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DELEGATE HERITAGE WEEK-END GETS THE NOD FOR EVENT OF THE YEAR

Receiving the award for “Event of the Year,” was a well earned accolade for all the hard working people who were involved in making Delegate’s inaugural Heritage Week-end a success. Although the Progress Association obtained the grant, had the role of overseeing the event and providing items required as well as promotion, the Delegate Tennis Club, the Hut Committee, St Philip’s Church and the Country Club combined to ensure a packed and enjoyable week-end of events.

During the Australia Day Ceremony at Bombala on Saturday 26th, the President of the Delegate Progress Association received the award on behalf of the town. Mandy Horton, representing the Tennis Club, Patricia Campbell, representing the Country Club and Marian Sheldrick, Jim Stevenson and Ian Sellers from the Progress Association were there to join Robin Guthrie in receiving the award.



Congratulations to Citizen of the year, well known identity Norm Wilton for his involvement and generous donations to various organisations and charities, including Delegate’s “Sunday Sips”.

Congratulations to the Delegate children who entered the triathlon sports, including Bella Tonissen, Aspen Cameron and Logan Nichol who won their age event. Also the littlies who entered, Lola Tonissen, Anna Cameron and Paige Nichol who came away with 2nd place. Paige was the youngest contestant. R: Logan, Isabella and Aspen with their awards.



Next Issue: 8th March then: 5th April

and: 3rd May

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Dates for your Calendar

- 5th February—Tai Chi at Country Club (alternate Tuesdays)
- 12th February—DPA General Meeting
- 14th February—Welcome BBQ at School
- 15th February—Belated Valentines Day Dinner Delegate Country Club
- 15th February—Wild dog meeting @ RTC
- 23rd February—Bombala Rotary Markets
- 2nd March—Delegate Show
- 9th March—Auction Bibbenluke Hall
- 16th and 17th March - Week-end Celebrating St Patrick's Day at Delegate Hotel, including band.
- 6th April—The "Last Roar of the Tigers"

TAI CHI

**Alternate Tuesdays
Delegate Country Club
Commencing February
5th 2019 @ 1.30pm
Gold Coin Donation**

BOMBALA ROTARY MARKETS

23rd February
By the Bombala River
To reserve a stall phone Geraldine on 0448351962
Tanya Ingram 0408301813

Yoga

**Classes for all abilities
Bombala Monday 5.30 –
Gym**

(Gym members Free, Bombala only)

**Bonang Tuesday 9.30 –
Hall**

**Delegate Wednesday 5.30
– School**

\$10 per class

Call Su 64588315

COMMUNITY AUCTION

Bibbenluke Hall

Saturday 9th March 2019 10am
Sausage sandwiches, drinks available

Goods to be in clean, working order
Advertised lots must be offered
Owners responsibility for unsold items
10% Commission to Hall

Further Entries invited Please contact
Jan 64585277 Heather 64585365
Entries close Wed 20th Feb
Cash, Eftpos available, Approved Cheques

GEORGIA REED RECEIVES HER DEGREE AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Congratulations to Georgia on attaining a degree in Bachelor of Archaeology Practice at the Australian National University in December 2018. She will return to the University next year to do a double Masters Degree in her chosen subject. Georgia is the second daughter of Cathy and David Reed and grand daughter of Alma and Barry Reed and Natalie Armstrong.

R: Georgia pictured holding her Degree.

Georgia turned 21 on February 15th and celebrated her milestone birthday at her home on Saturday 19th with family and friends.



TAYLA MIKULA AND LAIKEN CLEAR RECEIVE THEIR DEGREE IN NURSING AT WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY.

Congratulations to both girls on attaining their degrees, Tayla achieving a distinction. They are both looking forward to commencing work at Canberra Hospital in February. Tayla is the daughter of Robyn and Andrew Mikula of Delegate and Laiken the daughter of Jeremy Clear of Delegate and Rachel Stuart of Candelo. The girls are first cousins and follow in the footsteps of their Aunties, Leanne Clear and Jennifer Collins who both had successful nursing careers.



FIONA LOMAS GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Fiona who has been studying part time at Charles Sturt University and has recently received her degree as Bachelor of Criminal Justice. In December, she travelled to Bathurst with husband Terry and her family to receive her degree. Fiona is the daughter of Jan and the late Malcolm Ingram.



