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DELEGATE ANNUAL SHOW

“Best ever!” was the unanimous verdict regarding the pavilion at the local show on 3rd March. It was overflowing with produce of all kinds, with the fruit and vegetable section warranting an extra table. The amount of entries in the cooking section had to be seen to be believed with the children from the Delegate School contributing a large amount of cakes and biscuits both decorated and plain. They were the most successful exhibitors in the condiments section, as well as contributing to the craft, art and photography. It augurs well for the next generation with so many great entries showcasing the talents of the local children.

There was a good attendance both on the day as well as for the night entertainment, and Lana Jamieson and her helpers did a fantastic job in providing excellent food both on Friday for the workers, stewards and judges and for the big crowd on Sunday. The volunteers in the kiosk were also kept busy both day and night.

The crowd in the evening was entertained by a band, the usual popular dog jumping and a wonderful display of fireworks. A fund raising event provided a laugh for onlookers when Jason Crotty volunteered to have his locks shaved off. Well done in raising nearly \$600, \$500 of which was to go towards the Show funds and \$100 towards John James Village Centre for sick patients. The Show Committee would like to thank all who helped with a special thankyou to newcomers to the area for taking part.

Below: A colourful flower arrangement, some junior craft and champion awards in the Photography section.



Next Issue: 6th April

then: 4th May

and: 1st June

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Dates for your Calendar

- 9/10th March Delegate Camp Draft
- 13th March—DPA meeting.
- 13th March—International Women's Day
- 17th March—RSL Card Night
- 19th March BDPSSA Cross Country, Delegate Country Club
- 7th & 8th April SOS Scarlet Robin & Bird Identification Workshop
- 26th April—Anzac Day Ceremony

**CLAIMING THE DATE 27TH AND 28TH OCTOBER—
Settlers Hut 30 Years Celebration on Saturday—Welcome Home Snowy River Men Sunday. Saturday night Country and Western night at Delegate Country Club.**

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

**Tuesday 13th March
Delegate School of Arts
10.30 to 3pm**

Guest Speakers, morning tea and lunch—Cost \$15,

Please register your name at the Delegate General Store for catering purposes.

DELEGATE ANNUAL CAMPDRAFT

This week-end 9th and 10th March.

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THE STORY OF THE SNOWY RIVER BANDIT.

A long forgotten story was unearthed in last week's issue of the Sunday Telegraph, when a photo appeared about the Snowy River Bandit and featuring photos of former residents the late Don and Claude Ryan and a Detective Sub-Inspector Carney. The photo had been submitted to the paper by Don Ryan's daughter. Apparently the "Bandit" was an itinerant who committed a series of small burglaries in the Tubbut area in the 1940's, mainly food, clothing and tobacco. As he did not have a vehicle his stolen goods had to be what he could carry. Apparently he decided to move South and was later arrested at Goongerah.



(Thankyou to Sandy Cameron for the above information.)

THANK YOU TO BOCO ROCK

The Delegate Campdraft, Delegate Sports Ground, Delegate Pastoral & Agricultural Society and the Delegate Pony Club members wish to express their appreciation to the Boco Rock Committee for their generous Grant of \$13,500 towards the new storage shed at the Delegate Sports Ground. Special thanks to Karen Cash and MCH Welding for their assistance with this project.

All of the above Committees have worked hard to provide better facilities for our Sports Ground and have also contributed funds towards the shed. We wish to thank the Delegate Community for their help and support in our fundraising efforts to achieve this goal.

However, as Delegate is a small community, it takes a long time to raise sufficient funds to carry out the upgrades so desperately needed and without the support of Grant money such as Boco Rock's, it would have taken many years to raise the money required.

The new shed is already being put to good use by our very grateful volunteers



SOS Scarlet Robin & Bird Identification Workshop

Information Session: April 7th 3:00 -5:00 pm Delegate School of Arts (for those wanting information on the project and unable to attend the field day)

Field Day: April 8th 8:30 – 12:30 pm. 1778 Tombong Road, Delegate "Hawthorne" (From the Corrowong road, Wallendibbee Road, 17.78 km along the Tombong Road). The Sunday field day will include a catered lunch, so please email through any dietary requirements with your RSVP. April 5th : Lesley Peden Email: facilitator@k2c.org.au Mobile: 0400 806 089



Join us for two exciting (free) workshops in Delegate to learn about the importance of landscape connectivity and how you can assist the threatened Scarlet Robin. Discover practical ways to include revegetation in your whole farm plan and enhance connectivity and habitat for all our vulnerable woodland birds.

