

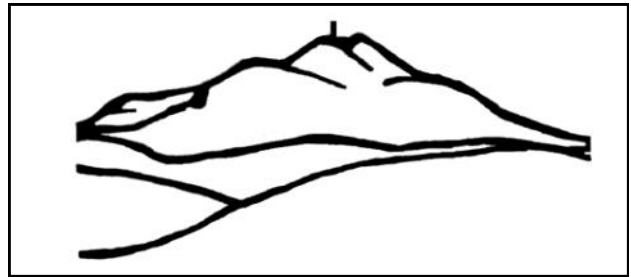
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DOREEN STANDEN—CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

A well deserved award of Citizen of the Year was presented to local Doreen Standen, at the local Australia Day Celebrations in Bombala on Saturday 30th January, 2010. Doreen was nominated by the Committee of the Delegate School of Arts, where she has been a long standing Committee Member for many years. Doreen and helpers are responsible for the two excellent history rooms at the front of the School of Arts, and for the general upkeep of this important building. The application was supported by local groups, including the Settlers Hut Committee and the Delegate Progress Association, Doreen being a hard working member of these and a number of other organizations. The presentation was made by Mayor Bob Stewart, who also presented Junior Citizen of the Year, Marnie Moreing with her award.

There was a good crowd present to watch the awards ceremony, but unfortunately Doreen was not able to be present for the Flag Raising, as she was a guest at a wedding at Edrom on the South Coast.

Left: Doreen receiving her award from Mayor Bob Stewart.



BENDOC HONOURS IT'S PAST CITIZENS

A large crowd, many of whom traveled long distances was present at Bendoc for the official opening of the Memorial Wall, with seventeen plaques featuring the names of former residents. Following the official ceremony conducted by Rev. Bruce Gallacher, visitors adjourned to the local Hall for a delicious luncheon provided by the Bendoc Progress Association. The Association were also responsible for producing a booklet with a photo of the individual plaques, and Biography of

each residents life.

Below: Some of the visitors at the official opening.



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Schedule of Events.

- 12th. February Pottery Workshop.
- 14th. Feb.—closing date for poetry entries.
- 20th/21st. Feb. International Womens Day Workshops.
- 26th Feb street stall Presbyterian church
- 6th. March Delegate Show
- 9th March DPA meeting
- 13th. March Delegate Camp Draft.
- 11th March International Woman's day
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CAMPING GROUND

The new Caretaker for the Delegate Camping Ground is Cathy Smith and the phone number for reservations is now 64584047.

I would like to thank the local community for their support, and wish them all the best for 2010.

**Helen, Manager
Delegate Post Office**

DELEGATE ANNUAL SHOW.

Don't forget to get your entries ready for the local show, which is only four week's away.

Entries for Bush Poetry close 14th. February.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION.

As we work on this paper, a wonderful array of photos by local artists is being hung on the walls of the Borderline Gallery.

Well worth a visit to see some wonderful scenes and images.

ALANA'S FRUIT BARN.

Thank you to the community for your support during the acquisition of the Fruit Barn, and the settling in period.

A very special thank you to Wendy & Mark for all their assistance and support during the handover.

We look forward to serving the community, and to your support for many years to come.

Once again THANKS.

ALANA BROWNLIE & STAFF.

BUSH POETRY COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS. 16 Years & Under.

Entries to RT/CT Centre Delegate by 14th. February.

Limit of two entries per person.

First Prize 20.00

2 Encouragement Awards \$5.00

CHRISTMAS AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.

Guests were lavish in their praise of the Christmas Dinner provided at the Delegate Country Club, with 65 people turning up to enjoy a magnificent repast. Board member Lana Jamieson, along with Sharon Buckman and helpers spared nothing when it came to providing an abundance of delicious eats. A big thank you to Allen Buckman who was barman for the day. As the day turned out to be cool, the menu was changed to a hot meal for the main course, which was much appreciated by all. Diners enjoyed hot Roast Pork, Turkey, beef, chicken and cold ham and prawns served with hot veggies or salad. Desert was cheese-cake, pavlova, chocolate cake and plum pudding with ice-cream, cream or custard.



