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CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATED TWICE.



Left is chef Gill van Mastricht, preparing the main course for the Cordon Bleu Xmas in July dinner which he catered for at the Delegate Country Club on the 20th August. It was a real treat for guests to sample such high class fare, along with beautifully decorated tables and great waitresses.



The following Saturday, Megan Downie at the Tavern put on a Xmas in July luncheon for guests. (see page 6) so Delegate residents were well catered for in the month of July.

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES GRANT

The Delegate Progress Association has received a grant from PHN South Eastern NSW "Empowering our Communities" and will use it to fund three "Wellness" Days, the first being a trip to Eden, followed by a Women's "Pamper Day" at the School of Arts in September. The final event for men will be held at the Delegate Country Club on a date to be decided.

Details of the trip to Eden are on Page 3, and bookings will be taken as from today the 2nd. August. As seats are limited to 30, booking early is advisable.

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then: 4th Oct and: 1st Nov

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- 8th August Bombala Youth Booth AGM
- 13th August Delegate Progress Association—General meeting
- 17th August—RSL Card Night
- 20th August—Heritage Weekend Comm. Meeting
- 24th August—Eden day Trip.
- 1st September- Country Club—Birdies, Brews & BBQ
- 10th Sept—Hospital Auxiliary Casserole Luncheon @ Country Club Contact Claire on 0158428475
- **Claim The Date**
- 26th Sept—Women's Wellness Day 10am Bonang Hall
- 26th / 27th Oct Celebrate Our Heritage Weekend
- 1st Dec—Golden Age Luncheon



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BOMBALA YOUTH BOOTH IN-CORPORATED

Annual General Meeting.

5.30 pm—8th August

At Club Bombala

On arrival at the meeting members of the public will be able to register to join the committee and pay a small membership fee of \$2.

Some of the items on the agenda will include:

Brief presentation
Appointment of office bearers
Special resolution regarding the constitution. ‘
Banking requirements.

ALL WELCOME.

CLAIMING THE DATE GOLDEN AGE LUNCHEON

1st December, 2019



DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Our badge draw has not gone off in a few weeks, make sure you're at the Club on a Friday evening to have a chance to take home the cash. Membership numbers are drawn at 7pm and 8pm.

A reminder of our opening hours: Friday from 4pm, Saturday from 4pm and Sunday from 11:30am, with golf teeing off every Sunday around 12pm.

COUNTRY CLUB HAPPENINGS



Join us for Birdies, Brews & BBQ on Father's Day

Our Xmas in July luncheon was a great success, with Gill van Mastrigt doing an amazing job in the kitchen, dishing up beautifully presented, delicious food, and was a joy to work with. A huge thank you and congratulations to Gill! The Country Club also thanks to all our staff involved on the evening, especially our volunteers.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.

The following activities planned for August and September for combined groups from towns across the region:

13th August -Visit to Royal Australian Mint—

16th August- visit to Canberra Craft and Quilt Fair.

21st August-Op Shop Tour, Canberra various locations.

27th August-Golden Glory

Games Mini Golf Tournament—Mini Golf King, Fyshwick, ACT

Wednesday 4th September-Potaroo Palace, Merimbula

Wednesday 25th September,-Rodneys Plants Plus at Piallago—Canberra

They are also calling for expressions of interest to visit Ikea, Majura Act on Friday 27th September.

Also Save the Date—Floriade, Commonwealth Park, Canberra on 2nd October, 2019

There is also a planned overnight stay at Cowra Wednesday 18th September to 19th September.

Full details are available in the Community Connections Newsletter and for those who do not receive it, there is a copy for you to peruse at the Rural Transaction Centre.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE LEAVING YOUR WORRIES BEHIND FOR A DAY?

How does a bus trip to Eden sound? On the 24th August we will visit the Whale Museum, have lunch at the Seahorse Inn and see the place where the Bundian Way begins. If you are a farmer, a worker, run a business or a senior citizen wanting to escape the winter chills, you are welcome to join us. The trip is sponsored by phn Southern NSW, so it is at no cost to you. Bookings at RTC on 64588388.

We will be leaving Delegate from the front of the Rural Transaction Centre at 8am and should arrive at Eden at 10am., where there will be a toilet break and a chance to grab a coffee or walk around the shops, before on to the Whale Museum at 11am for a Guided Tour. We will then drive down to the wharf for a look at the boats, before leaving for lunch at the Seahorse Inn at Boydtown. Our last visit will be to the place where the first section of the Bundian Way begins, before returning home via the Imlay road.

