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TIGERS RE-UNION

**Players, supporters and opposing
players all invited.**



The colours of black and gold will dominate at the Delegate Country Club on 28th February when former Delegate Tigers players and supporters re-unite for an evening of nostalgia. Broadcasts and a DVD of the 1976 Grand Final will be played, photos and memorabilia will be on display and items such as retro Balmain jumpers and a signed Raiders jumper will be auctioned or raffled. The Delegate ladies will of course provide their usual plentiful and delicious meal and the bar will be open from 4pm. People from far and wide have indicated their interest and it cannot be stressed strongly enough that **IT IS NECESSARY TO BOOK**, as seats for the dinner could be limited.

The local Rugby League Football story illustrates what has happened throughout many small towns throughout NSW, where numbers of young men have moved away for employment. Bibbenluke, Bombala and Delegate all fielded teams and competition between the neighbouring clubs was fierce. Back in the sixties Jindabyne and Utah Island Bend fielded teams, Cooma had three teams and down the mountain the Bemboka and other coastal sides were always competitive. Delegate folded and joined their old rival Bombala in 1980 and the combined team was part of group 16 before lack of numbers forced closure and players had to either travel to Cooma or down the Coast to play the sport they loved. However the 28th February will be chance to re-live the days when Rugby League reigned supreme throughout Monaro.

Below: L. The 1969 Premiers; R. Kevin Callaway dressed in a Tigers suit on the day of the Grand Final in Bega when Delegate played Bombala in 1976. More team photos back page, we had a stab at the dates.



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and: 1st May

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- 21st Glass Slumping Workshop
- 22nd Feb Flower arranging Workshop
- 28th February—Tigers Re-Union Country Club
- 7th March—Delegate Show
- 13th/14th/15th March—Delegate Campdraft.
- 10th/11th/12th April Cabanandra Campdraft

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true", she asked, "that I have to take the medication you prescribed for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," said the doctor.

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QUOTE FOR JANUARY

Life is like a camera.....

Focus on what's important

Capture the good times,

Develop from the negatives

And if things don't work out,

Take another shot

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK
BY 14th FOR THE TIGERS
REUNION ON 28th FEBRU-
ARY**

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McKENNA FAMILY FUND RAISER.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions in helping and donating money to a local family that has been through a hard time, the McKenna family. The money has now been distributed across local businesses to help this family to get back on their feet. It is small communities like Delegate that help people in many ways. Thankyou again to all who supported on this occasion.

Melissa Kidd.

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THE 'SNOWY MOB' CHOIR TO PERFORM AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL.

Fourteen children from the *Snowy Mob* will be performing at the Australian War Memorial on Saturday 31st January and Sunday 1st February. They will be participating in the filming of the RSL Rural Youth Commemorative Choir, singing "Young and Free" as well as the original song written for the choir. Our local children are no doubt looking forward to this exciting occasion. The *Snowy Mob* has already performed at The Men from Snowy River book launches at Delegate, Bombala, Cooma and Queanbeyan.

Below: The children performing at the Queanbeyan Book Launch.



MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER COMMEMORATION NEWS

Plans for two big events to take place this year and early next year are being advanced, with enthusiasm gathering throughout the district. Descendents and relatives of the original Men from Snowy River are scattered throughout the land, and we have posted books to places as far afield as Western Australia and Queensland. The first print of the book has been sold or on consignment to various outlets and we have just received a second print. Our web page is keeping people informed and many people are now also logging on to our Facebook site.

This year towns and villages along the way will be preparing to welcome the marchers on their journey through to Goulburn, from where they will travel by train to Sydney to march with the other Marches taking part. Volunteers are needed to take part, twelve to leave Delegate with numbers to be added at Bombala, Bibbenluke and each stop along the way as happened in 1916. Camping sites are being arranged for those who want to get right into the spirit of things. There are registration forms on the website, so please indicate your interest.

On 24th January 1916 Delegate will hold their own 100 year celebrations along the same lines as the 90 year celebration. This time there will be added attractions such as a flyover by the Air Force Roulettes.

Below: Some photos taken by Leoni of the 90 year celebration.