There is plans afoot for a repeat performance of Christmas dinner next year.



DELEGATE ART CENTRE NEWS.

The Committee of Management for the Art Centre would like to advise the following.

- The Centre will be open with Sharon and Su on the last week-end of each month, for glass slumping, felting, scrap booking and other crafts if desired,
- A pottery group has been formed and will meet one day per month—new members welcome.
- The rental for the Centre is \$8.00 summer and \$12, winter to cover heating, and your contribution will depend on number present.
- Other bookings for workshops must be made at the RT/CT Centre where a Yearly planner will be on display, the key can be picked up at the RT.CT Centre, and rent paid there. We will advertise events in the Delegate Doings if sufficient notice is given.
- We wish all art and Craft people a happy and productive year.
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Delegate Progress Association.



KOREAN STUDENTS VISIT DISTRICT.

Pupils from several schools in South Korea, are visiting Bombala High School, and several local families are hosting them. As some of them don't speak English hosts are resorting to sign language to communicate with their guests.

AUSTRALIA DAY PHOTO COMP.

Congratulations to Alma Reed, who was the winner of this years photography competition, held in conjunction with Bombala's Australia Day Celebrations, the Wool, Wood and Lavender Festival. The photos are framed by the organising Committee and forwarded to the Sydney Show for judging.

INTERNATIONSL WOMENS' DAY WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on mosaics, glass slumping, photography and felting will be held at the Delegate Art Centre on 20th.& 21st. February, and in the wood-work room (article page 9.)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN HISTORIC CHURCH.

On Sunday 17th. December the historic old Presbyterian Church was filled with the sound of music as a congregation of around 40 people sang well known Christmas Carols, and enjoyed an informal service by Father Mick. Bessie Cameron spoke of the history behind her campaign to save the Church from being sold, how it had dawned on her how much our early pioneers had put into this small place of worship, donating much of the lovely old furniture. She said she had felt strongly that this was a part of Delegate's history which should be preserved. Others were then invited to speak about their own, or their family's involvement with the Church, and Father Mick promised

that he would be only too happy to conduct a service in the church if requested. He went on to say that he felt other local Ministers of religion would also be pleased to help out. Following the service lunch was served, with a deli-

cious and plentiful array of sandwiches and

goodies. The Committee would like to advise that the wood raffle conducted in conjunction with the Street Stall was won by Brendon

Smith
Above right: A view of the congregation, Left: a group with long standing connections to the Church, Beryl Phillips, Enid Stewart, Natalie Ingram, Brian Lock. Right: Committee Members Doug Cameron, Meryl Lock, Bessie Cameron, Brian Lock.



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HILDA RIX NICHOLAS EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of local interest is at present being held at the Bendigo Art Gallery with a showing of paintings by well known artist Hilda Rix Nicholas, mother of the late Rix Wright. The official opening took place on Friday 22nd January and the exhibition will continue until the 5th April 2010. Photo's have been loaned from private collections, including some from the local area. A number of people who were unable to attend the opening have expressed interest in seeing the exhibition before the closing date.

A lot of her later paintings were done in and around her home at Knockalong, Tombong, some featuring local people.

Along with other female artists of her time Hilda Rix Nicholas' talents did not at first receive their deserved recognition. However she is now recognized as one of Australia's finest artists with several works on display at the National and State galleries

Right: This photo entitled "In the bush", painted in 1927, is featured on the invitations to the Exhibition Opening.