Choose either the two hour information session in town, with complimentary tea and coffee; or attend the interactive 4wd field tour on private property in spectacular Tombong, adjacent to the Byadbo Wilderness, on Sunday morning.

The field trip will include a 4WD tour and guided bird identification exercise by Damon Oliver (Senior Team Leader and Threatened Species Officer) of NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. Felicity Sturgiss (LLS Project Officer) will share information on how you can participate in the project and provide practical information on developing integrated property management plans and restoration of habitat for Scarlet Robin and other threatened woodland birds.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alana Lunn and husband James on the birth of their first child, a son, Deacon James, born on 9th January at Lyell McEwan Hospital, South Australia, weighing 6lb. 8 Ozs. Deacon is the first grandchild for Cathy and Alan Smith.



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO MAX SMALLMAN

Max was the recipient of a surprise 80th birthday party on the 18th February at the home of Gail's sister at Bowral. Max thought they were celebrating the birthday of a nephew and happily helped with preparing the food, before being taken off on the pretext of visiting a local boutique brewery. While he was away, around 50 guest arrived so it was a lovely surprise for Max who is always the first to turn up where help is needed for the Hospital Auxiliary or Campdraft.



60th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Michelle Ingram, Flynn Callaway and Mandy Giddings who recently celebrated their 60th birthdays at Marlo.

A good number of friends and family gathered to wish them well on their special occasion



Cloudride 2018

<http://www.cloudride1000.com/>

This annual bicycle ride will pass through Delegate over the Easter break, so keep a sharp eye out on the roads for bicycle riders. They will come from Bombala via Mila and Craigie, then from Delegate will go via Browns Camp Rd, Hobbs Rd, Dellicknora Rd, McKillops Rd, Tubbut then over to the Snowy River to join the Barry Way.

Starts

8:00am Friday 30 March 2018
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SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

A good crowd enjoyed non stop entertainment by several groups.

A big thank you to Clancy Matthews who initiated the idea to have Tige and Tracey perform. The event then grew. A big thank you also to Roger Baker, who also performed along with friends from Canberra.

With such a successful evening, it is hoped to plan this performance again.

The men's pennant team golf has kicked off again. Let's see if Delegate can keep up its reputation and win the event this year.



DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB HAPPENINGS

On Saturday 24th of Feb, Delegate hosted 4 men's teams to play pennants golf. Each team of five had to contend with hot, windy conditions. Despite the conditions, the scores were very good. Delegate won against Nimmitabel five-nil. Bombala won their game against Jindabyne 4 to 1. The best Stableford score for the day was Nick Ryan of Bombala with 41. Six players had a score of 40. Thanks to those that donated salads and helped on the day.



Right Members of the Pennant teams..

Upcoming Events.

A volunteers day will be held on Saturday 10th March, starting at 3pm. All those who have helped the club in any way are welcome. Like last year, the club is funding the function from the tips jar.

Claiming the Date.

Following the great success of the Country and Western music event earlier this month, another evening is planned for Saturday 27th October. Rodger Baker has organised all the musicians to participate again. This event also coincides with the 30 year celebrations of the Settlers Hut and the week-end of the Men from Snowy River Marchers welcome home

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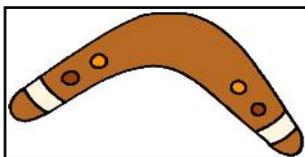


BUNDIAN GALLERY UPDATE

We are waiting for the Monaro Groups to contact us concerning a Naidoc Week exhibition from 8th to 15th July. Pauline Coxon and other artists will be featured. Local schools will be engaged in workshops.

John Blay is working on “indigenous awareness” programmes for the schools.

Andrew Gray is planning a new exhibition to cover April, May, June, which we have requested will open on Easter week-end, Saturday 31st March.



CYNTHIA JONES CREATION ON FRONT PAGE OF LONDON FASHION MAGAZINE.

Cynthia keeps on achieving great success with her millinery creations, and is becoming well known in the fashion world. This extravagant creation is modelled by her niece Isabel.



