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# Delegate Doings



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## **SNOWY RIVER MARCH COMMITTEE VISIT WAGGA FOR KANGAROOS RE-ENACTMENT MARCH LAUNCH.**

Carol and Ian Sellers, Penny and John Judge visited Wagga on 7th December 2013 for the launch of the Wagga Kangaroos centenary celebrations. The Wagga Committee have their plans well in hand for the re-enactment of the historical march which took place in November, 1915, shortly before the Men from Snowy River March.

The launch was attended by a number of dignitaries, including General Peter Cosgrove, The NSW Governor Marie Bashir and Dr Brendon Nelson, Director of the Australian National War Memorial. Their march will commence in Wagga in October 2015, with plans to arrive in Sydney on Armistice Day, the 11th November, 2015 and they indicated that they would like to join up with the "Snowies" at Goulburn.

They have offered their support to our local committee in their efforts to encourage Councils and RSL's along the Men from Snowy route to take part in these important celebrations.

Below L: NSW Governor Marie Beshir lays a wreath. R: Wreath laying, General Cosgrove at edge of photo. We will have some of the official photos for next issue



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### **Dates for your Calendar**

- Slumped Glass Workshop 8th February 2014
- Delegate Show 1st March 2014
- Delegate Campdraft 7th, 8th, 9th March
- Bundian Way Gallery Opening Thursday 27th March
- Cabanandra Campdraft 4th, 5th, 6th April.

## **SLUMPED GLASS WORKSHOP**

**DELEGATE ARTS CENTRE**

**Saturday 8th February**

**Bookings essential—Visitors  
Centre**

**64584622**

## **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

**From novice to advanced**

**2 day week-end workshop about becoming more familiar with the manual settings on your camera. Workshop to be run by Gary Monahan in early April.**

**Restricted numbers—please contact Russell Buckman on 64588333 for further information.**

## **IN MEMORIUM**

**KENNETH STANDEN 16/12/1941– 31/1/2013**

There is a place in our hearts that is yours alone, a part of our lives no-one else can own. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, but the love in our hearts will always stay.

We love you and miss you every day.

Suzanne, Nicole, Angela, Nathan, Jessica  
and their families.

## **SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

**STUDENTS, BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES IN THE SHORT FILM COMPETITION TO BE RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DELEGATE SHOW.**

**Entry forms available at Delegate  
RT/CT Centre, Delegate School,  
Bombala CTC Centre and library**

**Prize money \$50.00 1st**

**\$25.00 2nd**

**Entry by 14th Feb for judging**

## DELEGATE HOTEL “SUNDAY SIPPERS” DONATE CHEQUES TO DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS.

Several district organisations were the grateful recipients of cheques from the Delegate “Sunday Sippers” on a Sunday in December at the Delegate hotel. There was a large crowd present on a fine summer afternoon, for a pleasant outing at the pub, with a jumping castle, sweets for the kids, a band and a barbecue on offer after the official proceedings. Amongst those who received cheques was the Delegate Tennis Club, the Delegate Hospital Auxiliary, the Delegate Progress Association for the Helicopter lights fund, and the History Room at the School of Arts., Pre School and the Southern Monaro Community Fund. This fund is a very worthy local charity formed to help families in need through illness or misfortune throughout the whole district, including the Vic border area.

*Below: Renee Stuart hands cheque to Southern Monaro Community group, l to r Bob McKinnon, Frances Kimber, Jodie Jones, Philomena Collins and Norm Wilton. R: Janice Lewis and Shaun Walcott hold cheque for local tennis club.*

*Bottom L: Little Bella Tonissen looked very smart in her black and white outfit.. R: Chops Guthrie accepts cheque from Max Clear for Helicopter Lights fund..*





## DENIELLE CELEBRATES HER 30TH BIRTHDAY

Denielle Tonissen who turned 30 on the 13th December celebrated her 30th birthday at the Delegate hotel on Friday, 14th December.

Below: With husband Trent and daughters Isabella and Lola. Right: Holding her cake.



