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# Delegate Doings



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## JOHN BARILARO GUARANTEES DELEGATE MPS

After a highly charged meeting at the School of Arts in Delegate last Tuesday local state member, John Barilaro released a statement in which he assured residents in the Delegate area that 'the NSW Government is committed to maintaining the Emergency Department at the Delegate Multi-Purpose Service'.

The meeting was attended by a wide cross-section of the Delegate and Border districts community with an especially large and vocal group from Victoria who explained clearly the impact closing the Delegate MPS Emergency Department would have on their isolated communities. Nursing staff from both the Delegate MPS and Bombala MPS were also a strong presence. Representatives of the NSW Nurses' Association, Rita Martin Government & Community Relations Organiser, and Darius Altman, Country Organiser had travelled from Raymond Terrace in order to attend. John Barilaro was unable to attend but he sent a member of his staff to represent him.

The meeting was opened and chaired by Mayor Bob Stewart. Dr Max Alexander, Chief executive of Southern NSW Local Health District, outlined the proposals for the MPS. this was followed by a short power point presentation by Ian Sellers covering the history of the first Delegate Hospital. The next item on the agenda was a comprehensive report presented by the Delegate Progress Association President Bill Guthrie which emphasised the importance of the local Emergency department to the local community. Particular emphases was made of the distances people over the border had to travel. The underlying message in the report was that the community would not accept any compromise in the provision of health services in this region. He finished the report by saying that Delegate had lost many health services over the years and that the loss of the Emergency Department would be the last straw, relegating the local population to second class citizens.

The meeting was then open to discussion and questions from the floor. The mood of the meeting was one of an overwhelming concern at the decline in provision of health service and this message was delivered in a controlled but passionate way. David Mitchell moved a motion "The people of the Delegate District will accept no compromise on the retention of the Emergency Department at the Delegate MPS" This motion was passed unanimously by the large crowd. The full text of John Barilaro's statement can be found on page 3.

*Below: Some items in the new borderline gallery exhibition "Off the Sheep"s Back"*



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**and: 1st June**

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### Dates for your Calendar

- 8th March International Women's day
- 10/11th March Creative Workshops Delegate Art Centre
- 10th March Delegate Camp Draft
- 10th March Cobb Oven **CANCELLED**
- 17th March Bombala Show
- 13th March DPA meeting Delegate RTC
- 18/25th March Seniors Week Delegate RTC
- 20th March Landcare Meeting Delegate RTC
- 24th March Cabanandra Camp Draft
- 24th March Bundian Way Walk
- 31st March Schoolboy Football Carnival Bibbenluke
- 31st March Deb Ball Bombala
- 1st April Art Exhibition opening Orbost
- 7th April—Easter duck race Bill Jeffreys Park

## CANCELLED

Cob Oven has been cancelled for March due to the flooding in the park.

### LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

**A Mother was helping her son with his maths, "you have seven dollars and seven friends" she said**

**"You give a dollar to two of them and none to the others, what do you have left?"**

**From the kitchen his big sister called out "Two friends"**

## QUOTES FOR MARCH

**A GOOD LAUGH AND A LONG SLEEP ARE THE BEST CURES IN THE DOCTOR'S BOOK.**

**A HAPPY PERSON IS NOT A PERSON IN A CERTAIN SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT RATHER A PERSON WITH A CERTAIN SET OF ATTITUDES.**

## Seniors Week

**18th –25th March**

**Delegate RTCT Centre**

**Wed 21st 10am Working with photos**

How to download your photos from your camera to the computer, print them and reduce the size of them to email them.

**Wed 21st 1pm Make your own Calendar**

Need to bring 12 photos.

**Thurs 22nd 10am How to surf the web** and shop and pay for things on the internet.

**Thurs 22nd 1pm Ancestry** . Find your ancestors using the internet.

**Wed 7th, 21st 28th Help with your computer** problems and questions. Just drop in and ask Sharon for help.

**All sessions free for seniors.**

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## **BARILARO GUARANTEES DELEGATE MPS**

Member for Monaro John Barilaro has assured residents in the Delegate area that the NSW Government is committed to maintaining the Emergency Department at the Delegate Multi-Purpose Service.