COLLABORATION ON CROSS BORDER FIRES

With a number of fires started by lightening strike throughout the district, it is heartening know that the Forest Fire management Victoria crews have been working collaboratively with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services crews on a number of remote fires in the border region. This has not always happened in the past and fires do not recognise borders and with still a lot of hot summer to come, it is essential that crews keep on top of these outbreaks. One hot windy day can see a small fire become a major problem. Helicopter crews have been kept busy over the last week or so and a large ground crew has been accommodated in the area. Below is a photo the Tingiringi Fire Crews



DELEGATE ANNUAL SHOW

Save the 2nd. March for a great family day out at the Delegate Show. All the usual attractions for young and old. There is a \$50 prize for guessing the weight of the bull and good prizes for the popular dog jumps. Plenty of horse events in the ring including a number of children's events. The judging of the sheep and cattle always creates great interest amongst the farming community. Novelty events for the kids include, a barnyard nursery, billy boiling, the best decorated push bike, sheep colouring and a short film competition. Delegate's pavilion always puts on an exhibition to be proud of, packed to the rafters with exhibitions of every variety. The baby show and junior Miss Showgirl is also a much anticipated event.

At night visitors can look forward to a fireworks display, a barbecue and a band.

Below: Photos from previous shows:



Delegate Café

64 Bombala St Delegate

DINE IN - TAKE AWAY

OPEN 7 DAYS

Fruit & Veg - Groceries

DVD Hire - Eftpos

Tel (02) 6458 8171

Pizza available most Friday & Saturday Nights

ELGAS Distributor

Pickup Only (Sorry no Delivery)

DELEGATE HOTEL

Your host: Paul Herringe

**Accommodation
Counter Lunches**

Remember the
Date—16th and 17th
March—St Patrick's
Celebrations.



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ATM and Eftpos**

Ph: 6458 8091

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LIVESTOCK & GENERAL

1 Hensleigh Street, DELEGATE 2633

Mobile: 0418 516 076

Phone: (02) 6458 8085

Fax: (02) 6458 8055

BIRD FIELD DAY AT STEVE'S RESERVE

26 people attended a wildflower and bird field day at Steve TSR Delegate. The attendees were thrilled to see the largest and possibly only remaining patch of the rare Tarengo Leek Orchid, given that the other sites are on the very dry south western slopes.

Office of Environment and Heritage,
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, South
East Local Land

Services and a group of committed locals
have contributed to the management of
Steve's Travelling

Stock Reserve, a credit to all, with num-
bers of orchid increasing from a couple of
hundred to over 1000

spring 2018.

Rob Armstrong (OEH), suggested this
may become an annual event given the
local interest, including the possibility of
partnering with the Victorians who man-
age the Bendoc nature reserve which is
close by.



MEETING ON CROSS BORDER ISSUES

The Delegate Progress Association (DPA) has been discussing Cross Border issues for a few months and it appears unclear if the State Governments or the two regional councils on the border, Snowy Monaro Regional Council and East Gippsland Shire Council are aware of the gains that could be made across borders or the challenges faced by residents. Schools, general health and mental health services, communications (phone), roads, school transport, public transport, community assets (pools, parks etc) and biosecurity being some of the current issues.

The DPA moved that we should hold a meeting with Victorian community representatives to shed light on our concerns.

At the meeting Deb Foskey reported that East Gippsland residents are currently involved in a community planning process where the NSW towns of Delegate and Bombala have been referred to, by participants, as the service towns for many of the communities in NE Victoria. Deb also reported that she has recently become aware that there is a Victorian Cross border commissioner.

Gloria reported that she had spoken to the NSW cross border commissioner in Wagga Wagga some time ago and found them very approachable.

The meeting agreed that any correspondence from a cross border committee, if we were to form one, should go to all the NSW and Victorian, state representative, cross border commissioners and general managers of the two local councils.

It was proposed that initial correspondence be sent that outlines the broader issues such as:

- Declining and aging populations that struggle to maintain community facilities.

- Declining and aging populations that have higher needs. Often living alone.

- Older volunteers, over commitment and burn out.

- Demographic change to lower socio economic residents.