Below: The Seahorse Inn , the Eden Wharf and the Whale Museum.



www.Delegate.nsw.au

Take a look at Delegate's website.

Look up Businesses, Accommodation options, What's On,
Read old Delegate Doings, Find Tourist attractions, Contact Community Organisations.

Links to Community Facebook Pages.

If you want to be part of the Delegate site contact Sharon on 64588388

Delegate Café

Temporary Trading hours

Mon, Tue, Thu 8am to 6.30pm

Wed 8am to 3pm

Fri 8am to 8.30pm

Sat 10am to 8.30pm

Sun 10am to 3pm

*Cooking will cease at least 30 minutes
prior to closing times.*

We will not be able to fill gas bottles but Elgas 40kg swaps will still be available as usual. 9kg and 4kg swap bottles are available from John Stewart next door. **Thank you for your patience and co-operation.**

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Xmas in July at the Tavern

Guests were treated to a delicious and hearty four course Xmas lunch catered for by Megan, at the Tavern on Saturday the 27th July. There was a Xmas tree and a great atmosphere enjoyed by all present.



Delegate Hospital Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary recently held their Annual General Meeting. Chris Smith - United Hospital Auxiliary South East Regional Representative and State Treasurer attended the meeting. Elections for Office Bearers were held with the following incumbents duly elected. President – Claire Strickland, Vice President – Helen Jamieson, Secretary – Marie Smith, Treasurer – Gail Smallman, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Jan Ingram, Publicity Officer – Heather Scroope.

Chris Smith also awarded one of our Members - Gail Smallman her 20 year service badge. Gail has been a keen worker on the Hospital Auxiliary Committee since she and Max moved to the Monaro area.

Following the meeting the committee and MPS Managers shared a lovely afternoon tea.

The auxiliary raise funds to purchase items for the MPS to provide comfort and care for Residential and Community Health services.

If you are interested in helping raise money for the Delegate Hospital consider joining the Delegate Hospital Auxiliary. If interested please contact Claire Strickland on 0458428475z



FROSTY MORNING

We have been shivering through some particularly heavy frosts recently, but for photographers it has an upside. Wire fences take on a magical look when covered in frost. Below are two photos taken by Sandra Walker on a winter's morning at Bendoc.



STREETSCAPE

After several months absence, the Snowy Monaro Regional Council met with the local street committee, on Wednesday 24th August, to finalise arrangements for the Delegate streetscape, for which tenders have now been called. They informed us that the first project will be the disabled entrance to the General Store. The trees to be planted are two different varieties of maples the shorter type for under the power lines which should give us a beautiful autumn display.

Speaking of power lines, many would have noticed that the crews have been around recently, butchering any tree near the power line, by cutting the side out.

In fact the tree at the monument has been left in a decidedly unsafe state.

Below: A red maple



Delegate Multi Purpose Service
Craigie St, Delegate 6459 8000

Wellness Clinic

Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri 10.30am - 11.30am
Every week except public holidays.

No Appointments necessary.

A clinic where well people come for health monitoring and a variety of nursing procedures such as:

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
- Blood sugar readings
- Non-urgent and pre-operative Electrocardiograms (ECG)
- Health Assessments
- Suture or clip removal
- Injections with Doctors **written order**
- Other procedures that do not require a Doctor

Pathology clinic (conducted by Pathology West)

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am.

No appointment necessary.

Every week except public holidays.

Other Community Health Services

- Dietician
- Diabetes Educator
- Immunisations
- Podiatry
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Community Health Nurse

To refer to any of the above please ring Community Health Central Intake team on 1800999880

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DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

