 am Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

### **DARTS DOUBLES DELEGATE HOTEL**

**10th September**

**Names in by 1pm—Draw for partners.**

# Tuesday Club News

For their July meeting, members of the Tuesday Club met at the Catholic Church Hall, where they enjoyed afternoon tea and discussed plans for the coming months. They also enjoyed the display of historical photos and memorabilia that have now become a permanent display. Plans for the following months include are a visit to Kaye Reeds home at "Woodglen", where members will be given a special opportunity to view some of Kaye's wonderful craft which she has accumulated over many years, not only is she a very accomplished quilter, but also has interests in many other crafts and members are eagerly looking forward to this rare treat. Members are advised that soup will be provided for lunch, but to bring along a small treat to share.

For our August meeting, members once again gathered at the Catholic Church Hall where they were entertained by a local guest speaker, who recounted numerous tales of some of the unique identities that where very much part of the history of our district. This led to some hilarious stories as members reminisced about events and characters of the past. So much of our rural life has changed but it is important that these "stories" not be forgotten and passed on to future generations.

For our October meeting, members have once again being invited out of town, this time to Jayne and Henry Seller's home at "Greenfield", Corrowong. We are hoping for an opportunity to view the wonderful "sea of yellow" of the Canola crops, which should be nearing full boom about that time and as always, a spectacular sight. Members are once again asked to bring their own lunch to share.

Further plans are the Melbourne Cup Lunch and Fashion Parade with the wonderful fashions from "Le Op Shop Boutique". More details regarding these activities will be available closer to the dates. Members are advised to check for notices in local shop windows.

Also a special mention to some of our members who have not been very well lately, we hope they are soon well enough to join in some of our forthcoming activities.

Any enquiries regarding any of the activities, please contact Sandra Walker on 64588089.

Right: Jean Talbot, Gloria Cotterill, Sue Guthrie, Kaye Reed and Ilma Stewart.



Left: Marie Chapman, Jayne Sellers, Natalie Armstrong, Ilma Stewart.



## Hawaiian Cruise Highlights.

Hilo was our first port of call in Hawaii, the island also known as the 'big island'. Hawaii, the state, consists of many islands harbouring many volcanoes, but Kilauea is one of the biggest. At times the flow of lava runs into the ocean 18 miles away, at the time of our visit the lava wasn't flowing, but there was smoke and sulphuric gases (which are poisonous) escaping from the centre of the crater. This volcano is different to others in that when it erupts it caves in on itself, creating a deeper hole like a big quarry, not a nice thought to imagine under that crust lies a lake of molten lava bubbling away.



Another great port was Lahaina, where we were greeted by a Senior Citizens Hula group, good on them! The town, Maui, I loved, lovely old colourful buildings and streetscape, practically every second shop was a Gallery of some sort. Numerous carved, bigger than life, diverse, wooden figures stood outside shops and cafes, great atmosphere, everyone relaxed, sun shining, ice cream was good too!



Calling on the return trip at Bora Bora, with its beautiful scenery of extinct volcanic peaks, then Moorea, another lovely island, great shell jewellery, very friendly people but very hot



weather. Then Tahiti, which has a distinct French feel to it, the buildings along the main street could have been in the south of France and the old styled street lamps were so in keeping with the buildings, it was wonderful. There were beautiful lush gardens along the waterfront celebrating thirty years of 'Autonomie' from France, this area was very popular with families enjoying a sunny holiday and sharing a happy smile with a passing visitor.

Gloria Cotterill.



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## DELEGATE PONY CLUB ACCREDITATION DAY

Delegate Pony Club had an additional rally day/trainer accreditation day on the 21st August. Well attended with 19 riders. 6 new instructors completed their assessments. Thanks to all involved with making the day successful. Thanks to all our riders, a wonderful turn out, all dressed in their full uniform and looking exceptionally smart. Riders worked on flat work, dressage, jumping Sarah Woodhouse assessed and reassessed jumping grades, riding class, leading class and sporting activities.

Thanks to Kerrie Eyding from NSW Pony Club for assessing on Sunday, Sarah Woodhouse for giving up 2 days to assist and assess and grade, the keen 19 riders and to the volunteers who completed their assessments to be accredited instructors within our Zone 18 for NSW Pony Club.