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This would be followed up with an invitation for them all to visit the district to see firsthand the day to day impact of these concerns



Delegate

Tel: 6458 8004

Livestock— Tony Brady,

Sam Platts

Agronomy— Kathryn

Bullas

0409032019

Merchandise

Fertilisers

PONY CLUB NEWS

8 Delegate Pony Club riders attended Nimmitabel Gymkhana and Zone 18 Show jumping Championship on Sunday 9th December. They started their day with winning the best presented club on the day. Congratulations to DPC riders on their great effort and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Jasmine Butterworth reserve age champion, Jess Cuzner on reserve age champion, Lydia Jamieson on Age Champion and a big congratulations to Jasmine Butterworth for D grade jumping champion.

Thank you to Nimmitabel Pony Club for a well organised day.



Delegate Hair Boutique



**Open
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Delegate School
of Arts
Call in on the day
or telephone
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For an appointment**

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Functions

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on 6458 4346**

Mob: 0427587240



COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

The Country Club is holding a belated Valentine's Day Dinner at the Club on Friday the 15th February. Treat your sweetheart to a night off cooking with a special Valentine's Day menu at the Club. Meal/Wine combo's available.

Entree: Choice of either Half dozen braised oysters in the shell with Champagne sauce OR Chicken and Mushroom vol-au-vent

Main: Fillet Mignon with Bordelaise sauce and roasted seasonal vegetables

Desert: Chocolate Mousse with a sprinkle of crumbled macadamia nuts.

Bookings are essential: (02) 6258 8169 or 0429 011 986 or PM through Facebook

Also, we held an Australia Day Games Day at the Club on the 26th January. .

We all had a really nice day, with a lovely BBQ and salad lunch, Australia Day themed music and a game of cricket.

L: Coopy Baker and Nick Flower cooked the barbecue on Australia Day.

Healing Hub
@ the
OLD DELEGATE POST
OFFICE

OPEN Alternate Wednesday's

10 am – 3 pm

40 Bombala St, Delegate

Phone: 02 6458 8315

Wednesday Feb 13 – Healing Hub

Sunday Feb 17 – Healing Hub

Introduction to Tarot - \$33

**10 am – 2 pm, Bring a light lunch, bookings
essential with Su**

Wednesday Feb 27 – Healing Hub

Certified Healing modalities include:

Hot Stone Massage

Aromatouch

Reflexology – Hand and/or feet

Chakredy

Bush Flower Essence

**Book in for an appointment. Either alterna-
tive Wednesday's or a time to be considered
by both parties.**

Product of the Month @ the
Old Delegate Post Office

LxIntermedia 'Miss Donnington'

This Lavandin oil is fabulous for insect bites,
ask Hunter Reed (100+ bites per legs over
summer).

Insect Bite Recipe

Small paste of baking soda and water, add 5
drops of 'Miss Donnington' Oil. Smother bites
with the paste.

Relieves pain, itch,
redness of bites with-
in 10 hours



OLD DELEGATE POST OFFICE

Home of the
Healing Hub and Creative Hub

And Retailing

Homewares

Gourmet Foods

Handcrafted Gifts & Toys

Thursday to Saturday

10am to 4pm

40 Bombala St Delegate

02 64585289

Thursday afternoon Creative Hub
Workshops

12.30 to 2.30pm

Small charge for materials

February 7th

Mosaics

February 14th and 21st

Hand stitched baskets

March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Funky Furniture workshops.

February Astrology

**New Moon February, Tuesday 5th – Sun sign in
Aquarius, Moon also in Aquarius**

This time especially significant for setting intentions
and new beginnings for Aquarians. A fabulous time to
be forging your own path.

**Chinese New Year, Wednesday 6th February -
Year of the Pig**

The final of the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs, a 12 year
cycle coming to a close.

Old Post Office Expansion

The re-opening of the Old Delegate Post Office has been warmly welcomed by locals. Karen and Rob Cash purchased the property 12 months ago and after renovations to the Old Post Office, opened it to coincide with the Delegate Heritage Weekend. Since opening, Karen has been thrilled with the success of the venture. Which has now expanded out to include activities of the Healing Hub and the Creative Hub.

The Healing Hub is the realm of Su King who has been on her own journey of self discovery for many years now through alternative modalities and is keen to share her knowledge and create connections for others. Su will also run monthly workshops.