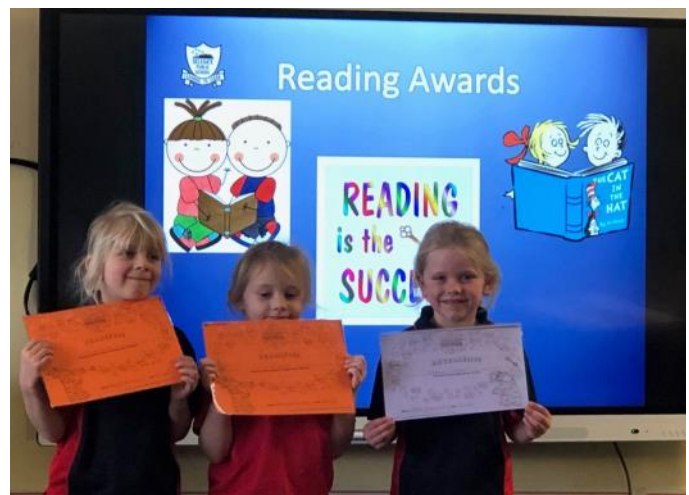
Local Students Compete at State Cross Country Finals

On Friday Errinundra Farran from Delegate Primary School and Adele Lunt from Monaro High School represented the South Coast Region at the State Cross Country Finals at Eastern Creek Motorsport Park. Errin came in 50th in the 11 year Girls 3km race and Adele came in 55th in the 13 year Girls race - also over 3kms. This was a big achievement for the girls who were competing against students from both Catholic and Independent schools as well as those from Government Schools.

The event was livestreamed so at Delegate School all the students watched Errin cross the line. Errin's father Matthew Farran said, "For a student from such a small school as Delegate to be in the top fifty students in the state is a fantastic result. That Errin could do this with no Little Athletics program or coaching is amazing. We are all very proud of her."



Naidoc Week



SOLDIER SETTLERS—PART OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY

In 1956 the landscape of Corrowong Valley changed forever with the advent of Soldier Settlers arriving. This followed the Government's plan to provide blocks of land for Veterans who had served in World War 2, thus requiring the breaking up of former large land holdings, in this case owned by Mrs. James O'Hare. The new arrivals, John Horton, Graeme Pagden, Harry Baker, Ben Clarke, R Cooper/KWind, Tony Demmery, and Sam Ladmore soon built homes, started families and became part of the local community. Following is part of the obituary of the late John Horton, which encapsulates that era:

John Meredith Horton, often called Johnny, was born on 6 October 1926 in Hay. His childhood was spent on the stations of Bundyulumbulah & Toogimbie located on the Murrumbidgee River west of Hay. Dad's early education was at the station where he & his brothers were taught by a number of governesses. Although Dad was quite young at the time, he could remember the Depression Days, the men who were "on the Wallaby" & that his mother & father made sure that everyone who came to the station were looked after. After primary schooling he attended Scots College, Sydney as a boarder where he was a member of the First 11 & First 15 & was well regarded academically. After leaving school he found work as a jackaroo on a number of outback stations, including Burraboogie in the Riverina & Dungalear near Walgett. Dad left Dungalear & enlisted in the Army on 9 November 1944. The night peace was declared he fell off one of the Manly Ferries as it docked & was saved by his army mates who threw him one of the mooring ropes but got him stuck under the fender, nearly pulling him in half hauling him in. After peace was declared Dad was sent as part of the occupying forces in Japan & served there until he returned to Australia & was discharged on 10 November 1947 as a Lance Corporal. Dad did not talk much about this time, but he did recount a couple of funny stories about nearly drowning in a Japanese bath because he was so cold from doing patrol duty in the snow and then when he hopped in the bath the difference in temperature nearly made him pass out. Also, he & another soldier were requested to play bridge with the Sargent & Captain who were none too pleased when Dad & his partner beat them. After leaving the Army Dad returned to civilian life to work as a jackaroo & he also picked up jobs droving sheep & cattle around the western division with his brothers or aboriginal stockmen. He then went to work on the stations owned by his family around Hay & the Darling. One of these positions was as Overseer at Goorimpa, the outstation of Kallara Station that was a million acres, stretched 80 miles from the Darling to the back fence & was managed by Mr Bill Anderson (Mum's Dad). Mum & Dad met when Dad was asked to formal dinner at the homestead. Dad had been given a map by a friend that named all the eligible girls in the area, however, Mum was not on it. We think the friend probably considered Mum too young. After two years of courting, Dad & Mum became engaged in 1956. During his time droving & managing properties, Dad had applied for a number of Soldier Settlers Blocks in the western division. His Qualification Certificate to Apply for L& set apart under Section Three of the War Service L& Settlement Act, 1941, dated 13 January 1948, stated "We are satisfied that the applicant is a Discharged Member of the Forces & that he possesses the necessary experience & fitness to engage in Pastoral (Sheep Raising) pursuits". After no success in drawing a block in the western division, he put in for blocks in other areas of the state & it was then that he drew Block A, Corrowong Estate that was later to be named "Nelenia". When Dad's Mum told him that he had drawn a block at Delegate he asked her "where the hell is that"? After drawing "Nelenia" he proceeded to put in motion the formalities required. One of these was to attend the Court House in Bombala where he was required to state his name & sign forms that he was willing to take up the block. He was driven there by Charlie Reed, who worked for Dalgetys & afterwards they went for refreshments at a café in Bombala. The seats were of the booth type so you could not see who was sitting in the next booth but you could hear the conversation. In the next booth the locals were discussing the new soldier settlers – one of them commented that "there was even a bastard from Bourke, what would he know about this country". Dad when recounting this story would often comment that he would have liked to have met this person so he could advise him that the "bastard from Bourke" was still here & had learnt about the country even if he did originally think that the sun rose in the west & set in the east. At Dad & Mum's 50th wedding anniversary Barry Ingram advised them during his speech that they could now consider themselves locals after living here for 50 years. After their marriage Dad and Mum settled at "Nelenia" & remained there for all of their married life. "Nelenia" being named after an artesian bore on "Kallara". Prior to their marriage Dad had organised to have a house built with the plans & specifications being supplied by the Lands Dept. They arrived with two cats, two dogs & two pigs in a grey Holden ute – Dad never had any other sort of car but a Holden. They then set about having a family with twins, Robin & Peter, arriving in January 1959 followed by Ron in December 1963 & Kylie in August 1965. Dad was a member & tireless worker of many community organisations in the district. On his arrival in Delegate he joined the Delegate cricket team - he always said how much fun he had & that it was a great way to become involved in the area. One of the first organisations that he belonged to was the Woodglen P & C Association & was very proud when Woodglen was the first school in the district to boast a TV set. Dad was a member & President of the Delegate P & A Society & was awarded life membership. He exhibited in the wool section & in partnership with Mum he also exhibited Gladiolis, Roses & fruit. He ran the ewes for the Edgar Wright Sheep & Wool Competition for many years on Nelenia, often supplied the sheep for the sheep dog trials & was a great support to all those who were involved with the Show. As a member of the Sportsground Committee, he helped to build many of the improvements that were carried out during the 1960's, 70's & 80's. This Committee ran the New Year's Eve Ball as their