Top: The twelve who represented the Men from Snowy River.

Below: L These ladies who dressed up for the 90 year Celebration, Middle Tom Ventry wore a Light Horse uniform. R. The Duntroon Band added to the occasion.



JILL NEWTON RECOGNISED ON AUSTRALIA DAY BY EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Congratulations to Jill Newton formerly of Delegate and now a resident Lakes Entrance for over 30 years was thrilled to be named Citizen of the Year for Lakes Entrance, East Gippsland Shire. Since moving to Lakes Entrance Jill has been involved in many different organisations including tennis, golf bowling clubs, the Coast Guard, formerly Lakes Entrance Sea Rescue. She also has a strong connection with the RSL Sub-Branch. However it is her more recent work with Cancer Fund raising that has assured her of the reward. Since the inception of the Pink Ribbon Morning Tea event, \$40000 has been raised by the group. Of the original tight group of three who started this event, all developed the disease and Jill is the only one who survived. She has continued with her untiringly effort in organising this increasingly successful fund raising event.

SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Children interested in entering the short film competition for the local show on 7th March must leave their entries with Ian Sellers at Landmark or Bombala Visitors centre by 20th February. Entries must include film title, name and age group They will be judged by Mr Tim Toni. Last year the entries by the Public School created a great deal of interest.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD IN DELEGATE IN 2016.

The Bombala Australia Day Committee have agreed to hold their Celebrations in Delegate next year. The event will be held at the local Showground and arrangements are being made to upgrade the facilities for the annual shearing and wood chopping events. The Exhibition hall will be available for the photographic and Art display as well as stalls.



BOMBALA HIT BY MINI TORNADO

Bombala residents were amazed on Saturday January 24th to see a mini tornado sweeping through the town. Forming in the vicinity of the Bombala Golf Club it formed a funnel and swept down into the town sucking debris into the air and leaving damage in its wake. High winds and very heavy rain caused losses of power for a short period. Everything from trampolines to clotheslines were destroyed or misplaced.

We are certainly experiencing strange weather patterns this year. This last week has felt more like late autumn or winter than summer. However the rain has been good, with the exception of the very frequent lawn mowing now required.

The photo
(Courtesy Bombala Times)
of the "Twister"
in Bombala was
taken by Adele
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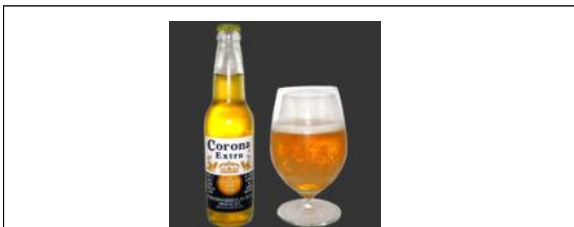
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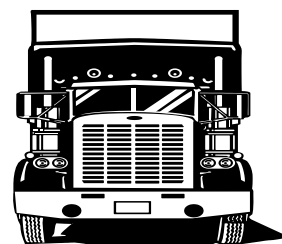
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Curly Taylor Obituary

George Thomas “Curly” Taylor was born on 30th October 1915, in Brisbane, Queensland. He was the eldest of 8 children of John James and Teresa Alice (nee Finney) Taylor. Sadly, their mother passed away in 1924, when Curly was 9 years of age, and the baby, Joe was only six weeks old. Two children pre-deceased their mother. As a series of housekeepers came and went, Curly took on the job of caring for his brothers and sisters. His father eventually married one of the housekeepers. According to Curly, his father was stern and uncommunicative, and his step-mother was the proverbial wicked step-mother, so their childhood was not happy.

Curly attended Milton Public School, where he proved to be an A grade student, eventually winning a bursary to further his education. However, his father and step-mother refused to allow him to take advantage of that, and his father got him a job on a dairy farm, when he was only 14 years old. After a series of jobs on farms, Curly eventually packed his swag and went bush. He worked in shearing sheds as a rouseabout and a shearer’s cook, eventually becoming a gun shearer.