Media Release

Thursday, 22 February 2018 | Media contact: Rachel Dawkins 0407 821 153

Autumn firewood collection season opens Thursday 1 March

The Autumn Firewood Collection Season for 2018 starts across Victoria on Thursday 1 March and closes on 30 June.

Gippsland's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Chris Stephenson said: "We want to remind people that it will once again be legal to collect firewood from designated areas on public land across Victoria from 1 March 2018 until 30 June 2018.

"More information and updates, including interactive maps showing designated collection areas, will be available on www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood from the 1 March, or you can call 136 186 to find out more.

"DELWP and Parks Victoria staff will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to make sure people are doing the right thing while collecting their firewood.

"It's important that people only collect firewood from designated collection areas in State forests or parks where collection is allowed, and to stay within collection limits.

"This includes taking a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. This is to prevent households stockpiling large volumes of firewood from public land and denying others a supply.

"The felling of any trees for firewood by members of the public is strictly prohibited."

The amount of domestic firewood available across Victoria is varied and some households rely on firewood for winter energy, so consider others when taking firewood.

"Some firewood collection areas may be part of the autumn planned burning program, so it's important that you check where burns are happening as affected firewood collection areas may be closed at short notice. Go to www.ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn, download the VicEmergency app or call 1800 226 226."

Under the Forest Act 1958, people who collect firewood outside designated firewood collection areas or a firewood collection season or take more than the maximum allowable amounts can face an infringement notice of \$634, or a maximum penalty of one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$7,928 or both, if the matter proceeded to Court.

Any information the community may have about the illegal removal of firewood for sale can be reported to DELWP on 136 186 and quote Operation Block Splitter.

Preventing Falls Promoting 'LiFE' in Delegate

Are you over 60 and concerned about your balance? Have you tripped or fallen over in the past year or are you worried about falling? Perhaps you are finding it harder to get out of a chair than you used to? LiFE might be the program for you.

LiFE is a free program which teaches you to incorporate some simple leg strengthening and balance activities into your daily tasks and routines. These activities have been shown to reduce the risk of falling. The program runs for 1 hour each week for 5 weeks and each participant also has an individual appointment at the start and finish of the program.

When: Mondays 1-2pm starting April 23rd 2018

Where: Delegate (venue to be confirmed)

What: Free 7 week falls prevention exercise program

Who: People aged 60+, living at home, able to walk independently (with or without a walking aid), not diagnosed with dementia

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.

Delegate Pony Club

After a fun day at Delegate Show 8 riders attended Delegate Pony Clubs March rally day on Sunday 4th March 2018. The riders enjoyed jumping using the jump set up from the show.

Rowena Butterworth set up a complex course and ran the riders and their ponies through their paces. Rachel Butterworth took the riders for the 2nd session of the day running them through some exciting mounted games.

Delegate Pony Club hope to enter a team or 2 in the up and coming mounted games in Bungendore in May. Delegate Pony Club hold their rally days 1st Sunday of every month, please check Delegate Pony Club Community page for updates and up and coming events. Next Rally Day 1st April – 9:30am gear check for a 10:00 start.

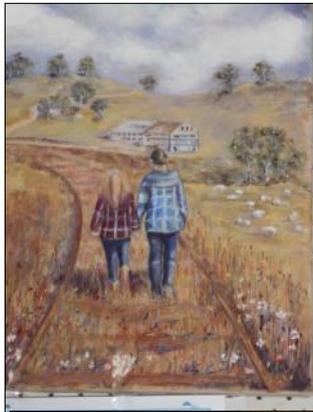


Delegate Show

Below: Lana Jamieson with her mother Gail Peisley and Duane from Orr Street (We didn't get his last name, but it was pleasing to see him helping out in the kitchen on Friday and the Kiosk on Saturday)
Two newcomers to the district who also gave a helping hand at the Show, Marian Sheldrake and Nicole Mellon. Look in next months paper for pavilion results.