"Residents of the region can be assured that neither myself, nor the Minister, would endorse any move from the local health district to close the emergency facility," Mr Barilaro said.

On Tuesday evening, the Southern NSW Local Health District held a public community consultation to gauge community views on various potential options for the future of the Delegate MPS.

"The consultation was an excellent opportunity for the community to let the health bureaucrats know that our Emergency Department is not up for negotiation." Mr Barilaro said.

"It was also a great opportunity for the community to hear about potential future developments in telehealth services and Nurse Practitioners which could bring greater capability to the Delegate MPS."

"My commitment is to ensure that the Delegate community has the MPS service that they want and need."

"Delegate MPS does not only provide first class service to people living in my electorate, but it is also a vital facility for those living across the border in nearby Victorian communities."

Mr Barilaro has written to the NSW Government's newly appointed Cross Border Commissioner, Steve Toms, to invite him to Bombala and Delegate to inspect cross-border health arrangements first hand and investigate options for greater cooperation with the Victorian Government.

**MEDIA Henry Pike 0408 406 637**

### **GRADUATION SOPHIE O'HEHIR**

Congratulations to Sophie O'Hehir daughter of Gerald & Vicki O'Hehir.

Sophie who after four years of study the Charles Sturt University at Wagga has now graduated and completed her Bachelor of Education (Primary).

Sophie has now taken up a full time position at Gundagai South public school.

Sophie is the granddaughter of John & Madge Crotty and the late Bryan & Marion O'Hehir.





## Delegate River Landcare Group

**Please be advised that a meeting to re-establish the Delegate River Landcare Group will be held on**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 7pm at the  
Delegate Rural Transaction Centre  
(RTC)**

**All members of the Community are invited to attend.**

**For further information please call  
Drew Manning on 0439 587 240 or  
Coogee Reed on 0418 803 264**

### **SOME EARLY SHEARING. HISTORY**



There is a story behind the above photo which dates back to 1932, when an aboriginal shearer named Alf Merrit set a world record shearing at the Corrowong shed. Alf Merrit is now deceased and a friend who holds the medal he received, is interested to know the story behind it. Des DeBelle who has an interest in the history of shearing in Australia, did the research which led him to Corrowong shed where the record was broken, on

a Wolsley Shearing Machine. Back in those days Engineering companies would give out medals to the fastest shearers on their machines. Des and his friend Bob Hoyer came down from the ACT and spent the day at Corrowong meeting the owner David Mitchell, and other locals including the late Reg Baird who remembered Alf Merrit.

A shed in Western NSW called Dunlop was the first to have the shearing machines fully installed in their shed. Prior to that there had been trials done with the new handpieces which were to replace the blades. Des who has an interest in early Australian shearing history is keen to return to the area again to visit more shearing sheds and talk to local farmers,. He says he is disappointed that so far he has not been able to find the number of sheep shorn by Alf Merrit when he broke the world record. *Pictured Bob Hoyer, Peter Jeffreys, the late Reg Baird, Peter Reed, Des DeBelle, David Mitchell.*





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## Bill Jeffreys' Park



The Delegate caravan park was under water on Thursday the 1st of March after 4 inches of rain. One unfortunate caravan owner had to be towed out after his van was flooded. The lower end of Church St was closed when the creek overflowed through the middle of town. The children were all sent home from school early as the waters rose over the road at

Hayden's Bog and also on the Delegate River road. Many residents were cut off from town overnight.

### BUSH POETRY COMPETITION

**In view of the show being cancelled prizes for the above competition will be announced on Thursday 8th March at the International Womens' Day at the morning tea at the School of Arts.**





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Below: The area near the little pool and a section of the Caravan Park..



# Sami Cline

Many of Sami's Art pupils throughout the area will remember her fondly, and some will remember a visit to her Teepee on the banks of the Deddick River where she lived for so many years. We reprint the following obituary by her son Chet with thanks to the Tubbut Tattler.

Sami Cline, died in Bairnsdale on Sunday February 5th Sami had spent a year away from her beloved place where the Deddick River meets the Snowy River and, while well cared for at the Domain and in hospitals where she unfortunately spent some time, she was not the happy Sami that we had known in her own environment.