In 1935, he came to Delegate to shear and this is where he met the love of his life, Nina Armstrong. He returned to Delegate each year, and when he was leaving, he would tell Nina that hopefully he would have enough money to marry her the next year. In 1940, she told him he would never have enough money, and if he didn’t marry her then, he needn’t bother returning! So, on 28th December 1940, they were married in St Phillips Anglican Church, Delegate and began their long, happy marriage together. Their first children, twins Frank and John, were born in October 1941. Unfortunately, John only lived for one day. Curly and Nina continued to travel around the sheds until after the birth of their next son, Bill, in 1946. Their only daughter Sandra was born in 1948, followed by two more sons, Colin in 1950 and Keith in 1961.

In 1955, the family moved to Unanderra, where Curly worked in a foundry and then he worked for several years in a coal mine. They eventually obtained a war service home in Albion Park, where they settled for several happy years.

Both Curly and Nina were active members of the Labor Party, Curly being elected to the Shellharbour Municipal Council as an Alderman, eventually becoming Deputy Mayor, until 1968 when they moved to Binnaway. After a move back to Delegate, then Sydney, Nina decided it was time Curly spent more time with his siblings in Brisbane, and so they packed up and moved there.

In 1986, after 45 years of marriage, Curly suffered the devastation of losing his dearly beloved wife when Nina passed away from cancer. Two years later, he moved to Townsville to live with his son Colin.

Each year he would travel south to visit each of his children, spending several weeks in Delegate where so many of his treasured memories of his dearly beloved were. He was well-known in the district for his very long walks along the Bendoc Road.

In his younger days, he played cornet and tenor horn, and was a member of a brass band in Delegate. He also had quite a good singing voice.

He was highly intelligent, an articulate speaker, a great reader and a kind and generous man. He did not suffer fools gladly and so was not necessarily always popular, but he was very well-respected.

He had a very tough life, although he always pointed out that it was no tougher than most of his generation. He lived through a hard childhood, a depression, a war where he served in the RAAF in New Guinea, and many illnesses and injuries. However, he kept a positive attitude and always believed that age should not dictate what a person can or cannot do.

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Obituary Curly Taylor (Contd)

He demonstrated this by doing a tandem skydive at age 78, with his youngest son, Keith. This was supposed to be a one off thing, but he loved it so much, he skydived every year when he visited Keith experiencing his final skydive at the ripe old age of 97 years.

H walked miles and miles every day, right up until he entered hospital a few weeks ago. He had an amazing life, full and varied and lived long enough to enjoy his five children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He passed away in his 100th year, on 13th January 1915 in Townsville, at age 99 years and 2 months. He is also survived by his brother Joe, and sister Dos. We give thanks for his life.

THE RAIN CONTINUES TO FALL

Delegate and surrounding districts are experiencing their wettest summer for many years. Storms and showers are happening with regular frequency, keeping the area looking green, an unusual sight for late January.

With so much growth, let us hope it continues until the worst of the fire season is over.

Pictured right: Photo taken before Xmas of group riding their horses at Bill Jeffreys park



Tai Chi in Delegate

Are you looking for a way to increase your flexibility and balance? Tai Chi is a very gentle way to exercise which involves slow movements of the hands, arms and body. Tai Chi for Arthritis has been especially designed by Dr Paul Lam in conjunction with a team of medical experts. This Tai Chi program is easy to learn, effective, safe and fun. It integrates mind and body to help you relax and de-stress. Studies have shown that it can also assist in reducing pain and improving your quality of life.

Tai Chi classes in Delegate resume on Thursday 5 February. Classes are held every Thursday (during school terms) from 1.00-2.00PM at the old bowling club (next to the Fruit Barn). The cost is a gold coin donation. All welcome – come along in comfortable clothes and well-fitting flat shoes. For more information please contact Cynthia Dolan – Phone 6458 7117 or 0488



BOMBALA COUNCIL NOXIOUS WEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RATEPAYER REPRESENTATIVES

Bombala Council has resolved to invite four (4) ratepayer representatives to join its Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee. This Committee discusses issues concerning the control and eradication of Noxious Weeds within the Council area.

Nominations, in writing, will be received by the undersigned until 4.00pm Friday, 27 February 2015.