Below: Some the various colourful exhibits in the pavilion:



Delegate Show



DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW

CATTLE RESULTS

STUD BREEDERS SECTION

CLASS 3 – Bull 12 Mths and Under 18 Mths – 1st M & G Speckle Park with M & G Impact

Junior Champion Bull - M & G Speckle Park with M & G Impact

Grand Champion Bull - M & G Speckle Park with M & G Impact

CLASS 8 - Heifer, 12 Months & Under 18 Months – 1st Ferndale Lincoln Reds with Ferndale Mahogany

CLASS 9 – Heifer, 6 Months & Under 12 Months - 1st Ferndale Lincoln Reds with Ferndale Marian,
2nd M & G Speckle Park with M & G Nanette

Junior Champion Female - Ferndale Lincoln Reds with Ferndale Mahogany

Grand Champion Female – Keathellen Trophy - Ferndale Lincoln Reds with Ferndale Mahogany

CLASS 11 – SUPREME CHAMPION BEEF BREED - M & G Speckle Park with M & G Impact

CLASS 12 – Reserve Supreme Champion Beef Breed – Ferndale Lincoln Reds with Ferndale Mahogany

CLASS 14 – Pair of Females - Any Breed - Palarang Trophy – Ferndale Lincoln Reds

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COMMERCIAL BREEDERS SECTION

CLASS 17 – Pen of 3 Steers – Mary Anne Robertson & Graham Thistleton

FAT CATTLE

CLASS 18 – Fat Bullock - Mary Anne Robertson & Graham Thistleton

CLASS 19 – Fat Steer with no permanent teeth - Mary Anne Robertson & Graham Thistleton

CLASS 20 – Fat Steer Vealer - Mary Anne Robertson & Graham Thistleton

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE JUDGING RESULTS

1st - Ellery Farran

2nd - Callan Jamieson

3rd – Logan Nichol

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – MERINO SHEEP RESULTS

STUD BREEDERS SECTION

Fine Wool Classes (Rams)

CLASS 11 – Ram March Shorn 2 tooth and under – 1st Hinesville

CLASS 12 - Ram March Shorn 4 tooth and over - 1st Hinesville

CLASS 15 – Champion Fine Wool Ram - Hinesville

Medium Wool Classes (Rams)

CLASS 29 – Ram August Shorn 2 tooth and under - 1st Hinesville

CLASS 30 – Ram August Shorn 4 tooth and over - 1st Hinesville

CLASS 31 – Champion Medium Wool Ram - Hinesville

Poll Merino Classes

CLASS 45 - Ram August Shorn – Superfine/Fine, any age – 1st Westplains

CLASS 46 – Ram August Shorn-Medium/Strong, any age - 1st Westplains, 2nd Westplains

CLASS 47 – Champion Poll Merino Ram – Westplains

Unhoused Merino/Poll Merino Section

CLASS 53 – Unhoused Ram – Superfine/Fine (Less than 12 months growth) - 1st Westplains

CLASS 55 – Champion Unhoused Ram - Westplains

CLASS 56 - Unhoused Ewe – Superfine/Fine (Less than 12 months growth) - 1st Hinesville

CLASS 57- Unhoused Ewe – Medium/Strong(Less than 12 months growth) - 1st Hinesville

CLASS 58 – Champion Unhoused Ram – Hinesville

Grand Champion Merino Ram – Bibbendale Perpetual Trophy donated by The Late George Constance - Hinesville (Class 15)

Reserve Grand Champion Merino Ram – Hinesville

Grand Champion Merino Ewe – CR Martin Memorial Perpetual Trophy – donated by the late Malcolm and Mrs Ann Martin – Hinesville

Reserve Grant Champion Merino Ewe – Hinesville

SUPREME MERINO EXHIBIT – Sponsored by Hinesville Merino Stud – Hinesville

RF Ingram Perpetual Trophy – Sponsored by the Ingram Family – Old Tombong, 1 Ram & 2 Ewes – Hinesville

NS McDonald Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the Most Successful Exhibitor – Hinesville

PAVILLION RESULTS

John and Mary Horton Memorial Prize for Most Successful Exhibitor in the Pavillion – Katrina Jamieson

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – WOOL RESULTS

CLASS 1 – Merino Fleece, Strong Combing, skirted – 1st D & L Chapman

CLASS 3 – Merino Fleece, Medium Combing, skirted - 1st D & L Chapman, 2nd D & L Chapman

CLASS 4 - Merino Hogget Fleece, Medium Combing, skirted - 1st D & L Chapman

CLASS 5 – Merino Fleece, Fine Combing, skirted – 1st Peter Guthrie

CLASS 6 – Merino Hogget Fleece, Fine Combing, skirted - 1st Peter Guthrie, 2nd Peter Guthrie