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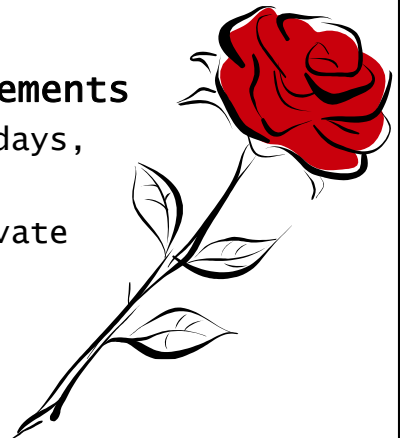
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DOCTORS HOUSE NEWS.

The first stage of refurbishments to the Doctor's house is nearing completion with the last major working B held on Sunday 31st. January. By the second week in February, the kitchen should be installed, and floor coverings down. The Committee would like to sincerely thank the Committees of both Delegate and Cabanandra Campdraft for their generous donations, and the many people who have made donations and supported the fund raising effort in any way. Without this support, and the willing volunteers who put in their time and energy to painting and other tasks, the project would not have been possible. When the final refurbishments are completed the committee hope to hold an open day, for all those who have supported the project, and hope they will come along and see the changes made. The Committee were recently successful in obtaining a grant, which will enable them to do landscaping, and possibly install an ensuite in the area originally used as a surgery.

Mental Health First Aid Training Day

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February

9.30am to 4.30pm both days

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

Cost: FREE

The course covers helping people in mental
 health crisis situations and/or in the early stages
 of mental health problems.

Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of
 common mental health problems, where and how
 to get help and what sort of help has been shown
 by research to be effective.

Applications are available at the RTCT or by
 phone 02 63638426 or email Geor-
 gia.pollard@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Must be in by 12th Feb 2010

CHRISTMAS AT RT/CT CENTRE.

The RT/CT Centre held their annual Xmas get together on Thursday, 17th December. It was a happy occasion attended by a good crowd of volunteers, clients, and families. Many were able to take the opportunity to view the great Christmas exhibition in the Borderline Gallery, as they partook of refreshments.

Below left: Doreen Standen, Laura Chapman, Sharon Buckman and Robin Guthrie

Below centre : Patricia Campbell, Drew Chapman, Ian Sellers, Chops Guthrie and Sid Ponsford.

Bottom right: Karen Cash and Bevan Williams



LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE.

A priest who was a good friend of the family agreed to celebrate a 50th Anniversary mass for a married couple.

While going over the service, he asked if they would like to renew their vows”

“Why” the wife asked “Have they expired?”

FORMER LOCAL ON AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST.

Former local man Max Stuart has been named in the Australia Day Awards for his involvement in Fire Services with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Max will be presented with Australian Fire Services Medal at Government House in Victoria in April.

Max who has been an employee of the Victorian Dept. of Sustainability and Environment for over 25 years, commenced his employment with that organization at Bendoc, before transferring to Denison near Heyfield, Vic.

QUOTES FOR FEBRUARY.

When you aim for perfection you find it is a moving target.

The speed of the leader determines the rate of the pack.

FIRE FIGHTING EFFORTS IN FULL SWING.

The airstrip at Delegate was a hive of activity for several days recently with a number of helicopters and crew seeking to quell numerous outbreaks of small fires which occurred as a result of lightning strikes. Accommodation in the town was in demand and stretched to the limit.

Let us hope that the weather stays favorable to ensure the success of the operation. Storms at this time of year, may bring welcome rain, but as often happens start fires in remote areas of the bush.



Left: One of the large helicopters ready for takeoff.

DELEGATE PRESCHOOL NEWS

The year has resumed at the DELEGATE & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL which is missing children who have begun primary school and saying a very warm welcome to new comers.

The children are straight into the structure and routine of life in an early childhood environment, buzzing around exploring all that they can manage to do in a day. Due to the warm weather recently there has been much fun had playing in the water trough where children get to experience a cooling and fun sensory activity. They are provided with sponges, funnels and cups to manipulate and explore in a mathematical and sensory way.