Born 14. 12. 1927 in a log cabin in Colorado. She was a display director for a major department store in Kansas City, in charge of designing and implementing all window and interior displays in three major department stores, where she won numerous awards for best window displays. She was one of three display directors there. We moved to Australia in 1968 to Melbourne, where she started working for Myers. Male chauvinistic ideas there limited her to setting table decorations etc for many years. She eventually ran the interior design for customers out of the Myers Frankston store, where she would work with customers in their homes to select the best for their needs, and to have a modern, attractive, integrated home. Holidays were spent travelling around Vic with our first trip up through Gelantipy and along the Snowy north of there in Christmas of '69. 1970 saw us cross the Snowy at McKillops, camp and then cruise east through Tubbut. We kept coming back. Somewhere around June or so, in 1976, sitting in our combined art gallery and engineering shop in Stratford, reading the Age classifieds on a Saturday morning, we spotted the ad that changed our lives. Twenty minutes later, after a quick phone call, we headed north east to see this spot. McKillops was purchased Monday morning when the banks opened. We moved all of our gear, tonnes of it, to McKillops, set up a tent, and mother started our camp a few months later. I went to Melbourne contracting and working long hours to pay off our new home. Mother got a job teaching art for an adult education scheme travelling up to Cooma, Jindabyne, and back to Orbost, Lakes Entrance, and Cann River, travelling all that way, and teaching classes for several hours each day. She did this for several years. Later on, she retired, enjoying her painting, and looking after our little bit of Eden. Last February, she had a fall in a motel in Bairnsdale, which seemed to finish her long life. She never really recovered. She has left a great hole in my life. She raised me as a single working mother, working long hours, moving to better neighbourhoods to send me to better schools, and taught me the greatest gift, the gift to think for myself. I will miss her for ever. I personally do not like funerals, and do not believe mother did either. I would rather celebrate her life in my own way. I will be scattering her ashes on our property. Maybe one day, I will have a party at McKillops.

Right: Sami at her 80th birthday party .





# LOCAL SHOW CANCELLED.

In over one hundred years there have been few occasions when the show did not go on. Scheduled for the first Saturday in March, the Delegate Show along with Dalgety and Braidwood shows were cancelled due to the flooding rains experienced throughout much of NSW and Victoria. Sodden ground making horse events impossible and the closure of many local roads and a dire forecast, put paid to any chance of the show happening, so the decision was reluctantly made on Thursday morning to cancel the event. Many who look forward to this annual event and who contribute to the various sections of the show each year will be disappointed, but as we all know Mother Nature can upset the best laid plans. The unusual weather pattern of this year and the predictions coming from the weather bureau will place a lot of uncertainty on many future events.

In complete contrast, on another occasion in 1985 the advent of a major fire halted all activities on the morning of the show. A dire weather forecast for dangerous winds and tinder dry country were recipes for disaster, and a power pole coming down in the Wallendibby area set in motion a fire which spread with lightening speed, destroyed homes, and took weeks and enormous manpower to contain. The kitchen of the show pavilion which was as usual set up to cater for the show patrons, was instead converted to a canteen providing sandwiches to be sent out to the hungry fire crews and hot meals in the evening when the shifts changed. This action by local volunteers filled the gap until Fire Authorities were able to organise their own catering arrangements.

We understand that were two other occasions during the 1930's and 40's when the show was not held, firstly during the Polio Epidemic which closed the Border between NSW and Victoria, and later during World War 2.

## Local Artists Exhibit in Orbost

Local artists are gearing up for a major exhibition in the Orbost Exhibition Centre with the opening being on Sunday 1st April at 2pm and continuing until the Friday 27th April. The Exhibition Centre is next to the Bark Hut in Orbost.

Exhibits will include Paintings, Glasswork, Photography and other art mediums by Gloria Cotterill, Natalie Armstrong, Stuart Lee, Jane Murdoch, Jo Haggart, Sue Haslingdon, Sharon Buckman, Nola White and Carol Badewitz.