CLASS 7 – Merino Fleece, Super Fine Combing, skirted - 1st Peter Guthrie

CLASS 8 - Merino Hogget Fleece, Super Fine Combing, skirted - 1st Peter Guthrie

CLASS 9 – Merino Fleece, Any Type, unskirted, to be judged for commercial value - 1st D & L Chapman

CLASS 16 – CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW - D & L Chapman

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE OF SHOW – Peter Guthrie

EG Ingram Memorial Trophy sponsored by W and F Kimber Pty Ltd for the Most Successful Exhibitor – Peter Guthrie

Dynon Wools Prize for Fleece Of The Highest Commercial Value - D & L Chapman

TWG Fleece Competition (3 Fleeces) - 1st Peter Guthrie, 2nd Ron Horton

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – JUNIOR JUDGING – GRAIN RESULTS

1st Ellery Farran

2nd Bowen Farran

3rd Cooper Kidd

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Kindergarten & Year 1 – 1st Lola Tonissen, 2nd Anna Cameron

Years 2, 3 & 4 – 1st Freddie Merritt, 2nd Bella Tonissen

Years 5 & 6 – 1st Jayden Clear, 2nd James McMillan

Open – 1st Zac McGowen, 2nd Ellery Farran

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DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – DECORATED BIKE COMPETITION RESULTS

Pre-School – 1st Abby Gilbert, 2nd Thomas Kading

Kinder & Yrs 1 & 2 – 1st Cooper Gilbert

Years 3 to 6 – 1st Emily Gilbert, 2nd Billie Farran

High School – 1st Ellery Farran

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – BABY/TINY TOTS/JUNIOR MISS SHOWGIRL

0-1yr Girls – Ellen Guthrie

0-1yr Boys – Angus Gillespie-Jones

1-2 yrs Girls – Charlie Makeham

1-2yrs Boys – Liam Guthrie

3-5yrs Girls – Lola Tonissen

6-10yrs Girls – Zian Armstrong

15-18yrs Girls – Claudia Tonks

DELEGATE 110TH ANNUAL SHOW – SHEEP DOG TRIAL RESULTS

Novice Trial – Sponsored by N Talbot Transport and Dogpro – 1st Carol Tranor with Whisper

Ken Summerill Memorial Open Trial – 1st John Perry with Raffa, 2nd John Perry with Jazz, 3rd John Perry with Apache

Local Farm Dog Trial – 1st Eddie Sellers with Red Dog

DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming Carnival



Show Entry's



Thank you to all our students and staff for their wonderful contributions to one of our town's most important events—The Delegate Show. The students' art/craft, cooking and garden entries were numerous and of a high standard. Delegate Public School won the Highest Points in the Condiments Section for

School art projects



Jams & Pickles and also the Junior Encouragement Award for Vegetable Section. Congratulations to John, Susan & Jasmine and thanks again for your extra efforts. There were so many junior food entries they had to bring out more tables and are contemplating an extra prize section for next year.

Our thanks also go to parent helpers/tutors Su King, Kristy Brooks and our Dave who made Wednesday Creative Workshops for show items very productive. Also thank you to Kelly Graczol and Esther Ingram for their assistance on the day.

A big thankyou to all the children who helped out in the kitchen on the day. This has been a time honoured tradition of the school and it is good to see it still happening.



A group of people from the Kosciuszko Huts Association recently visited Delegate and surrounding areas, and were shown some of the local sites by Penny and John Judge. Below is the article which they forwarded to us about their trip which has also appeared in their own magazine.

Mountain Huts Tour

In late February a group of 8 members of Kosciuszko Huts Association visited many huts and sites around Nimmitabel, Delegate and Bendoc, with Delegate the hub of our journeys. Camping in the delightful ‘old-time’ camping area on the Delegate river with its abundance of platypus and blackberries, we enjoyed a film night in true country style complete with supper in the School of Arts – a fascinating contact with locals from the “Athens of the South” as Penny and John Judge call it.