More recently, some of the children took an excursion to the local general store to purchase some items required for a recipe they were exploring – Gingerbread Men. This coincides with the recent ongoing engagement of a favourite book called “The Gingerbread Man”. The children can now tell you the exact events of the book following every detail.

The preschool is still taking enrolments so should you require and further information please do not hesitate to contact the school on 64588196 or just pop in!

Left: here the children have got their supplies and pose for a photo with ‘Rowena’ who served us.



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY HAPPENINGS.

Celebrations for this years event will include a series of creative workshops to be held at the Delegate Arts Centre on Saturday 20th February. Workshops will include glass slumping, mosaics, felting and photography. Sunday 21st February will see Wood Work room coordinator Neil Currie hosting a ‘women only day’ at the room. Bookings for these activities are essential and can be made by phoning the Visitors Information Centre on 64584622—get in quick because places are limited. The planned activities will give women new skills, or enhance existing skills, which can be used to turn a hobby into a small business opportunity. Local outlets like the Borderline Gallery in Delegate and Visitors Information Centre in Bombala are always on the lookout for local suppliers and have a ready market for works created.

Thursday 11th March will see a morning tea with guest speaker, stalls and information stands at the Delegate School of Arts from 10am-12noon and then lunch at the Delegate Country Club from 12.15pm—3pm. Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Jacquie Ford who is an extremely engaging speaker with a wealth of life experiences. Jacquie is currently working within the education field. Bookings for the lunch can be made at the VIC or by phoning 64584622. Council’s International Women’s Day Awards will be presented at the luncheon and nomination forms are available from the DPA office, Council and the Visitor’s Information Centre.

The theme for International Women’s Day 2010 is ‘Empowering Women to End Poverty by 2015’

SOUTHCARE HELICOPTER SERVICES.

Plans are under way to install lighting, a wind sock and other improvements to improve facilities at Bill Jeffreys Park to ensure safer emergency landings. The Southcare helicopter and their very professional crew were on display at the Bombala Showground on Saturday during the Lavender, Wool and Wood Festival, and happily gave out information on this essential service for isolated rural areas.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

2009 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Delegate Public School hosted the presentation evening on Tuesday, 15th of December. It was an opportunity for students to be recognised for their efforts throughout the year. The night began with the school band performing a few songs.

Then Mrs Sellers presented the Principal's report of the year, and a movie of the past year was shown. The Academic, Sustained Achievement, Improvement and Encouragement Awards were given to students in each grade.

Sports Awards

Senior Boy	Aleck Mitchell
Senior Girl	Amy Jamieson
Junior Boy	Toby Mustard
Junior Girl	Anna Horton
Citizenship Award	Tayla Mikula
Leadership Award	Lachlan Sellers
Endeavour Award	Aaron Cusbert
Principals Award	Laiken Clear
DUX	Jackie Chapman
Rotary Peer Support Award	Tayla Mikula

After the class awards, the gold awards were presented. The students that had earned three hundred tokens for the entire year for good behaviour through the FISH philosophy received their gold awards and a gold medallion. Congratulations to the 17 students that received their gold medallions on the night.

This year has seen the introduction of a leadership team for the Year Six students. All Year Six students had previously given a leadership speech to the whole school, outlining their roles for next year.

The outgoing School Captains and Vice-Captains presented leadership badges to Anna Horton, Phoebe King, and Janine Jamieson. Congratulations to these students – they will be wonderful representatives of Delegate Public School.



Janine Jamieson, Phoebe King and Anna Horton are the new Leadership Team for 2010.



Jackie Chapman received the Dux award on Presentation Night.

Tayla Mikula received the Citizenship and Rotary Peer Support awards.





The 17 students that earned their Gold Awards on Presentation Night.



Photo (kinderstudents 10 photo) The Delegate School Kindergarten students for 2010: Zayne Phillip-Jones, Brigid Dunn, and Jaidyn Clear.

NEW STUDENT

Delegate School welcomes Jordan Williams as a new student to our school. Jordan is in Year Six and we wish him all the best as he settles into our school and community.