Right: Nola White and Carol Badewitz at a weekend workshop at Bill Jeffreys Park



# Komatsu Golf Day

Komatsu hosted a golf day at the Delegate Country Club on Friday 24th Feb.

After so much overcast weather the day dawned hot and sunny. The course was in excellent condition for a very successful day of golf. Winners on the day were A grade Jordon Cameron, B grade Brendon Crawford and the Women's winner was Trina Manning.

Right: Warwick Lawrence (resident fitter), Matt Lavis (machine sales) and Richard Keyssecker (customer support from Komatsu).



Right: Richard Keyssecker presenting Brendon Crawford with his prizes.

Below: Nick Flower presenting Barry Reed with a Komatsu cap.



Right: Nick flower with Warwick Lawrence.





# OFF THE SHEEP'S BACK AT THE BORDERLINE GALLERY

A most interesting and successful exhibition opened at the Borderline Gallery on Thursday evening the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, where a good crowd of visitors were treated to an excellent short film presented by Sue Haslingdon telling the story of the wool industry, from the paddock to the shearing shed, the transportation to the docks, the ships carrying the bales to their final destination, the woollen mills in China. During her visit to China, Sue also took the opportunity to photograph many of the sights, from the old China which still exists to the fast growing modern China. As well the exhibition also displayed some beautiful hand knitted woollen articles, and continuing the "Off the Sheep's Back" theme an interesting display of photos and artefacts by the Chapman family as well as a great variety of photographs and paintings by other artists. An item which created much interest was a bed made out of recycled timber from an old shearing shed/yards, constructed in the woodwork room by Evelyn Walker.



Above: Kelly Chapman's year 12 art project.



Above: Evelyn Walker's bed made from recycled timber.

Below: Some of the knitting done by local knitters.

Below: Framed jigsaw by Cam Foley and Norm Preston





# **DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB**

*For the Information of Members & Their Guest.*

**GOLF SUNDAYS 1PM HIT OFF.  
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## **Christmas Raffle Winners**

1st Dannielle Tonissen    BBQ  
2nd Tim Armstrong        Outdoor setting  
3rd Nick Flower            Dinner for two

### **\*\*Coming Events\*\***

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## **Delegate Duck Race**

This year the Duck race will be held on the Easter Saturday the 7th April. This is also the Full Moon Dinner. The day will start of at 12 noon with a Easter egg hunt, followed by egg and spoon races, face painting and work in the community garden.

A Fly fishing, Casting Lotto with the youth worker John will be great fun for everyone. There will be great prizes for the kids boat race so kids start building your own boats.

Any unsold ducks will be auctioned off before the race which begins at 3.15pm.

The cobb oven will be hot and ready to go and there is a BBQ available.

If you would like to buy a duck early please see Su King, Sharon Buckman or Katrina Jamieson.



**Duck Race  
12 noon—4pm  
Sat 7th April  
Bill Jeffreys Park**



# HERE & THERE

*International Women's Day is on in Delegate this week, with Guest Speakers, morning tea at the School of Arts and lunch at the Country Club. Always a most successful and enjoyable day for the ladies of the district.*



*To continue the International Women's week theme, creative workshops are being held at Delegate and Bibbenluke on 10th and 11th March. Participants will make/decorate a box or bust, and also do some mosaic projects.*

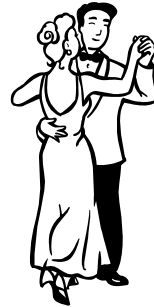
*Another interesting weekend in April when a visiting writers group from Canberra will hold workshops at the Railway complex in Bombala (more on this next issue).*



*Delegate district was fortunate not to receive the major flood events which caused havoc in other areas, and farmers welcomed the soaking rains which will replenish the water table and ensure good autumn growth. It is a long time since such good Autumn rains have fallen in this area.*



*The annual Bombala Deb Ball is on again on 31st March, there are some local girls and boys taking part, so should have some photos for next issue.*



*In Junior Rugby League news the annual Bibbenluke Schoolboy Carnival will be held on 31st March. Also there are some very keen players in the 16 year and older group who are anxious to take part in competition this year, and if none is available in Bombala will travel further afield for their favourite sport..*