The Healing Hub is a place where you can come to seek personal attention, a Zen Zone for relaxation says Su. A chance to detox from stress, to gain clarity and insight on balancing our busy life schedule's. Find guidance and tools to help you on your journey to inner wellness.

All appointments can be tailored to your needs. Pop in to have a chat with Su on one of the alternate Wednesday's, ask about Yoga classes, Chakradance and future workshops or your own personal tailored appointment.

Book in for a Hot Stone Massage, Aromatouch Massage, Reflexology, Chakra reading and healing, Bush Flower Essence healing, RESET, Integrated Healing, Theta Healing, Crystal Therapy, Meditation.

Prices and session times available from the Old Delegate Post Office. Bookings through Su King 6458 8315.

February workshop: I look forward to sharing knowledge, creating connections to help you on your personal growth journey. The February activity is "Introduction to Tarot". This workshop is about allowing you to connect to the Tarot cards, learning to trust your intuition, reading the story of the tarot card and interpreting to a message or guidance needed. You can bring your own Tarot, or borrow in the class. This class is for beginners, also for those that have been reading for a while. A chance to gain new insights to the cards, how to create your own spreads, etc.

The Creative Hub is Karen's realm. From her time with Council, she knows how important a sense of connecting is and art and craft is a great way to encourage connectivity and allow people to come together sharing skills and ideas. "Creative workshops strengths networks and enhances the wonderful spirit that Delegate already has," said Karen.

Over the school holidays the Creative Hub activities will be geared towards the kids, however anyone can come along. January saw some fabulous creative works come from the workshops of Mosaics and TyeDie.

The Funky Furniture will be a part of the Delegate Duck Race held on Good Friday each year. Karen will be holding a Funky Furniture Competition, inspired by the elaborate beaded chair which has pride of place at the Old Delegate Post Office. The chair was created a number of years ago by Melbourne artist Sue Poles, a close friend of Karen's. So if you have a table, chair, bookcase, in fact any piece of furniture that can be transformed into a Funky a piece of Furniture for the competition, get sticking, hammering, gluing, painting, stitching, etc. Entries for the competition need to be taken to the Old Delegate Post Office by April 4th, and on display at the Old Delegate Post Office until the winner is announced at the Duck Race on 19th April.

Thought for the Month: "Simplicity is the beauty of life."



NEW PHOTOCOPIER FOR DELEGATE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

Volunteers at the Rural Transaction Centre were very pleased to learn that we had received a grant from Boco Rock Community Fund, for the purchase of a new photocopier. The addition of a new Fuji Photocopier has made life much easier, as the old one was well past it's use by date. Below: Robin Guthrie at the new photocopier.

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The Corrowong-Tombong- Merriangaah & Byadbo wild dog working group invites relevant landholders to attend:

WildDogScan training & information session

Friday, 15 February: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Delegate RT/TC

Guest speaker - Peter West (NSW Primary Industries, and CISS)

- **Learn about WildDogScan for landholder groups**
- **Record wild dog activity, and develop your own Wild Dog Map**
- **Hands-on training - How to use the FeralScan Phone App**
- **Register to receive notifications, and notify local authorities**
- **Note: Please bring your smart phone/mobile device.**

Registration is necessary as places ARE limited

Please RSVP to Robert Ingram Mob: 0419 870 637

Eml: ingramrp@bigpond.net.au.



Errinundra to Snowy District Community Plan

Community members in the Errinundra to Snowy District are invited to the following upcoming workshops

DELWP and Parks Victoria Q&A Information Sessions

Wednesday 13 February 2019, 4.30pm – 6.30pm Bonang Hall

Officers from DELWP and Parks Victoria will provide an overview of the role of the departments in the District, and an update on the current and future projects planned for the area.