major fund raiser for a number of years. The dress code being long dresses for the women & a suit & tie for the men – in fact men were not allowed into the New Year's Eve Ball unless they had a tie. After one of these balls Dad & Mum, Barry & Val Ingram, Graeme & Kay Pagden & others ended up on the golf course, playing golf as the sun came up. Often Dad & Mum were required to stay until the last reveller had left to lock up the hall. When the Delegate Rodeo was held, Dad often lent his steers for the bull dogging event & ran one of the retired horses on "Nelenia" for many years. As a member of the Delegate Urban Committee, a forerunner of the Delegate Progress Association, along with Jack Talbot & Carl Cotterill he planted many of the trees that can be seen today. Schoolboys Football was another of Dad's passions. He coached a number of teams while Peter & Ron were playing & was always willing to take as many as he could fit in the station wagon, even if some had to sit in the boot compartment – no seat belts required in those days. He also allowed & encouraged both his daughters & their friends to play in the competitions, he was certainly ahead of his time in that regard. He maintained his membership of the Masons firstly with the Delegate Lodge & later the Mountain Lodge. We remember him learning his lines & getting dressed in his dinner suit. Dad was a member of the Delegate Bushfire Brigade which he captained for many years & was known for his calmness & clear thinking in times of emergencies. Fishing was one of Dad's passions & as a member of the local Acclimatisation Society he often travelled to the Hatchery at Eucumbene to pick up the fingerlings which he released in the river. He also managed to persuade Mum to donate a turkey every year to the local fishing club as a prize for their Christmas raffle. Dad was also a Councillor on the former Bibbenluke Shire Council & when that entity was amalgamated with Bombala Municipal Council in 1977 he served on the interim Council & was then elected as a member of the inaugural Bombala Shire Council. On both of these Councils he held the position of Deputy President & Deputy Mayor respectively & was always well regarded by his fellow councillors as a clear & fair thinker. The Department of Lands required that "continuous improvement" was to occur on the blocks drawn by soldier settlers. Dad only told us the other day about how one of the officers from the Department was not happy about the number of trees that he had left, more should have been cleared – attitudes have certainly changed since then. Dad always said that the trees he had left were in the right place more by good luck than by good management. Dad was very passionate about the land & his stock. The first lot of ewes he purchased came from Goulburn. They were sent to Bombala by rail, then Dad drove them to Nelenia. He always like to walk behind the sheep when he was mustering which kept him very fit. He kept his interest in the sheep & wool industry until the end & was very optimistic about the future of the agricultural sector. Those who worked with him in the sheep yards & shearing shed will remember his Johnny Horton hat that was used for many purposes. Not long after he arrived he sought advice from the then Manager of Dalgetys, Bombala, as to what Stud he should acquire his rams from. The manager advised him to purchase rams from the Hazeldean Stud at Cooma & this started a relationship of over 55 years & one that has been carried on by Chops & Robin. It is thought that the merino flock on Nelenia & Meadowbank is one of the oldest commercial flocks based on Hazeldean blood in the district. During the 1960's & 70's Dad was pleased for the Department of Agriculture to utilise part of "Nelenia" as a trial plot for various grasses & clovers. He was always willing to try out new varieties & made sure that plenty of superphosphate was applied. He also made sure that the dams built on "Nelenia" were of a decent size. Coming from the back country he considered many of the dams in the area the size of a pond or puddle hole. During the 1960's Dad also introduced prime lambs to his operation, with the first prime lamb sires being Dorset Horns & purchased from Cyril Martin. Later Dorset rams from the Moreings were introduced & then Texels in the last few years. The expansion of enterprises saw the purchase of Meadowbank in 1972. Dad also ran a number of cattle during this time, predominantly Hereford with some black baldies, Dad always milked a Jersey until the early 1980's & when Ron returned from a stint at Brunette Downs in the Northern Territory with the idea of running Santa Gertrudis, Dad embraced these very different cattle & was interested to see them crossed first with a Freisen & then with an Angus. Dad was a very good horseman & prior to coming to Delegate rode at a number of picnic & bush race meetings. He did not bring any horses with him as he was required by the Department of Lands to sell his horses & droving outfit to help with the purchase of equipment to run Nelenia. He always had at least two sheep dogs & at times many more. He spoiled his dogs & treated them as part of the family, letting them inside when they were afraid of thunder storms. It was always his rule that his dogs were fed before he knocked off for the day. Most of the time Mum loved them too except when they chased her turkeys. He also maintained an interest in Rugby League, Rugby Union & Cricket, particularly test cricket against England. I can recall one series where Australia was up four nil & I said, well we have won the series now it won't hurt if we lose the last match – his reply was "no way – we need to win this five nil". Dad & Mum were always very supportive of each other's activities. They were a great team together for 58 years until Mum passed away in September 2015. He was also very supportive of his children, grand children & great grand children. He was willing to let us make our own mistakes, but was always around when needed & was very proud of all our achievements. He did not distinguish much between girls & boys & he certainly did not expect Kylie & Robin to stay at home to be the perfect housewife & Peter & Ron to go with him to the sheep yards, rather he thought everyone should be able to have a go at whatever they wanted. However, if you were going to have a go you needed to have a decent one. He had a number of sayings that we will remember him by, including:- Spend it wisely dear girl/boy when sending money for birthdays As slow as a wet week or a dying duck in a thunderstorm I expect you to act with the upmost decorum, & many others that definitely aren't suitable for publication.

Preschool upgrade.