**Rachel Butterworth instructing riders for her assessment, Sarah Woodhouse assessing Rachel.**



**Riders engaged for instruction**

Delegate Pony Club and families are looking forward to their up and coming Training Day on Saturday 3rd September 8:00am gear check for a strict 8:30am start and their Gymkhana on Sunday 4th September 9:00am gear check for a 9:30am start, both events held at Delegate Showground on both day.



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## LUNN - SMITH WEDDING

On the 6th August James Lunn of Brisbane and Alana Smith of Delegate were married at the Lone Pine Chapel at Robertson Army Base in the Northern Territory.

Alana is the only daughter of Alan and Cathy Smith of Delegate who attended the wedding via Skype.



# Delegate Pony Club August Rally

Delegate Pony Club held its August rally day on Sunday 7th and what a huge rally day it was with 19 very keen and excited riders. Ages varied from 2 years old to 16 years old. Instructors ran the riders through many areas that included jumping, some of the riders were also graded for jumping so they are ready for competitions. A few riders have progressed along way from never jumping to jumping competently. The riders were also put through the paces of different sporting events including the stockman's challenge.

## Bemboka Gymkhana

Delegate Pony Club had 7 riders attend Bemboka Gymkhana on 14th August 2016. There were over 90 riders participating in the gymkhana.

They competed in most events- Show Jumping-AM5, Jackpot & 6 Bar, Riding class, pairs riding class, bareback riding class, Sporting events - barrels, western pole bend, keyhole bounce & in & out the paddock.

Congratulations to Rochelle Voveris, Emily Vincent, Jay Voveris, Lydia Jamieson, Gabrielle Kidd, Aspen Cameron & Dustin Voveris for representing Delegate Pony Club in their age groups, we are all very proud of all your efforts.



## Leonies Memories



# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

## Delegate students share the Olympic Spirit



"To build a peaceful and better world in the *Olympic Spirit* which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play - *Olympic Spirit* strives to inspire and motivate the youth of the world to be the best they can be through educational and entertaining interactive challenges. *Olympic Spirit* seeks to instil and develop the values and ideals of Olympism in those who visit and to promote tolerance and understanding in these increasingly troubled times in which we live, to make our world a more peaceful place."

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympic\\_spirit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympic_spirit))

## Pambula Excursion

Pambula Discovery Park was great and the Aquatic Centre provided very professional lessons. All students improved their skill level. Again thank you to the Swimming Pool committee for their generosity. The Merimbula Aquarium had many exciting specimens to view. The students on the whole were very well behaved and represented Delegate School in a wonderful manner.



## **The Delegate School Community has been reminded of BUS SAFETY**

**STOP  
LOOK  
LISTEN  
THINK**

The School community however are not the only road users!

As drivers we all need to take responsibility  
<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/safety-around-schools.pdf>

We know that because of their sheer size and mass, buses cause severe outcomes for other road users in crashes. Drivers of other vehicles make up about a quarter of all fatalities and serious injuries recorded in heavy bus crashes. Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Give way to buses
- Not merge too closely in front of buses
- Reduce speed to 40 km/h when bus lights are flashing



## **HOSPITAL AUXILIARY LUNCHEON**

The Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Casserole luncheon at the Delegate Country Club on Tuesday 7th September. Please let them know if you are going as they need to know numbers for catering purposes.

Shortly two of their members will attend the United Hospital Auxiliaries Annual meeting

## **Delegate Multi Purpose Service**

**Wellness Clinic** is held at the MPS, in Craigie Street Delegate. People come to the clinic for procedures and assessment by nursing staff.

The clinic is open

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 1pm to 2pm

Every week except public holidays.

No Appointments necessary.

A variety of procedures are available.

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
- Blood sugar readings
- Non-urgent ECG's
- Suture or clip removal
- Injections – with Dr's written order
- Other procedures that do not require a Dr.

### **Pathology clinic**

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am. No appointment necessary. Closed public holidays.

### **Other Services**

Women's Health Nurse

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2<sup>nd</sup> Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4<sup>th</sup> Fri of the month

Podiatry – for HACC clients – monthly

Ring the MPS for appointments for the dietician, diabetes, immunisation, podiatry and women's health 6459 8000

**Child and Family Health** – visits Delegate MPS on a regular basis ring Kirsty on 6458 5777 for an appointment.

## The Garden in Early Spring

Daffodils and Wattle are telling us it is Spring but the cold weather is persuading us otherwise!