DET Information Session

Tuesday 19 February 2019, 11am – 1pm Goongerah Community Hall

A representative from the Department of Education and Training will be presenting information about the closure of the Goongerah- Tubbut P-8 school, and the process from here on.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

MAKING IT HAPPEN – CREATING THE PLAN

Wednesday, 20 February 2019, 4:30pm – 7pm Bonang Hall

Building on the work of the community in previous workshops and the information shared through the expert sessions, community members will select ideas to create the change the community want to see; and assign a team to take ownership of and develop each idea within the District Community Plan.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

MAKING IT HAPPEN - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Wednesday, 6 March 2019, 4.30pm—7pm Bonang Hall

We will establish which ideas will be driven by community, government or other service providers to achieve the plan; and how to manage the process from here to deliver outcomes of the district plan.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Registrations are essential: Online: <http://bit.ly/SurveyErinSnowy> Or contact Eleni McIlroy on (03) 5153 9500 (phone) or StrategicP@egipps.vic.gov.au (email)



Christmas carols at St Philip's

Christmas Carols were held in Delegate for the first time for many years. A good number of adults and children turned up for the occasion and were served a sausage sizzle and a cuppa before proceedings started. The Rev. Sandi Kaine from Canberra conducted the service which included short readings from the bible by the children, followed by all well known carols enthusiastically sung by all the congregation. It is hoped that this tradition will continue and grow, with St Joseph's Church the next proposed venue in December, 2019.

Below: the children gathered around the crib and a view of the audience.



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

3rd Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2nd Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4th 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.

KAREN'S WORKSHOPS AT OLD POST OFFICE.

If the first two workshops recently held at the Old Delegate Post Office are any indication, Delegate is set for an upturn in creativity! The two workshops saw around 24 kids and "young at heart" oldies creating fabulous mosaic pots, picture frames, placemats, pampering products and tie dye bags and shirts. Organiser Karen Cash was thrilled with the success both in terms of attendance and work created and is planning for follow up workshops next school holiday break.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL BRAD

It's back to school week for pupils of the Delegate Public School where they met with their new headmaster Mr. Brad Bannister. A meet and greet the new principal will be held at the school on the 14th February at 5.30pm. Meat supplied, please bring a salad. RSVP Su King 64588315

Below: A message from the new Principal and a photo taken with the pupils.

I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome and for supporting me in my transition to Delegate Public School. I am loving every minute of being here and in the town and I know that our schools future is filled with positivity, opportunity and outstanding teaching and learning.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Carol Sellers who is now happily retired and will obviously be a great loss to our wonderful school. Carol has left the school in a magnificent position and I can't wait to get my teeth into continuing on her great work and working with our students, community and staff to take us forward into the future.

We move here from Maitland in the Hunter Valley having most recently been Relieving Principal at Jesmond Public School in Newcastle. My wife, Louise and I are really looking forward to being a part of the Delegate community. Louise will arrive late next week after her work is finished in Maitland.

Yesterday was a wonderful opportunity to meet with staff and collaborate with some professional learning. It was a fantastic opportunity to work together and share thoughts and ideas for the future of Delegate Public. Today has been very exciting meeting all of the students and some of the parents and I look forward to meeting all families in the very near future.

Once again, thank you so much for being so welcoming. I really do appreciate it.

Right: The new kindergarten class: Summer, Lily and Abbey.



JOHN STEWART's EULOGY FOR BRIAN MURPHY

We are here today to farewell our mate, Brian Douglas Murphy.

Brian was born on 6th July, 1944 in London to John and Doris Murphy, Brian being the second son with Terry born in 1943. Sometime after, Brian and Terry living at home, their mother Doris pregnant and unwell went off to hospital, leaving Terry with Nanna, who could only care for one. Brian was left at an orphanage as an interim measure. Consequently losing the baby and after recovery she then went to retrieve Brian only to be told that he had been adopted by a Canadian couple. Repeated enquiries went nowhere and Brian was lost in the system.

In 1952 Brian and many child migrants were sent to Australia on the SS Ormonde. Whilst in port halfway on the journey, he recalled natives climbing onto the ship with all sorts of fruits. Some bags contained coconuts with hairy type outer and he thought they were shrunken heads! The ship sailed on to Australia, visiting Fremantle on the way to the East coast. They were then sent to Murray Dwyer orphanage in Mayfield, Newcastle. Sisters of Charity cared for the boys well being and education. Brian related that they were mostly OK, but no affection; "too many of us" he said. "I didn't like school, rather be out on the farm with the cows and chooks, so I jammed kids fingers in the desk and would then end up with Pat Dumphrey on the farm." Newcastle steelworks were nearby and the boys were sent to beg on pay day; helped pay the bills. Brian was eventually sent to Boystown at Engadine, which he hated. One day "two old codgers came and off I went with them to St. Mary's, where they had a dairy." This was Will and Maude Mead who had ties to Delegate River and returned there in 1961-62. Will subsequently died and Brian and Mrs Mead looked after each other. Brian became a farm hand, shed hand and fencer. Maude died in the early 1970's and Brian became a landowner.