Aleck Mitchell and Amy Jamieson won the Senior Sports awards with Toby Mustard and Anna Horton receiving the Junior Sports awards.

DELEGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The 2009 school year began again this year on Thursday 28th January. A warm welcome to our three new kindergarten students: Jaidyn Clear, Zayne Phillips-Jones, and Brigid Dunn.

The kindergarten students will have Ms Wood as their teacher this year. The Delegate Public School community wish the new students all the best while settling in during their first year at school.



Tennis Camps Looks Set to Become a Holiday Fixture

Left to right: Coach Victor Fraser with Zac McGowdn and Archied Horton.

Katie and Charlie Peisley, Alice Hood, Jessica Herron Anna Horton; Katie Peisley in action; Coach Tom Peira ready to start lessons.



Front row: L to R Zac McGowan, Charlie Peisley, Jessica Herron, Kate Peisley, Aarron Cusbert, Thomas Hall, Troy Jamieson, Archie Horton Middle Row: Kayla Hall, Anna Horton, Alice Hood, Jye Herron, Darcy Walker, Max Hood, Will Horton, Duncan Hood Back Row: Kelly Chapman, Ben from Cooma Champs, Sam Buckman, Tom form Cooma Champs.

Three days of intensive tennis coaching has certainly proved to be beneficial to our budding tennis players. Skills, tactics and most importantly enthusiasm were at a high after the recent Tennis Camp held on 18th, 19th and 20th January.

A total of 18 children attended, with the huge majority present for all three days. The intensive days began at 9.00am and finished at 3.00pm. We were fortunate to have the experienced coaches from Cooma Champs running the program. From all reports, the days were packed with fun games and competitions, all aiming to improve the children's skills.

Our Coaches, Tom, Ben and Victor, commented that they really enjoyed coming to Delegate and said that the children were a great bunch of kids. They were pleased with the progress that the children made during the three days of tennis. They have offered to come to Delegate for our next camp next holidays, with the tentative dates at this stage being 12th/13th/14th April. Details will be advertised closer to the time. Keep these dates in mind, and get set for more tennis fun!

Many thanks also to the Bombala Council, for offering sponsorship for this program as part of their "Be Inspired Holiday Program". The Council continues to be strong supporters of our Junior Tennis coaching.

Next night Tennis Comp will be starting soon so put your name on the lists available around town.

BUSH POETRY COMPETITION.

In conjunction with Delegate Annual Show.

The Bush Poetry Competition is sponsored by the Delegate Progress Association Phone
(02) 64588388

Name:.....

Entries: (Limit of two).

Title:.....

Title:.....

Entries to RT/CT Centre Delegate by 14th. February.

Adult open section—any subject.

First Prize \$50.00

2nd. Prize \$30.00

Two Encouragement awards for non prize winners \$20.00

I give my permission for this poem to be published either in book
form or in the local paper.

Signature.....

When the official events at the Delegate Show on March 6 are over, don't go home.

This year Cross Border Communities are organising a music event with local bands and musicians - you can dance or just sit and enjoy with a drink and a BBQ dinner

Starting with the Judges and friends Bush Band and including young peoples bands from Goongerah, we are hoping that other local musicians will step forward and put their names down to have a play.

Please tell anyone you know who plays an instrument, sings or just likes to listen to come along.

For more information, ring Deb on 64580399

PLATYPUS PATHWAY UPDATE

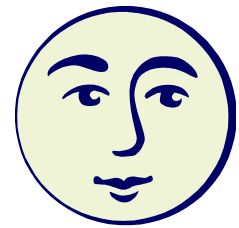
Not much has happened over the Christmas break with the footpath working bee's, but we expect a few show of helpers at the February Working Bee on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21. We will be working on fencing along the river starting from Bill Jeffrey's Park. Starting at 10am, you can come along at whatever time suits you.