*The "Year of the Farmer" road truck is scheduled to be on show at Cooma's annual show this year. Several of these trucks are travelling throughout the country celebrating the Farmers contribution to the world's food supply.*

*Seniors will have the opportunity to update their computer skills at the Delegate RT/CT Centre and look up their ancestry, make a calendar etc. commencing 21st March.*



*Local artists from the Bombala Shire are looking to exhibiting their work in the Orbest Gallery for two weeks commencing 1st April. The official opening takes place on Sunday 1st April*

*It was nice to meet up with former Delegate Residents when they visited recently. Marge Callaghan who loves returning to her home town, was accompanied by her son and his wife Margaret.*

*Marge Bryant/Lucas has retired after 33 years working for ACT Health in a number of positions in Aged and Disability Care. On her retirement she was praised by the Executive Director for the dedicated and caring manner in which she had carried out her duties.*

*A group of people are planning a walk along the Bundian Way, on the 24th March and will be staying overnight in Delegate.*



*Many happy returns to all who celebrated birthdays in February and March, including Penny Judge, Mark Reed, Andrew Guthrie, Anthony Reed, and Carol Sellers.*



# LOOKING BACK



Above: Sports day at the local Convent School, circa early 1960's. We note Anthony Roberts in the foreground and no doubt readers will recognise many more of the children lined up in the sports uniforms.

Below: Delegate Show 1919 Ring Events





# Community Information

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# Gardening News

March is the busy month to get the garden in order for Winter and Spring. However it requires a great deal of compromise to achieve this goal. As an example, take the flower garden. Roses are still blooming and it is far too early to reduce their bulk by pruning. They are probably under-planted by petunias that left undisturbed will kick on until severe frosts ends their display (petunias will handle minus 4<sup>0</sup>C).

Yet it is necessary to establish annuals such as Pansies and Primula that will give winter colour to a relatively barren winter rose garden. What to do? One thing is for sure, planting Pansies late will not give them time to bulk up before winter therefore to have the capacity to give a good winter display. One could either sacrifice the petunias and plant seedlings now, or, pot the seedlings into 150mm. pots with the view of inserting them into the garden bed at a later time when the petunias are spent.



It is traditional to plant Sweetpeas in mid-march. This is more successful in warmer parts of Australia. Peas can struggle in our

cold winter especially if it is a damp one and the soil is not well drained. If your position is not sunny with a freely draining soil the better option would be to plant in early Spring. The display will then run through the better part of spring-summer. The same rationale is applicable to broad beans. It all depends on the micro-climate in your particular garden.

The change of plantings in the vegetable garden is equally perplexing as that in the flower garden. Zucchini for example are probably still producing and the plants do take up lots of room. If you have had your fill of zucchini this year it will be easier to sacrifice them to make way for the winter types. The foliage of tomatoes will probably be worn out and diseased already as a consequence of the continual rain and will not recover enough to set more fruit. This is a good excuse to pull the plants and hang them in the shed making even more bed space. The fruit already present will ripen over the coming weeks. There is no need to make endless green tomato pickle.

Vegetables to plant now are Asian greens, broad beans, cabbage, chinese cabbage, cress, coriander, kale, lettuce, mustard, rocket, spring onions, shallots, silverbeet, English spinach and turnips. English spinach is a really useful planting because they prefer shade which is unusual in vegetables. Pak Choi is a good plant too because the leaves produced in the depth of winter (pick and come again style) are crisp and sweet for salads. This is at a time when lettuce is often made coarse and bitter by cold, overcast days.

Bulbs are starting to come through plumped by the rain. They can still be lifted and divided at this stage and it is often a more suitable time to do it because it is very apparent where they are in the garden. Another candidate for division is the Peonie. Do this just as the foliage withers. Lift the clump and replant pieces with one or two eyes. Interestingly, these new plantings will bloom this Spring, so there is no waiting for them to re-establish that is the case with so many other divided plants.

Finally, now is the time to take cuttings of many shrubs. The wood is moderately mature so will not collapse, and the buds are still active, so growth should progress promptly. Correa, fuchsias, grevilleas and such are all good candidates. Use a very coarse sandy mix and put in a light place out of direct sun. Liquid feed when rooted.