In 1987 Brian sold the land that is now Delegate River Tavern. In 1991 he then sold "Sunnyside" to John and Irene Butterworth. Brian bought the house in Orr St, where he lived until his demise. We talked him into taking on the job of caring for the Golf Course until he retired, but he was still doing the job in a voluntary position until he died. Shane came into Brian's life as a kid next door. Brian took a liking to the kid and he helped Brian on the golf course and in the garden on weekends and holidays. Brian could see this kid was having a battle and consequently became his guardian, living with Brian during high school and his first job. Shane

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Brian was an avid gardener, loving flowers, vegies and fruit trees. He played piano, organ and accordion, often singing a duet with just himself.

To my friend Brian Murphy from Frank Exposito

We are gathering here today to say goodbye to Brian Murphy. Brian was a true friend and a great person. Brian has been part of our lives for the past 23 years, under which time he has been of great help to us.

Brian would keep an eye on our house, while we were away and always drop in for a "cuppa" when we returned. We would receive the latest updates on Bombala Council and how much rain we had during our time away. Brian's gauge always received a few more millimetres than ours.

He has been of a great help to us over the years. Brian has done fencing for us together with Shane and Robert, where his extremely "straight eye" come into use. He would pick anything crocked from a mile away.

He had a flock of sheep on our land that for years kept the grass down. Borrowing the old doctor's 'Bako' he help us dig up around the place, knocking a corner off the house in the process, but that was easily fixed.

Brian has for many years seen to our vegie gardens and watered them for us. He was told to help himself to vegetables but seldom did. He used to love the zucchinis and the cucumbers.

Many hours have been spent sitting around our kitchen table joking, laughing and discussing many issues like politics, politicians, Bombala Council, music and gardening the one closest to his heart. Brian was a very knowledgeable man, interesting to talk to and great company.

Brian knew almost everybody in town by the kind of car people drove. He also made up limericks of people rego numbers. His was (UTH567) Under The House 567 ours was (YCV043) Young Canberra Virgins 043. We would know when Brian was coming up to the road to the golf course, because his Ute was the only white Ute that never got out of second gear. He used to love working at the golf course.

Brian was a talented man and learned to play piano by EAR! He used to tape his music and play it back to us when he came over. He studied garden books and catalogues intensely and every year he would order irises, dahlias and other plants for his garden,

Brian often arrived with bunches of flowers and spoiled my wife Christina and putting me to shame. He was a very kind man and a good person.

Brian offered his friendship with no reservations; he was a unique person that we loved and cared for. Our family has lost an unforgettable friend and the town has lost a great person.

He was a lovable larrikin, who was honest down to earth and had a lot of charisma

Over and above all else, Brian's pride and joy was SHANE who has been very fortunate to have Brian in his life.

Brian Murphy, we are going to miss you very much, rest in peace my friend.

EULOGY BY LAURIE REED

I first met Brian in 1962 I think. He had come to Delegate River with Bill & Maude Mead, an elderly couple who had adopted him several years earlier. They had returned to their property on the Border after some years away in the St. Mary's – Penrith area.

Murph was supposed to be an orphan from the Blitz in London and had been brought up from an early age in a Catholic orphanage, run by Irish Nuns and Priests, hence his accent and everyone assumed (Murph included) that he was Irish. Hundreds of boys from these homes were shipped to Australia in the early 1950's – most were genuine orphans and were given a better life.

It wasn't until nearly 50 years later that some discovered that they weren't really orphans and belonged to families that had put them into care because of hard times, sickness, etc. they had been lied to by their Carers and the "Powers that be" in the interests of the "greater good". This at the time was an accepted practice in the aftermath of a war torn Britain. In today's society such practice would be deemed a violation of the rights of the Child. On the other hand, we would not have had the privilege of knowing Murph, who said he was well treated and cared for by the Nuns, some of whom recognised his musical talent and taught him to play the piano.

Mrs Mead, who was a former school teacher at Delegate River, furthered his piano lessons and Murph could belt out a tune on their old piano and sing along as well.