We are having fantastic fundraising efforts. Platypus Pals in conjunction with the Delegate Fishing Club were successful in receiving \$13,600 from the Department of Industry & Investment through the Recreation Fishing Trust Grants. This money will be used to clean out the weeds and willows along the river for further construction of the footpath. The trees removed will be replaced with natives, keeping in mind the needs of recreational fishermen, shade and food for fish and platypus and bank erosion.

Donations are rolling in with thanks to Monaro Native Tree Nursery for donating native trees and shrubs, Mark Bruce will be assisting with blackberry spraying, Drew Manning Concreting has donated \$100, Brian Duffel and Alana O'Brien would like to donate two seats as memorials (one on the Golf Course and another at the bottom of Church Street), and Council will be able to assist with two community projects of creating two other seats along the footpath. A big **THANK YOU** to all of our donors.

With all of our fundraising efforts, that puts the total of the Footpath Fundraising up to \$14,500. But there is along way to go yet and a lot of hands on work to do.

NEXT FULL MOON COB OVEN DINNER



The Cob Oven has been used successfully over the past month by various parties, all enjoying the great food it produces and a great atmosphere for the family to enjoy an outing. Some of the great things cooked in the oven so far include Roast Chicken, Sausage Rolls, Muffins, Pizza, Risssoles and Vegies. All have tasted fantastic, and it doesn't take long to cook. The Cob Oven cannot be used on Total Fire Ban, otherwise it can be used any other time. The Oven will need to be lit in the morning for dinner time and anyone can use it.

The first Full Moon Dinner was a success with 35 people attending, all were successfully feed between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, so it is a quick turnaround of food.

To use the Cob Oven, light a small fire in the middle of the oven, once going, add bigger pieces of wood and you can then check it in about 3 hours time to add more wood. By this time the oven should be feeling a bit hot on the outside at the top of the oven. Check in another 3 hours, if you need more coals start adding smaller pieces, the Cob Oven should be ready to use, move the coals to one side and use the other side for your food.

The next Cob Oven Dinner will be on Monday March 1 (there is no full moon in February), and the next Dinner also in March on Tuesday March 30. Bring along what ever you want to cook (if it's roast be early as it will take the similar time as a normal oven), your name will be added to a list so that everyone gets to cook in the oven.

If you want some ideas or recipes, feel free to ask Su King, we will be putting an information board up with recipes and users manual down at the park hopefully sooner rather than later. Please help yourself to the Cob Oven, it was made by the community for the community and we hope you enjoy it.

Public transport for the cross border region?

Why not? Isn't it about time that we were linked with the outside world? Even 70/80 years ago there were mail/passenger vehicles which connected with the trains at either Bombala or Orbost. Even further back than that, a rail link between Orbost and Bombala was big news in a Bombala Times dated 1888.

When the price of petrol goes up, as it will, country areas will be hit hardest. Yet, unlike city dwellers, we have no alternative to our private cars. Our local Transition Towns Cross Border Group has been considering a solution to the lack of public transport. One idea is to use the community buses based at Bendoc and Tubbut to link with the Countrylink and/or V-line buses at Bombala or Nimmitabel at least twice a week. It is thought that with cross border Council/Regional cooperation, if Victoria provides the buses the least NSW can do is provide running costs and funding for drivers. It has also been tentatively agreed that such a service would need to be initially funded for at least 12 months.

As a starting point a meeting will be held in mid-March between East Gippsland and Bombala Council representatives and a representative from the Cross Border Group. We hope to firstly consider how to fund this proposal and more importantly, who might be interested in using it.

We are also aware that public transport is high on the agenda of both State and Federal Governments and that cooperation between States through the Regional Development Australia network is also a definite possibility.

Please talk about this with families, neighbours and friends and help us by filling in this short survey. We need everybody's views on this public transport initiative. Please return survey to Delegate CTC or phone Deb Foskey on 64580399 or Jayne Sellers on 64589230 to discuss the proposal.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY (Please return by 8/3/10)

Do you think that such a proposal would be of benefit to the area ? Yes/No

How often would you personally use this means of transport?