There is still time to spray fruit trees with a copper fungicide provided the flowers are still in the tight bud stage and just showing a little colour. Copper fungicides are contact sprays so the tree must be thoroughly wetted and if it rains the job needs to be re-done. It is particularly important to have fungicide protection in a wet Spring such as we are having and it is also particularly challenging to get the spray on between rain periods, but it is needed to forestall leaf curl and brown rot in the fruit. Both conditions are favoured by rain and both weaken the tree.

Another worry in a wet Spring is the delayed activity of bees and it can happen that the flowering of fruit trees is over before bees are sufficiently active to achieve good pollination and therefore fruit set. Having a native plant garden helps because there is a build-up of alternative native insect pollinators. These helpers include beetles, wasps and flies as well as the often tiny native bees and they are present earlier in the season because so many garden natives flower in late winter. This aspect of cultivation will become more relevant if honeybee colonies decline as predicted and sadly experienced overseas.

Get ready to re-shape Spring flowering shrubs as soon as they have finished flowering. This is important because next year's flowers are carried on the regrowth produced. If you wait until the 'routine Christmas tidy-up' you will be cutting off next year's display that has already formed on branch tips. Also prune natives such as wattles, bottlebrush, correas, grevilleas to increase leafiness and reduce the amount of ageing hardwood that attracts borers which reduce the life of the plant. Our floral emblem, Golden wattle, *Acacia pycnantha*, and indigenous to our area, became a feral pest in South Africa. It was controlled by importing from SA the *Trichilogaster signiventris* wasp in the 1980's. These wasps lay eggs in the developing flower heads preventing seed set. The grubs inside the gall are protein food for parrots.

Spring is also the time to be thinking of annuals, both flowers and vegetables, and these will require soil preparation. If your garden soil remains wet it is best to minimise cultivation in order to protect soil structure. One of the most forgiving annuals is the petunia. They are particularly useful here as they are not affected by frost to -4° which overcomes the variability we experience as frost can occur here through to Christmas. Pansies will continue to flower if rejuvenated by pruning to a crown by removing lank winter growth.



In the vegetable garden it is time to plant peas, snow peas, beetroot, potatoes, broad beans, silverbeet, English Spinach, carrots and parsnip directly into the garden. The crops of high summer, tomato, capsicum, zucchini and cucumber should be started undercover no more than 4-6 weeks before the expected safe planting out date. Seedlings started too early are ultimately unthrifty and low producers. The worst thing is that they take up a disproportionate amount of time to look after that could be more profitably spent elsewhere in the garden. Later plantings always perform better.

Applying fertiliser is another balancing act. Many plants look lack-lustre at the beginning of Spring because the cold ground means that the uptake of nutrients has been curtailed. Forcing unseasonal growth by over-enthusiastic fertilising puts the plant at risk of frost damage. It is best to give some help with a foliar feed that is just sufficient to refresh existing leaves and to allow growth initiation to follow its natural cycle. Once growth is powering along it is time to powerfeed.

However a soil that is rich in carbon, that is, one that is nourished by organic matter from compost and leaf litter, has little need of fertiliser application because the system is in natural balance. Food plants

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# HERE & THERE

Happy Birthday to all those September birthday folk including Tom Ventry, Russel and Allen Buckman, Chelseah Kimber, Renee Crawford, Helen Crawford, Kyden Reed and Neil Curry.



The death occurred recently at Pambula of former local resident Jan Eppelstun after a long illness. The funeral service took place at St Philip's Anglican Church, Delegate on Friday 26th August followed by interment in the Delegate Cemetery. Jan is survived by two sons, Rowan and Warrick, five grandchildren and one sister Rosemary Poole. Jan's husband John having pre-deceased her a number of years ago.

Sympathy is extended to all.

The death occurred on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August in Sydney of Leanne Crotty. Born in Delegate in 1963, Leanne later moved to Bega, Sydney and the Gold Coast. Leanne is survived by her son Luke, parents Bernie & Joyce Crotty and brother's Mark, Terry,

David, Andrew and families. Sympathy is extended to all.

The funeral took place recently in Wagga of Gerald Ventry formerly of Cann River. Gerald became well known Delegate in the 1960's when he and his brother Brendon travelled up to Delegate to join their brother Tom playing with the Delegate Tigers Rugby League teams. Gerald is survived by his wife Nita and two children Lloyd and Anna. Two brothers Tom and Brendon and one sister Phyllis also survive him. Our sympathy to all.

Congratulations to the Bombala Blue Heelers on a successful year in the Group 16 Rugby League Competition, with the Reserve Grade and the ladies team the High Heelers both reaching the Grand Final. It is good to see football being revived in the District as sport is an important part of the social fabric of a community.