Sadly, the piano and a lot of old history was destroyed when the historic old house, built on a miner's right, was burnt to the ground. I was there that day and it was very emotional. Murph was very versatile. He had an extensive orchard and preserved all kinds of fruit and made jam, often taking out prizes at the local Show and he could bake a cake that would put a lot of women to shame.

And Flowers – After the house was burnt, Murph lived in a converted bus and had a huge patch of mainly dahlias where the Tavern is now. There must have been ½ an acre or more of dahlias of every description. Brian also had the mail run around Delegate River for many years.

He loved his farm and stock and cared for them in between working for others in the district.

He purchased adjoining property "Sunny Side" and moved into the house there.

He was the best hay carter I ever encountered when small squares were the go. On one occasion I took him and Alan Matthews to Goongerah carting in bales for Con Costa. We finished up just on dark and Con invited us in for a beer while he wrote a cheque.

Con's house was a work in progress and he had a large hole dug just out the back door for a septic tank. As we walked out in the dark Murph fell in this hole about 5 foot deep. He quickly bounced out with only his pride hurt and said that if that's what beer did to you then he wouldn't drink it again and I don't believe he did. That one stubby that night was the only one I ever saw him have.

Fencing, rouseabouting, hay carting, he was good at them all. Believe it or not I was young once too, but it didn't matter how hard you worked loading and stacking hay, he would go with you and never complain. If the bales weren't coming up fast enough on the truck he'd tell you to put it in 2nd gear.

I'll conclude with another hay story that was told to me. On this occasion when stacking bales for another employer, who had 2 sons home from College for Xmas, who thought they could show this Murph bloke how to work. They took it in turns throwing bales up for Murph to stack, but the faster they went the faster Murph went until the College boys both went down exhausted and Murph calls out "come on laddies, sling em up – you won't get it done lying there!"

HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all those had a birthday in January including Laiken Clear, Michael Lewis, Philip Reed, Christine Moss, Trent Tonissen Georgia Reed, Chris Armstrong. Georgia turning 21 on 15th January.

Also to all those who celebrate in February including Jayden Clear, Flynn Callaway, Mark Reed.



Special birthday greetings to Robin Guthrie who celebrated a milestone birthday on the 17th. To mark the occasion she had dinner at the local hotel with family and friends.



The sudden death occurred recently at his home, of well known local identity Brian Murphy. His funeral took place on Monday 14th January at St Joseph's Church, officiated by Father Mick, followed by interment in the Delegate Cemetery. Brian's Sister from the United Kingdom was present, as well as a large number of his friends. Sympathy is extended to all,

A sad time for Brian's sister, whose Husband died shortly after her return to England. All those who met her are thinking of her at this sad time.

We have received news of another sudden death in Brisbane. Tom Brown husband of former Delegate girl, Fiona (nee Crawford) died in Brisbane on the 22nd December. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Fiona and sons Joshua and Damien.

Our district has been suffering extremely hot weather for quite long periods of time. This will no doubt see green pastures turn to brown with fires started by recent storms bringing the ever present summer threat of bush-fire



This time of the year always brings snake stories and local lady Joan Jones had an unwelcome visitor in her back yard. Despite her fears, she was able to successfully despatch the intruder. Robin and Jan also report snakes in their gardens.



It is back to school for the children this week and Delegate pupils will be meeting their new headmaster. Previously from Newcastle area, he and his wife will be living in the house opposite the school.

SAME TOWN

In other news of former locals, the two Sellers boys Dominic and Harry are both working in Forbes. Dominic is a medical student at Forbes Hospital, and by coincidence Harry landed his first cadetship with Landmark at Forbes. When he completes his stint at Forbes, Dominic is planning to do work experience at Darwin and Tonga Hospital. Parents Carol and Ian are empty nesters, as youngest son Lachie is also away attending Armidale University.

Alan Hales found this object while digging in his potato bed. It is metal and the ruler shows it is about 8 1/2 inches long. If anyone can throw some light on the origins of the object Alan can be reached on Ph. 0458460199.

Alan and partner Ocean have restored an old house in Bombala Street, so the object may have been in the ground for a very long time.

(Ian says it is a door handle.)