We visited the very well cared for Wilsons and Alexanders huts as well as old Dartmoor Hut. This hut built in the 1920’s, its logs rotting away and the roof wobbling needs some tender loving care (by the way it was named Dartmoor because of the builder not liking its the location said it was the coldest place on earth!) . Alexanders Hut set in beautiful grassy hills with magnificent tall forest surrounding was so special that one of our group decided to go back and enjoy it for two more nights. Close by is Nunnock’s swamp , a rare high country swamp where sphagnum moss is absolutely saturated with water as demonstrated by squeezing out a handful of water.

There were plenty of other highlights to this trip, one of which was a visit to Penny and John’s lovely book lined timber home near Craigie in the forest along the Bundian Way. There we had afternoon tea, a great discussion about the challenges in establishing the Bundian Way as well as a tour of their garden – rat and mouse, as well as possum and bird proofed. Some ingenious inventions made out of whatever comes to hand abound in this property. The Bundian Way gallery in Delegate was opened especially for us on Sunday morning by Sharon, a volunteer with the Delegate Progress Association. Wonderful information about the aboriginal song lines comprising the Bundian Way and beautiful photographs and stories from some of the key aboriginal contributors.

So many other delights – mining relics, an old cemetery out of Bendoc with no headstones or markers (a real puzzle, were they deliberately removed?) bygone service stations, an original old inn (Wollingubra) prefabricated pine and imported from the USA in 1860 to provide accommodation for travellers to the Kiandra goldfields. The adjacent orchard of fruit trees laden with apples, plums and quinces gave us a feast – no bird or fruit fly damage. Then our trip up the Delegate Hill Nature Reserve – steep drop offs and magnificent tall timber forest to see an old forestry hut and think about how the fire spotter climbs the fire tower most days in the fire season (actually a big telecommunications tower – large steel structure with steel ladders climbing up into the clouds!) We had a most interesting discussion with him on the phone from ground level!

Our last evening comprised a huge and delicious meal in the Delegate hotel and a very happy evening around the campground’s cob oven concluded our trip through this seldom visited area and towns where we were made very welcome by all the local people we met. Thank you folks!

Graham Scully

Below: Seated around the cob oven fire.



HERE & THERE

Happy Returns to March birthday people including, Max Clear, Brody Lewis, Luke Mikula, Adam Mikula, Denise Nichol, Tracy Walker, Neil Armstrong, Cathy Reed.

Many Happy Returns to Judy Cameron who celebrated her 70th birthday at the Delegate Country Club on Saturday 24th

Also many Happy Returns to one of our long time readers, Pat Walker celebrated a milestone birthday recently.



Delegate Residents said their Goodbyes to Anthony Roberts at a fitting Memorial Service at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday 17th February.

The death occurred at her residence of Audrey Armstrong on 12th February. Audrey had been ill for some time and has just come home for a few days with her family when she passed away. Her funeral service took place at St Philip's Church, Delegate on Tuesday 22nd February followed by interment in the Delegate Cemetery. She is survived by husband Norman and four children, Jeannette, Beverly, Jamie and Tim as well as 9 grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to all.

Rachel Dawkins of DWELP has advised that the firewood collection season opened on the 1st. March.



For those people who have recently moved to Delegate, we would like to advise that Council Rates can be paid at our Office at the Rural Transaction Centre.

Congratulations to Angie Ryan and Brad Guthrie on the birth of their second son, Toby Jack. The little boy is a brother for Patrick and the fourth grandchild for Patricia and Peter Guthrie and the 5th grandchild for Debbie Worthington and John Ryan.



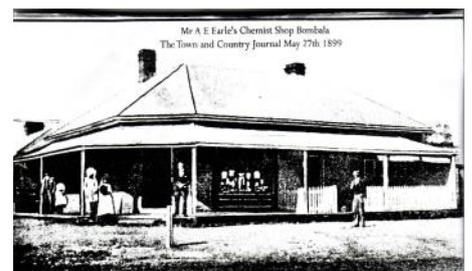
Congratulations also to Natasha and Corey Nichol on the birth of their third child at Cooma Hospital. The little boy is a brother for Logan and Paige and is to be named Chase Edward. He is the third grandchild for June and Geoff Raines and the fifth for Denise and David Nichol.

The giant pumpkin grown by the Farran family pictured had to be brought in to the show on a wheelbarrow



Plans are being formulated for a big week-end in October 27th and 28th, when the Settlers Hut celebrates 30 years as well as welcome home service for the Men from Snowy River on Sunday. The Country Club have also organised a Country Music night on Saturday 27th. More details later.