A good night is promised on 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Country Club when Greg Crotty hosts a Trivia Night in aid of the combined churches. The following day the Centenary of the celebration of the Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church followed by a light luncheon. Prior to the church service blessings at the cemetery will be held at 10.30 am.

For those who enjoy a day at the races, the Annual Bombala Races also take place on the same weekend (Caulfield Cup day).



The Country Club has a classy new Courtesy Bus recently purchased with a State Government Grant, which also enabled the Club Committee to install a new dishwasher and stove in the kitchen.

## Spring firewood collection in Gippsland

The 2016 Spring Firewood Collection Season opens on 1 September and firewood can be collected from designated firewood collection areas on public land across Gippsland until 30 November.

The opening of both galleries on 24th September looks like being a big event. The event is being organised by John Blay and will be opened by Federal Member Mike Kelly.

The Borderline Gallery display is welcoming Spring, so there should be some colourful paintings on display.



# LOOKING BACK



Above some more old photos from Rosemary's Poole's Album . On the left is an early super plane at Riverview, taken in 1954. On the right is a very early photo of Watson's Hotel in Delegate with a bullock team at the front. We are not sure where this hotel was located—can anyone help?

## “BEST BEFORE” AND “USE BY”-what is the difference?

It's easy! Foods marked with “use by” before the date on the item ;should be eaten or discarded by that date. This is because a build-up of bacteria may occur or the nutrients within may become unstable. **It is also illegal for businesses to sell foods after the “use buy” date.** Improper storage and handling can also reduce the time it can take for foods to spoil therefore the “use buy” date is not a guarantee that the food will last to the date either.

The news is a lot better for “best before” dated foods. This is merely a **manufacturer's recommendation**, nothing more. All food with a shelf life of 2 years or less must have a date, but the actual dates are not set by the health authorities. The “best before” date simply tells us that the product may lose some of it's quality after that date. These products include canned foods, cereals, biscuits, sauces, chocolate, sugar and flour, just to name a few. Contrary to popular belief **it is legal to sell food after the “best before” date.** These days, most of the big manufacturers make use of the “best before” dates to their advantage (fancy that) and put dates on their which are well under the usable date of the food. You will also often find a date on a product **without** the words “best before” or “use by”. These products are always “best before.”. “Use by” products must be labelled as such. And as always, cool and dry storage of products will increase shelf life.

*The above useful information was supplied by Uland and Annette from the Delegate Cafe.*

# Community Information

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## **POLICE**

**Delegate: 6458 8044**

**Bombala : 64583444**

**Cooma: 6452 0099**

**Bendoc: 6458 1523**

**HOSPITAL: 6459 8000**

**DOCTOR: 64951369**

## **CHURCHES**

**Catholic:** Father Mick McAndrew 64522062

Sister Teresa Keane: 6458 3045

**Services:** Delegate Saturday 6:00pm

Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

Bombala Sunday 9:00am

Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

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**Services:** 11am every Sunday..

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**DELEGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL: 6458 8183**

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# Diamond Firetail

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- Found over much of south-eastern Australia
- Nests in shrubs and trees
- Listed as vulnerable in NSW

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## GALLERY OPENING BY MIKE KELLY MP.

The new exhibitions at both the Bundian Way and Borderline Galleries will open on Saturday 24th September at 11am.

The Bundian Way exhibition has been arranged by John Blay and he has invited local Federal Member Mike Kelly to officially open the exhibition. There will also be a special presentation by Peter Swain.

It will feature art from teachers and students from Monaro, inspired by the Bundian Way.

### ***Gardening from page 12.***

grown in carbon rich soils are nutrient dense because plants can accumulate nutrients more efficiently.

This is due to soil organisms actively cycling nutrients into the form that roots can access. It takes extra effort to extract chemical fertilisers because they are salts that concentrate soil water. The energy saved by roots is redirected to growth. In addition when the drier times come in Summer carbon rich soils supply a much more even water supply. Root tips die very quickly in dry soil and energy is required for them to regenerate with each watering event. This depresses growth and more importantly creates a body of dead tissue to feed pathogens.

**If there is one secret to good gardening** it is increasing the soil carbon through adding compost sourced from plant material and animal manure. Never burn but recycle leaves, bark and weeds. The heat emitted in the fire demonstrates the amount of energy that could be food for the soil organisms.