On 6th April in Delegate at Delegate there will be a game of football between the Bombala Rugby League Club and Cooma Rugby League Club as part of a re-union week-end. "The last Roar of the Tigers" More information next paper.

LOOKING BACK

Below: Two of Delegate District's old homes, one still in existence the other long gone.

Bendolba (top) was built by the late W.J. ((Bill) Ingram on a Soldier Settlement block after WW1. It was passed down to his daughter Pat and son-in-law Jim Walker who raised their family there until selling out to Willmott Pines. The property is planted with pines, which have reached the harvesting stage and the house is now rented to a family.

The second house belonged to the Gibson family of Delegate River and was located on the NSW side of the border on the right hand side just before the bridge. I understand that there was originally a butter factory on the site where the house stood.



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Drought or just heat?

Living through this long bout of extremely hot weather has certainly been testing as well as instructive. The prominent lesson has been the value of shade in the environment and the interesting one has been observing the variation in sensitivity of individual species to heat stress.

There is a big difference between the mechanics of a plant's response to drought or to heat stress. Put simply, drought conditions occur when the soil is so dry that plant roots are unable to extract enough water to support the plant's aerial parts. In dry soil many roots die so once it rains again rot may enter the dead parts or at best it takes time for the root mass to recover its size. In Australia we commonly equate drought conditions with hot weather and low rainfall but in many regions of the world drought conditions occur because soil water is frozen and therefore unavailable. This is the underlying reason for Northern, high latitude conifers coping so well as farm trees in Australia – they are, counterintuitively, drought tolerant.

On the other hand, heat stress is due to extreme solar irradiation and can occur even when the soil is moist. In this scenario the roots, although working at capacity, cannot supply the quantity of water that matches the water evaporated from the leaves into the atmosphere. How much damage the plant suffers depends on how many adaptations the leaves have to prevent water loss. In Delegate the species that are displaying most damage are the elms – the golden were the first to succumb followed by the green and the variegated. Elms have a very large total leaf area so lose a lot of water. Looking at our street trees it is obvious that a significant proportion of their leaves have shrivelled which has consequences for next year. In Autumn deciduous trees like elms withdraw energy and nutrients from their leaves before they fall off (hence Autumn colours) storing these in the woody parts for use next season. In Spring the elm draws on these reserves to flower (small red fuzz) and produce seed (bunches of lime green) prior to unfurling the new season's leaves. Their performance in 2020 is going to depend on how much can be put into the reserve in 2019.

In 2017 and 2018 silver birch and liquidambars started to drop leaves towards the end of February due to dry soil (drought) whereas the elms were not visibly affected in those years. So far this year the birch and liquidambars seem unaffected by heat stress indicating that water loss from the leaves is not outstripping the supply from the roots. The difference between them and the elms is probably a combination of lower leaf area as well as that their leaves are just that little bit tougher. The conclusion that can be drawn is that given the effect of the different soil moisture levels between these years the elms are more drought tolerant but more heat sensitive than birch and liquidambar. This fits with observations of other areas. Around Albury elms were a favoured farm tree for their dense shade and tolerance of dry summers. However, over the last decade or so they have largely disappeared from the landscape. They have weakened over this time perhaps due to ever increasing periods of record temperatures inducing defoliation.

Some other plants show surprising responses to heat. Tomatoes will not set fruit when temperatures exceed 35⁰ C so any flowers opening on those hot days will be barren. The ripening process of some fruits such as figs also comes to standstill when it is that hot.

Getting back to the value of shade on the microclimate around the house. Shade comes in combination of light, heavy, dry and moist which is important when selecting under storey plants. The most difficult to deal with is the heavy dry shade typically found under shallow rooted trees such as conifers. The root system of conifers also reflects their origins for it is hard for roots to penetrate frozen ground and there is not much point since free water will only ever be found near the surface as soil thaws a little.

The shade given by open canopy trees in my yard has been just enough to take the sting out of the day and additional patches of deep shade thrown by fruit trees in heavy leaf has certainly cooled down other areas (helping the dogs and chooks) though fruit drop has still been significant. Gardeners have plenty to think about as we adjust to a changing climate. We will now have to choose our plants with the minimum as well as the maximum temperature in mind.

This curious plant, *The Australian Boabab tree*, is finely adapted for both drought and heat stress having the ability to store water in its trunk and the growth habit of maintaining very few leaves.