## GRADUATION PHOTOS

The two young ladies pictured, recently graduated from their respective universities. Jessi Reed left, finished her Bachelor of Science degree at ANU, Canberra. She will continue further three year of studies at Brisbane University. Jessi is the daughter of Cathy and David Reed, formerly of Delegate. On the right is Amanda Walker who has graduated from Charles Sturt University as a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. She is already working in a Veterinary practice at Myrtleford in Victoria. Amanda is the daughter of Rhonda Linehan and Greg Walker



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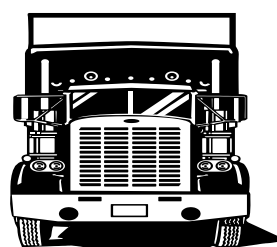
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## SHEARERS' REUNION

There was a time when Delegate, like many other country towns, saw an influx of shearers for the weeks of the shearing season. The men would arrive from all points of the compass, including a large crew who lived in the quarters at Delegate Station for several weeks. In fact the Shearers' Ball was the social event of the year, with the sit down supper provided by the cook for an appreciative crowd. On 31st January some former shearers travelled back to Delegate for a reunion. They met up for dinner at the Country Club on Friday night, and spent Saturday visiting local points of interest. They were then getting together for a barbecue at Sandra and Terry O'Hagan's shed on Saturday.

No doubt they will have seen many changes in the town in the intervening years.



## UNIVERSITY PLACINGS.

Congratulations to the local school leavers who are moving on to their chosen courses at Universities.

They include Harry Sellers to Armidale University to study Agricultural Science and Shan-nen Talbot to Armidale for a degree in Primary School teaching. Bradley McKerris is also bound for Armidale to do a double science/teaching degree. Bradley who took a gap year after finishing high school, has recently visited his brother Damien in England. Damien who has lived over there for a number of years is following his love of music and now has a diploma in Song Writing.

Emily Chapman is heading to the University of Adelaide to study Psychological Science. Also congratulations to Eliza Reed who was accepted at Newcastle University for physiotherapy. Eliza is the daughter of local Vet. Stephen and wife Sherie.

## VAL'S FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

A group of friends gathered at the Delegate School of Arts to say farewell to a long time resident Val Crawford. Val lived at Delegate River when first married with husband Ron and it was there she raised her family, two girls, Wendy and Mandy and son Brendon. In later years, Ron retired from the farm and they moved to Delegate, where they both continued to be active in the Community. Sadly Val became blind a few years ago, a terrible blow, followed a few short years later by the death of husband Ron. Another tragedy in her life was the loss of a beloved daughter, Wendy. She is now moving on to live with her son in Lucknow, Bairnsdale and everyone present wished her all the very best, saying they were sad to see her leaving the district where she was so well known and respected. She was presented with a framed photo of Delegate and a box of chocolates.

Right: Val enjoying a chat with Gloria Cotterill, below: Val with ex daughter-in-law Jenny.



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## LOCAL WEDDING

Phyl Mann and Julie Richards were married on Australia Day, 26th January at St Philips United Church in Delegate. The wedding was followed by a reception at their home in Corrowong. Many family and friends attended with the weather being very kind to them on the day.



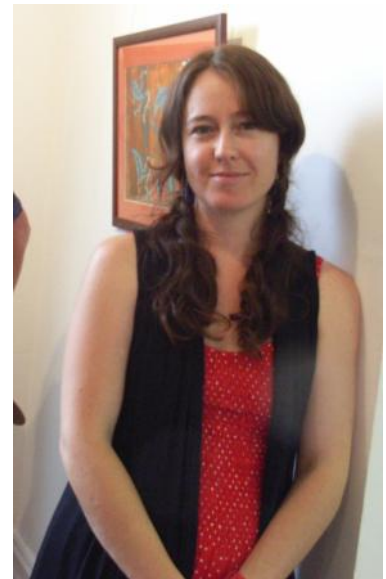


## FROM GULARA TO BULAWAN

On Saturday the 14th December the new exhibition “From Gulawa to Bulawan” was officially opened by Professor John Reed from the Arts Dept of the ANU Canberra. Andrew Gray of South Coast Arts who was curator of the exhibition along with Jasmine Williams, spoke of the value of such exhibitions to the aboriginal community. He said that the Bundian Way Gallery provided an excellent space for these exhibitions. The exhibition featured a variety of paintings and some exquisite shell work by aboriginal artist Mrs Liddy Stewart, whose work is displayed in museums and galleries in Canberra. Present also was John Blay, who unfortunately had car trouble along the way, and arrived slightly late. John spoke briefly about the progress being made on the Bundian Way.

Present also was Mrs Rosemary Poole who officially launched the book she had co written with Mrs Barbara Crowe covering details of a number of local cemeteries. The book gives a very comprehensive coverage of the district’s smaller cemeteries and is available for sale at the RT/CT Centre and the History room.