.....

If twice a week which days would suit you?

.....

Do you need more information as to cost, and timetable before making a decision?

.....

NAME:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER.....

(Your name remains confidential but will enable us to contact you as the proposal progresses)

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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**WHETHER YOU COOKED, WORKED BEHIND THE BAR,
WASHED-UP, OR SIMPLY ENJOYED YOUR LUNCH THANK YOU
ONE AND ALL FOR SUPPORTING THE CLUB.**

**If your interesting in Bingo give the Club a
call. Expressions of interest in it's return
are welcome.**

Australian Government Mobile Office visits Delegate

On 3rd February the federal governments new mobile office paid us a visit. This initiative was launched in October 2009 to improve access to Government Services for people living in Rural Communities by bringing together many services and payments offered though Centerlink and Medicare Australia. The friendly staff on board live and work in rural communities and can provide information, assistance and support to seniors, students, families, farmers and farm-dependant small businesses. Debra Inskip, Team Leader says "Its all about PEOPLE and our Focus is the Customer. We're in your community and here to help".

Kelly Spence (Below Left with Trip Support Officer Ash Cook) is the Rural Services Officer for our area. Kelly can be contacted on 02 6200 5316 or Kelly.spence@centrelink.gov.au.

The mobil office was in Bombala on the 2nd February and will be heading down the coast next.

Below right: Australian Government Mobil Office parked opposite the Memorial Park.



February's Garden Tips

FEBRUARY is perhaps the busiest time of year in the Delegate and District garden. Not only are summer crops such as Tomatoes, Zucchini, Beans needing daily attention but it is the peak time to establish most of the winter crops. Broccoli, Carrots, Parsnip, Turnips, Brussels Sprouts, Silver Beet all have to be well established by the end of February or they will bolt to seed in Spring.

This means that unless you have beds spare, some summer crops that are still producing will have to be pulled out. This is a strategy however that is more suited to warmer places where Tomatoes etc. have been producing since Christmas. It never works for me because it is really only February that significant yields from summer crops start to occur. I find it essential to have extra beds available in order to simultaneously establish winter types while summer crops peak rather than copy the common practice elsewhere of having winter crops in succession to summer types.

There is also a lot of conflicting advice about pruning tomatoes. When you take into account the following points you will be better able to make the best decisions for your particular microclimate.

1. Once a leaf is fully expanded it really only maintains itself and since it no longer contributes much to the whole plant can be removed with impunity. This is always a good thing to do when the lower leaves are in contact with the ground because it avoids disease transmission from soil born organisms. There is one proviso though – if the plant is short of nutrients it is essential for the plant to be able to withdraw the elements from the aged leaf and transfer them to emerging parts. This is why lower leaves often yellow and then drop which indicates inadequate plant nutrition.
2. The tiny green fruit manufactures all it own food for growth through photosynthesis and only relies on the plant to supply its water and elements. It is therefore necessary for light to fall on the growing fruit. In a cold or shady situation the fruit will grow and ripen faster if the covering leaves are removed or held away. In a hot climate, or sunny spot, exposing the fruit in this way will cause sunburn which shows up as white patches on the fruit. In these situations it is better to allow the leaves to protect the fruit.
3. Where the growing season is short a plant will be more reliable in bringing fruit to harvest if the number of fruits is reduced by pinching out excess flowers. This will also make the individual fruits larger which may also be sometimes desirable.
4. If frosty weather arrives and the tomatoes are still green pull out the plants and hang them in an airy shed. The tomatoes will ripen slowly over many weeks providing winter taste treats.

It is also time to establish winter flowering annuals like pansies, poppies stock and wallflowers. All the Late Winter/Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now too and it is time to plan ahead for sweet pea planting in March. After that will come the maintenance of perennials, pruning of roses and deciduous fruit trees as well as the seasonal sprayings that prevents fungal disease in the following summer.