For further information please contact Council's Chief Weeds Officer, Mr Colin Groves on 02 64583555.



Members of Gloria Cotterill's family following their New Year's Day lunch at the Delegate Country Club. It was a wonderful occasion to catch up with old and new members.



Dennielle Tonnisen celebrated a birthday recently with family and friends at the Delegate Hotel.



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.

Bombala Hospital also has Pathology Clinics.

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.

Visiting Staff Profile

Name: Cooma Pathology Outreach Clinic held at Delegate MPS

Currently staffed by Karen.

Services provided: Blood collections and all other pathology collections.

Delegate MPS is fortunate in that this service has been running for the last 6yrs. When you come to the MPS for this service remember to have your pathology form with you along with your Medicare card. On arrival at the MPS a number system is in place, so grab yourself a number and take a seat, Karen will call your number, numbers must stay within the MPS building. Also a reminder that fasting means no food or drink from midnight the night before.

Please remember that you may have to wait.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Farewell



Garden Program

As part of the school garden program students in K12 enjoyed a hands-on lesson about chickens. They also trialled some seasonal fruit from the school garden which they had grown during the term.



Kosciusko Excursion

Students in K12 enjoyed a fun-filled day at Kosciusko Education Centre. They had a teddy bears picnic, went on a sensory trail walk and played educational games.



SUNDAY SIPPERS CASH HANDOUT DAY

We carried the article in our December issue about the generous donations made by the *Sunday Sippers* group to various district organisations, but unfortunately the photos were not received in time to be included.

Top: The group of *Sunday Sippers*.

Below: Henry Brown presents Peter Stuart with cheque for the Corrowong Fire Brigade. R. Barry Reed accepts cheque for Delegate Fire Brigade.



Fruit and Autumn Plantings in Delegate by Susan T..

It has been an exceptional year for tree fruits. Apricots, cherries and most plums have finished but many peaches, nectarines and the drying plums (prunes) are still ripening a bit delayed by the recent cold wet weather. Quinces, apples and pears are destined to finish the season in a couple of months.

Although often bountiful, in order to deliver quality fruit the tree crops must be pruned artfully, sprayed and protected from birds. (We are fortunate not to have Queensland fruit fly, although this could change if climate change continues to reduce our winter chill.) With big trees this is an arduous task and after even a few years of inattention many trees become debilitated with broken branches, lichen infestation and chronic fungal disease of the fruit. These tasks can become manageable if the newly available dwarf trees are planted. Nearly all the favourite varieties, as well as a lot of new ones, are available on dwarfing rootstocks that keep the trees naturally to 2-3m. in height without change to fruit size. Everything becomes so much more manageable especially netting.

However, in many years here the tree crops fail mostly due to late frosts. The bramble berry fruits always fill this gap and the advantage of the berries in addition to their reliability is their low maintenance requirement. They do not need spraying and pruning is easy. After the crop is finished all the canes that have borne fruit are cut off at ground level and the new canes tied to the supporting wire ready for next year. Now is the right time to do this. If you wait until they lose their leaves it is harder to tell which are new canes and since many have sprawled over the ground they have become damaged and the wood too hardened to manipulate easily. It is best to get the canes horizontal as soon as possible so that fruit buds form all along the stem.

The best known bramble is the blackberry and it is only legal to grow them if they are the thornless type. Possibly the favourite for fresh eating is the raspberry but there are now many varieties of hybrid brambles that differ little in taste when cooked but vary in ripening time and vigour.

The most commonly grown brambles are the loganberry and boysenberry. Loganberry is a cross between blackberry and raspberry and although very productive it is quite acid when eaten raw unless it is picked overripe i.e. very black. The boysenberry is normally sweeter and is a three way cross between loganberry, blackberry and raspberry although not as vigorous a plant.

Raspberries fall into two groups. The spring bearing types often have a second crop in Autumn on the new growth which bears again next spring. This makes for a confusing pruning regime. There are also some varieties that bear only in Autumn such as 'Heritage' which are simpler to manage as all the canes are cut to ground level in winter. Raspberries require a detailed article of their own.