*Below L: Andrew Gray, Middle :Vic & Rosemary Poole with Maureen Peisley. R: Jasmine Williams*



## TUESDAY CLUB

On Dec. 10th, the Tuesday Club celebrated Christmas with an afternoon tea and a singalong, whilst we didn’t reach the standard of the Rotary Choir, most of the old favourites were recognisable. Along with Christmas cracker jokes and trivia, the delicious home made treats were enjoyed by all, concluding our year of fun and friendship. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at the Delegate Cafe, and all are encouraged to bring along stories to share. It may be one you have written, a joke, a magazine article or a special family story. We’d love to hear them—remember you are amongst friends and friendship is about sharing. Any enquiries please contact Sandra Walker on 64588089.

Right: Jayne Sellers, Barbara Bateman, Joan Jones  
Bottom right: L to R Enid Stewart, Jean Manning, Jean Talbot, and Marie Chapmen





## **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 9am -10.30am      Tues 9am – 10am  
Thur 9am – 10.30am      Fri 9am – 10am

Every week except public holidays.

No Appointments necessary.

A variety of procedures are available.

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
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- 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.

## **Visiting Staff Profile**

**Name:** Wendy Chapman

**Job Description:** Clinical Nurse Specialist, Diabetes Educator and Wound Management.

Wendy is based in Cooma at the Cooma Community Health Centre with outreach clinics to Delegate and Bombala. These are provided on a regular free and confidential basis with no referral needed.

**Service provided:** Diabetes education, mostly with Type 2 diabetes, wound management that includes running a dressing clinic and respiratory education for people with asthma and chronic airways disease. Wendy sometimes visit schools to update their asthma emergency management or to provide education to staff if needed if there is a newly diagnosed child with diabetes.



# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcoming the new kindergarten students to Delegate Public School.

Delegate Public School was excited to meet the new kindergarten students for 2014. Some great learning has happened already with lots of smiles and laughs along the way. The staff at Delegate Public School would also like to welcome the new families into the school community.



Back row: Lincoln Preston

Erin Farran, Declan Bowerman.

Front row: Crystal McKenna, Lydia Jamieson, Gabby Kidd, Charlie Brooks, Emily Gilbert

## ANNUAL TRACTOR DRIVE

Nineteen vintage tractors made their annual pilgrimage to Deddick on the 3rd January, in perfect summer weather. Once again the Cabanandra Campdraft Committee catered dinner and breakfast for the 40 participants. This year the music was provided by Bidge Boyd, who entertained the group after dinner and proved very popular.

The following morning the tractors headed off to tackle the mountain via McKillops Bridge and eventually to Dalgety and home to Bega.

*Pictured right: The Convoy of tractors.*

*One driver even pulled his caravan along.*

*Would have been interesting meeting him on that narrow mountain road.*





## LILIUMS

Every now and then one suddenly discovers something about gardening that is so obvious that one can't quite believe that it has previously escaped notice. For me, this summer, it has been the revelation that hybrid liliiums are easy to grow as well as robust in our climate and that the glossy foliage, and even the flowers, have withstood the recent super-hot days. I have previously relegated liliiums to the 'too hard basket' assuming that 'hot house' and 'specialised' cultivation was required simply because their most common role is as a favourite florist's flower.



*. This dwarf is an Asiatic type.*

The dormant plants commonly offered for sale have been extensively hybridised by various combinations of the hundred or so natural species. It is now possible to have very dwarf types suited to pots through to tall garden types. However they all still fall into two main groups – Oriental and Asiatic. The Orientals have the luscious perfume and the Asiatics have the more open and outward facing flowers.

As a cut flower they tend to shed a lot of pollen which may stain so this has led to breeding efforts to produce pollen free blooms and these tend to be the double flowers. If you do cut the flowers for the vase it is important to leave at least half the stem on the plant so that there are sufficient remaining leaves to generate food for the underground

storage parts which may be either in the form of rhizomes or fleshy bulbs. In common with other bulbous plants, the flower quality and performance depends entirely on the growing conditions in the previous year. The scaly liliium bulbs have no protective coating so dry out easily and must always be protected before planting. Division usually occurs by bulblets that form underground but bulbils may also form on the stems. Specialised multiplication can be achieved by manipulating the scales that peel off the bulbs but this is tricky and slow. Breeders must obtain new varieties from seed produced in planned crosses which is also a slow method of obtaining flowering size plants.



*The tiger lily is one of the hundred or so species. It is one that is relatively easy to grow.*

The foliage dies down over winter but the below ground parts always remain active hence their susceptibility to drying out. They require a sunny position but resent bare soil so either provide a mulch or allow them to emerge through low growing bedding plants. When soil is bare there is a far greater daily fluctuation in soil temperature and moisture and liliiums respond with a reduced bulb size which compromises the longevity of the plant.