There is always something to do in the garden. Just remember that it is not so much what you do as when you do it. If you are running late it is often better to omit the job completely and do it in a timely way next year rather than trying to do it out of season and at the risk of delaying other jobs.



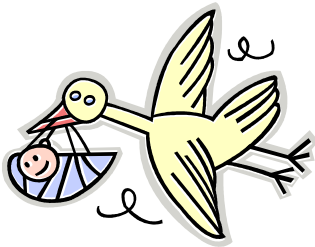
HERE AND THERE

An early Christmas present for two families with the arrival of baby boys.

Congratulations to Therese and Ryan Clear on the birth of their first child, a boy to be named Callum Campbell.

Callum is the third grandchild for Pam and Max Clear

Congratulations also to Fiona and Jason Lambert on the birth of their third child at Cooma Hospital recently,. The 7 lb. 7 oz. boy is named Lucas Douglas and is a brother for Jaden and Tegan.



Happy birthday to all January people including David Richardson, Georgia Reed., Fiona (Foof) Lomas, Adam Walker.

Also to one of the district's senior Citizens Gladys Collings, who celebrated her 88th. birthday on Jan. 28th.

A double celebration on February 18th. For Max Smallman who celebrates a birthday and wedding anniversary on the same day.



Cathy Smith is the new contact for the Delegate Camping Ground— there is a new phone number on back page of paper. Cathy says the park has been fairly busy over the holiday period.



Congratulations to Robyn and Pottsy Mikula on celebrating their 20th Wedding anniversary on Saturday 9th January at their home with friends and family.



Unfortunately the BMX Bike day was cancelled, due to lack of registrations. However a large number of children turned up on the day, and the event will be held at a later date.

The death occurred in the Orbost Hospital recently of former local man Ray Martin, who has resided in Cann River for many years. Ray is survived by wife Maureen and children Ricky, Pricilla, Nigel and five grandchildren, and sympathy is extended to all.

Woodwork enthusiasts are pleased with the news that the operation of the local woodworking room is to be extended.



It is almost 12 months since our local policeman Jason arrived with wife and Fiona and young family.

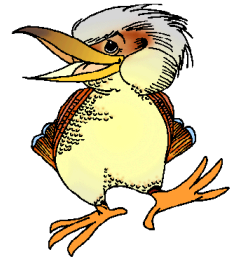
Jason is a keen photographer and finds the area full of opportunities for great photos.

Jason would like to thank the Delegate community for their support since his arrival in the town.



Don't forget to try your hand at Bush Poetry, prizes for which will be announced at the Delegate Show. For judging purposes entries must be in to the RT/CT Centre by 14th January.

This year's judge will be Bush Poet David Meyers from the ACT.



The exercises classes conducted throughout the district are still popular, but lack of numbers in certain classes will cause them to be cancelled. However in Delegate the two Tuesday classes will continue, Those who attend say they feel the benefit, and enjoy the exercise.



LOOKING BACK.

With the Delegate Show to be held shortly, it is only fitting that we publish this old photo of the Delegate Town Band, set up in readiness to play at the old Showground

Below: In recent times the Duntroon Army Band playing at the Re-enactment of the Men from Snowy River March in 2006.



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Contact Numbers

Ambulance 000

Churches

Catholic: Father Mick 64583020

Sister Helen Madden 64583045

Services: Mass Sat 6pm summer

Sat 5pm winter

Except in exception circumstances

Anglican: Rev. Ken Foster

64583018

Services: 11.00 am Sunday

12 noon Thursday

Sept– April 2nd Sunday at

Craigie

Community Health 3 days per week

Podiatrist

Women's Health Nurse

Meals on Wheels

Homecare

Diabetes/Dietitian

Asthma Educator

Early Childhood Clinic

Immunisation Clinics

Wellness Clinic

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