There are some interesting old photos of the original Bombala Chemist Shop in the latest "The Platypus," Bombala Historical Society's magazine. The photo appeared in the Town and Country Journal in 1899. The shop was located on the corner of Bombala and Caveat Streets, where Dick Robinson later had a hairdressing business and had several owners, eventually locating to its present location in 1986.



LOOKING BACK



Pupils at the Woodglen School holding their banner on District Sports Day.



The great photo on the left is of pupils of the Delegate Public School playing marbles in 1919. The reason for the masks would probably be because of the Spanish Flu Epidemic, which swept the world at the end of World War I.

Community Information

EMERGENCY / AMBULANCE: 000

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POLICE

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Bombala : 64583444

Cooma: 6452 0099

Bendoc: 6458 1523

HOSPITAL: 6459 8000

DOCTOR: 64951369

CHURCHES

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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

Anglican: Rev. Robert Lindeck 6241557 Mob.
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Rev Judy Holdsworth—64583513
Services: 11am every Sunday..

COMMUNITY HEALTH (3 days per week)

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This New Challenge Changes Everything

Until now the main problem we have had to contend with when growing fruit here has been those pesky late frosts that prevent fruit set and the parrots that destroy anything not netted. However, this year the pest Queensland Fruit Fly has spread into Delegate with apricots and peaches being the worst affected. This now means that in order to get an edible crop a new range of time consuming and expensive cultural practices now have to be employed as well as a programme of removing unattended trees.

Why has this pest got a foothold here? And why now?

Some of the answer is to do with the warming climate. We no longer have the degree of freezing of the soil that would ordinarily massively reduce the emergence of adult flies at the beginning of the growing season. Also the warm period is now longer and more intense allowing more generations in a year. The shift in rainfall from winter towards summer dominance also means that there is an increase in the growth of bacterial colonies on vegetation which is the food that maintains the adult flies.

The other contributing factor is the extensive transport of fruit between regions. This has aided the spread and also topped up local numbers of the fly from time to time. Transport was also behind the recent outbreak in Tasmania when infected fruit was sent from the mainland. Modern marketing strategy extends the length of time that seasonal fruit is available by routinely sourcing fruit from many distant growing areas. For example, low chill peaches now come early in the season from Queensland where previously stone fruit were an unknown crop.

There is no easy fix for fruit fly especially for the home gardener who, not having the insecticide sprays and equipment available to commercial growers, has limited capacity to thoroughly protect trees. In any case most of the motivation to grow fruit at home is that it is pesticide free. It is unlikely that a programme of releasing sterile flies in order to reduce populations will ever occur here since we are not a recognised commercial fruit growing area.

Most Queensland Fruit Fly damage occurs during mid and late summer and flies multiply rapidly after falls of summer rain or high humidity. The fruit fly also commonly attacks tomatoes. The best defence is to pick the tomatoes when they are showing the faintest yellow colouring and to then continue ripening indoors. Individual plants can be secured in fly net but this causes a different set of problems as the reduced light delays production and the increased humidity promotes a range of leaf diseases.

Do not confuse the vinegar fly, *Drosophila* with Queensland Fruit Fly. *Drosophila* appear seemingly from nowhere to feast on damaged fruit and any rotting vegetation and as such are secondary invaders. They are brown and very small (3mm.) and when disturbed fly up a few metres in a cloud and quickly settle again.

The Queensland Fruit Fly is 8mm. long and shelters on the underside of leaves. When it lays the eggs just under the skin it introduces a bacteria that creates a brown rot pre-digesting the fruit for the maggots. The maggots (with the bacteria) travel to the centre of the fruit. They are readily identified by their black head area. Fruit usually appears sound and it is only on opening that the extent of the invasion is seen. When trapping to reduce numbers it is important to use a lure that attracts both male and females flies.

Other things should be happening in the garden but we seem to be holding off all activities until it rains which is usually the trigger for Autumn proper. The main thing is to plan to compost all the fallen leaves and prunings to increase soil carbon. Every increase in organic matter improves plant nutrition and water relations making gardening more likely to be successful and trouble free.



Adult Queensland fruit fly (*Bactrocera tryoni*).