The natural species have particularly beautiful shapes. Since they come from distinct ecosystems within such a wide range of climates their specialised needs are hard to provide for in the garden which makes them very difficult to maintain. Fortunately the breeding efforts of the nursery industry provides us with a huge choice in colour and form

within the easy-to-grow hybrid group.



## FIRE SITUATION GRAVE

At the time of writing, fire fighters are battling a large fire north of Goongerah. Residents of that settlement were on the night of 2nd February doorknocked by the police and advised to leave their homes. The Bonang road is closed except for people wanting to evacuate to Orbost where a relief centre has been set up. The Yalmy road and the Pinnak road are also closed. On Saturday a large group of concerned residents met at Bonang hall to receive an update on the fire from fire authorities. A southerly change is forecast this afternoon 3rd February, which will cause the fire to travel in a northerly direction towards Bonang and the Deddick valley. Fire fighters will see little relief as hot weather is due to return next week-end. There are three significant fires burning in the Snowy River National Park, near the Deddick Trail area.

The DEPI have set up a relief station at the Delegate Country Club for residents forced to evacuate, and Bill Jeffrey's Park camping area will shortly become a tent city. Below are websites for fire information.

**VICTORIA:** [www.emergency.vic.gov.au/map#now](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/map#now)

**NSW:** [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp)

Below: Brian Murphy and Mark Bruce were called on to mow the camping area at Bill Jeffreys Park in readiness for the fire fighters to set up tents.



Some of the shearers who returned last week-end, and met up with some old acquaintances.

## HISTORIC BADGES

At the last Snowy March meeting, the mention of WW1 medals jogged my memory. I had two old medals which belonged to my mother from the Victorian Education Dept., issued in 1915 and 1918 for Anzac and AIF commemoration, which I had forgotten. My mother's brother Fred was in the AIF, hence her interest. I wonder whether there are any other people, who have forgotten memorabilia lying around. The centenary WW1 celebrations are coming up next year and it will warrant a display of some sort, if possible. (Gloria Cotterill).



## CAMBALONG SALE

A clearance sale of furniture and sundries at the historic Cambalong homestead created much interest throughout the district. Philomena Collins purchased four delightful framed prints of aboriginal children by artist Peg Maltby 1899-1985. The artist was well known for her beautifully illustrated children's books, and paintings of children.

*Right: One of the four paintings*





# HERE & THERE

February birthday greetings to Max Smallman, Flynn Callaway, Jaidyn Clear and Sam Buckman who turns 18. Congratulations also to Max and Gail who celebrate a wedding anniversary in February. Best wishes also to all the January birthday people, including Laiken Clear, Michael Lewis, and Georgia Reed.



A belated birthday greeting also to Tommy Crotty who celebrated his birthday at the Country Club on Xmas Eve.

Wedding Bells for Corrowong residents Phyl Mann and Julie Richards who were married on Australia Day, 16th January. Phyl and Julie are newcomers to the area, Phyl being a jack of all trades, carpenter, plastered, chef and Julie is a nurse at Bombala MPS.

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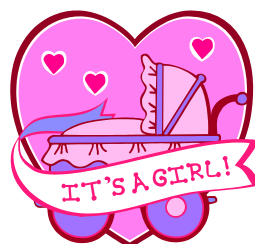


The death occurred at Bombala Hospital in December of long time district resident Mrs Gwen Richardson. Interment took place in the Delegate Cemetery following a service at St. Philips Church Gwen is survived by two children daughter Wendy and son Peter, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The death also occurred in his residence of another local Gordon Morrison. His remains were cremated at Goulburn. He is survived by three sisters, Shirley, Barbara and Gloria.

Another local man, Albert Heap recently passed away at the Delegate MPS and his remains were interred at the Delegate Cemetery, following a grave side service., on Tuesday 21st January. Sympathy is also extended to Uland Sievert on the death of his mother recently in Wagga.

.A new daughter for Erica and Jay Nichol, born in Canberra on 29th January, 1914, weighing 3.4 kgs and 50.5cms long. The baby who is to be named Wynne Elise, is the second child for Erica and Jay and a sister for Kenzie. and third grandchild for Denise and David Nichol.



A long awaited and much needed project is due to be up and running in March. The Monaro Transconnect, a joint project between Bombala and Snowy Shires will take passengers from all around the area to either Cooma or Canberra. (see back page for further details).