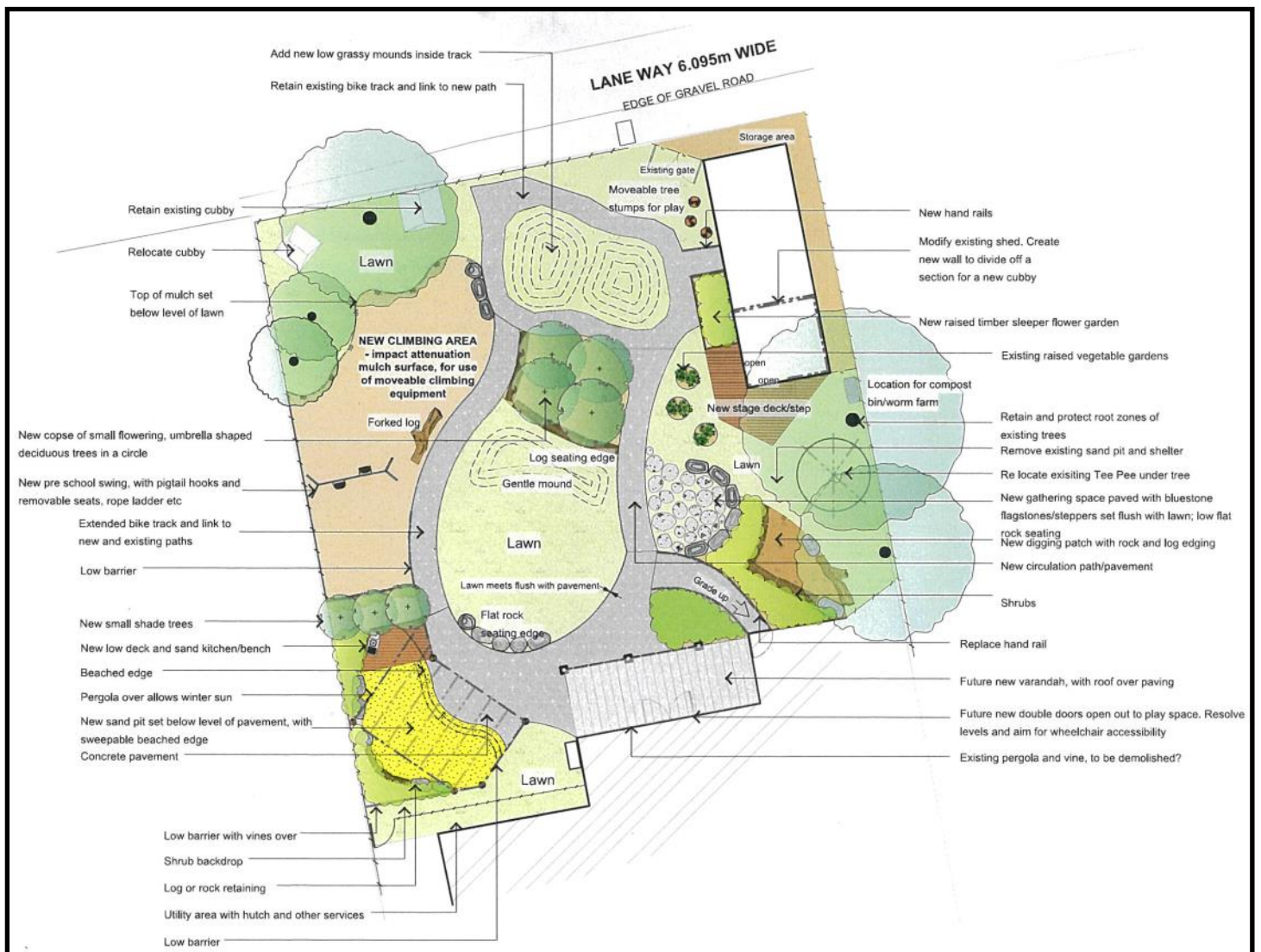
The Delegate & District Preschool is in the process of upgrading their back yard. In 2017/18 they raised \$11,000 by raffling a car. Thank you to all those who supported the raffle. The car was won by local Naomi Reed. The preschool have used some of that money to get a concept plan done for the back yard play area. The plan is on display at the preschool for anyone to drop in and have a look. The preschool is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The preschool is now applying for a grant to get enough money to implement the plan. Part of this process is community consultation. Please take the time to complete the following online survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCQHW53>



The back yard has had no realistic work done in the last 15 years with more and more equipment getting old and no longer passing Australian standards the play area is looking very empty and tired. The new play area will have a swing, a sandpit, a sensory garden, a gathering place, a bike track, soft fall area for movable equipment and a cubby and stage area for role playing. There will also be some raised beds for vegetable and flower growing.

Above: existing play area.

Below: Concept Plan



HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all August birthdays, including, Claire Strickland, Su King, Hunter Reed, Philomena Collins, Laura Chapman, Sharon Buckman, Amelia and Gorgina Jeffreys, Tom Ventry, Chops Guthrie.