Meanwhile in other parts of the garden it is time to give many annual plants a good start before chilly weather limits growth. Plant seed now of beetroot, broccoli, fennel, leeks, lettuce, onion, parsley, silver-beet and snowpeas. It is still too early for English spinach, coriander and cabbage.

In the flower garden alyssum, cineraria, gypsophila, hollyhock, lupin, **pansy**, Iceland poppy, primula, stock, **sweet peas** and **wallflowers**. If you buy seedlings all these can still be planted in 4-6 weeks time.

Sweet peas are underused in this district because people usually follow the regime of planting in March and this is better suited warmer areas. I still have sweet peas flowering in sheltered areas at present and with care they can flower almost year round.

Next month is the critical one for starting many Spring producing/flowering plants so now is a good time to get the soil and space ready. Liming is an important step in this process as the soils here are usually a bit acid for best growth and disease resistance.

HERE & THERE

Happy birthday to Michael Lewis and Laiken Clear, Georgia Reed, and Chris Armstrong who celebrate birthdays in January.

Tiana Cotterill, Laura Cotterill who have birthdays in February.



The death occurred on 12th January 2015 in South West Rocks of former local man John Martin, second son of the late Cyril and Coralie Martin formerly of "Bertery Bank", Delegate. John will be remembered as the local TV repair man of Delegate in the early days of TV.

The death occurred recently of two former district identities within a few months of their 100th Birthdays.

Mrs Jean Hepburn (nee Guthrie) passed away on 1st. January, 2015 at Bombala Hospital where she had been a resident for a number of years. Her funeral took place in Delegate on the 8th January after a service in St Philips Church followed by interment in the Delegate Cemetery. She is survived by two daughters Gail and Helen and three grandchildren.

Curly (George) Taylor passed away on 13th January at Townsville Hospital after a short illness. His remains were cremated

at Townsville and a wake will take place at the Delegate Country Club on Saturday 7th February. Curly is survived by four sons Frank, Bill, Colin, Keith and one daughter Sandra, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

We have heard of the death of Ken Collins of Albion Park, who came to Delegate as a young man. He married a local girl Betty Bartley and lived in the area for a number of years, before moving to the Wollongong area. He is survived by his wife Betty and three sons, Paul, Jock and Keith.

Mrs Lynette Hepburn passed away on 29th January. She is survived by husband Peter and children Kylie, Melanie and Darren.

Sympathy is extended to all families.

Congratulations to Tiana Cotterill, daughter of Brendon and Merie who has been chosen in the ACT 14 year Basketball Representative side.



The three shires of Bombala, Cooma and Snowy River have been attending workshops to discuss a business case for a potential merger. They will be one of a number of cases that will be considered over the coming

months, as Councils prepare their submissions.

The Bundian Way Gallery had a visit in December from teachers and 13 pupils from Schools over the border, who travel on buses to two different schools, Goongerah for three days and Tubbut for two days.

They are considered isolated areas by the Victorian Government and travel from as far afield as Delegate River, Deddick, Bonang, Goongerah and Bendoc.



The District recently farewelled popular young couple, Emma and Peter Telford who are moving with their two young children, Lottie and Bertie to a property near Dunedoo. They had previously resided at Cathcart where Peter had been working for a number of years. The Delegate and Cabanandra Campdraft Committees held a farewell dinner at the Delegate Hotel on 15th January. Peter and Emma were involved with different organisations, and will be greatly missed.

Several organisations throughout the Shire have received grants from communication provider Southern Phone. The Delegate History room committee are delighted to receive over \$4000 towards new cabinets and other items.

LOOKING BACK

A DELEGATE SCHOOLBOYS FOOTBALL TEAM PROBABLY 1970?



BLAZER PRESENTATION NIGHT.



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LOOKING BACK

DELEGATE FOOTBALL TEAMS OVER THE YEARS

Top L: The 1976 team ready to run on in Bega.
(Ball boy Dean Ingram in front.)

Top R: Senior Team circa 1972

Middle L: A Delegate team circa 1937

Middle R: The 1976 team.

Bottom L: A junior side circa 1970

Below R: A Schoolboys team circa 1965.