Congratulations to Kristie Reed who has recently graduated from Charles Sturt University, Wagga. Kristie is now a qualified Registered Nurse and is at present working at Pambula Hospital.

Another girl from the local area who graduated from Charles Sturt University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree is Jane Peadon from Bibbenluke. Jane is the daughter of Bill and Julie Peadon and granddaughter of June Beiliter.



A former local man was featured in this week's supplement in the Bombala Times. Barry Jones who lived in Delegate around 40 years ago, moved to Tathra where he built his home. He has been the long time gate keeper at Tathra's football ground, firstly for Rugby League Games and now for Aussie Rules.

# LOOKING BACK



This great photo, kindly loaned by Brian Murphy was taken in 1922 in front of Hayden's Hotel, on the wedding day of Maude Hayden and Bill Mead. On the left are the McCoy family of Cathcart, and the small girl on the right is the late Mrs Clarice Ingram (nee Hayden) standing next to her Father, Charles Hayden. We do not know the other guests in the photo, but perhaps some of our readers may know.



*This photo of the local school, courtesy of Alma Reed, was probably taken about 2000 or 2001. We can't name them all, but we note that some of the pupils have changed very little.*



# Community Information

**EMERGENCY / AMBULANCE: 000**

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## **POLICE**

**Delegate: 6458 8044**

**Bombala : 64583444**

**Cooma: 6452 0099**

**Bendoc: 6458 1523**

**HOSPITAL: 6459 8000**

**DOCTOR: 64951369**

## **CHURCHES**

**Catholic:** Father Paul Hothnance PP 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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64957040  
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Tuesday and Friday 9.00—10.00

Pathology—Wednesdays 0930-1-3- hours

Immunisation Clinic—Fourth Thursday from 1100hours.

Podiatry Clinic

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## **MONARO FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**

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## **Monaro Transconnect – linking the Monaro region to Canberra.**

The Monaro region is soon to benefit from a NSW government grant of \$90,000 to establish the Monaro Transconnect transport service which will provide daily transport for people living in the Bombala, Snowy River and Cooma Monaro local government areas (LGA's) to Canberra through daily return trips. It represents a partnership between Bombala Council, Snowy River Shire Council, Transport for NSW and NSW Health. Community Services Manager at Bombala Council, Lana Martin-McInnes said that "collaborative projects such as these are often the only way that new services can be established in rural areas where limited resources need to be pooled to obtain positive outcomes". The service is a pilot project and will commence on the first Monday in March and has initially been funded for a two year period. If well patronised it has the potential to attract future funding.

The Monaro Transconnect concept was first formally explored in December 2012 with the aim of improving transport services for people who are transport disadvantaged in the three LGA's. All three LGA's are considered transport disadvantaged due to rural and remote factors and face limited access to public transport. Accordingly, Mrs Martin-McInnes advises that all residents (excluding those in residential or nursing care) in the three LGA's can access this service. "Having managed Community Transport for a number of years to provide services to the frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers I am aware of many people who do not meet this criteria that struggle to attend medical facilities in the ACT because of lack of public transport. Many people in the three LGA's also face equity issues relating to educational or social opportunities; the latter considered a major determinant of mental health and well-being".

The Transconnect project is complimentary to existing services offered by Community Transport and will not be a substitute or replace existing services on offer but will provide improved services to the general public. It is hoped that the new service will be well patronised and will open opportunities for residents to access the greater ACT region and encourage people to remain living in this region due to equitable access to facilities and services. The service will operate Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year and will cover areas such as, but not restricted to, Delegate, Bombala, Bibbenluke, Nimmitabel, Jindabyne, Berridale, Cooma, Bredbo and Michelago. Link services from the Bombala LGA and Snowy River LGA will meet up with the Transconnect service in Cooma which will then travel to various locations in the ACT including The Canberra Hospital, John James Hospital, Jollimont, Canberra Airport; with several of these locations also being chosen as they are potential service access point to other amenities, shopping precincts, educational facilities and services. It is anticipated that the Transconnect bus will leave Cooma daily at approximately 8.15am and will return by 3.30pm and the estimated cost to catch the bus return will be \$25.00.

Community members are urged to utilise this service. Mrs Martin-McInnes advises that "this grant is seed funding and the bus will need to be well supported by the Monaro communities if it is to attract future funding. All people in the three LGA's are encouraged to use this service whether it be for a medical appointments, social opportunities, shopping, to catch a movie or access additional transport services operating in the ACT".

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