Several local businesses will take advantage of the Bombala Chamber of Commerce grant of \$3500 to enhanced the facades of their buildings. Quotes to be forwarded to the Chamber and cutoff date is the end of October. With the planned streetscape happening shortly, it will be a good chance to give a facelift to our main street.

The District was saddened to learn of the death of a young man Thomas Regent, who died in Canberra Hospital recently. Just 21 years of age Thomas had been planning a move to Sydney, his plans cut short by his tragic death. His funeral took place at the Bombala cemetery on Friday 2nd August following a graveside service.

He is survived by his mother Kathy, brother Will and sister Caitlin, stepfather Mark Reed and father Paul Regent.

Sympathy is extended to all.

Unfortunately our librarian, Anthony has been off with a bad back and we have been several weeks without any access to library books. We were notified this week that a car will be in Delegate on Thursday with a small collection of books. Meanwhile we wish Anthony, our popular librarian all the best for his recovery.

A new Bundian Way App will be launched in the near future, with information about the progress of the walk. The 390km walk will be opened for walkers soon, section by section as appropriate infrastructure is installed. There will also be guided cultural tours, latest information at

bundianway.com.au

The proprietors of the Delegate River Tavern has announced on Facebook that it is up for sale. Since it's opening it has been a popular venue for both Delegate and Bombala visitors. With it's situation beside the pure waters of the Delegate River it was also a popular destination for anglers.



Congratulations fo Kate and Nicholas Stanton on the birth of their second son. The little boy who arrived early, is doing well, and is to be named Seth Stewart Stanton. He is the fifth grandchild for John and Sharon Stewart and another grandchild for Jeff Stanton. Kate and Nicholas have been living in the United States in Seattle for several years. Proud grandmother Sharon is over there helping out and John will be joining her shortly.



We have received an email from Gloria Cotterill from Curucao in the Southern Carribean. Shortly after they would going through the Panama Canal, on the home-ward leg of her world cruise. She says she is thoroughly enjoying the trip and has the added bonus of missing the worst of our winter.



LOOKING BACK

The photo below was taken in front of the old convent in Church Street for “The Carnival for the Governor General 1940”

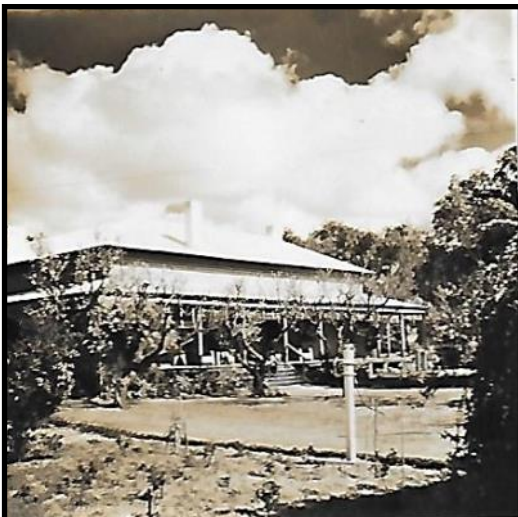
Back from Left: June Stokes, Pat Ingram Inez Alam, Rosie Jones, Monica Smith ?? Jack Thornton. 2nd. Row from back: Peter Whitehead, Carmel and Emily Stokes,???, Rita Thornton, Dawn Morrison, John Alam. 3rd row from back: Dorothy Alam, ????, Maureen Jones, Lorna Thompson, Winsome Morrison, ?? Front Row: Ken Beilieter, John Jones, John Crotty ? Jack Stewart, Toby Black, Reggie Howard, John Bates.



SOLDIER SETTLER HISTORY: (see p. 10)

R: John Horton’s first camp at Nelenia and below: another view of the camp– note the kerosene Refrigerator, so all mod cons.

Below is the gracious old homestead “Toocunbie” west of Hay on the Murrumbidgee River, which John left to go droving, before finally settling at Nelenia”



Community Information

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3rs & 5th Sun. Mass Del. Sun 8am,

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Delegate Community Health Nurse on 6459 8000

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The Winter 'Blues'

I hope you are not expecting a nice play on words that produces an array of blue flowered winter plants - we just do not have them - we have to take the title of this article at face value – that both the garden and the weather at this time of year are dreary and depressing. There has been a lot of frosty mornings which goes hand in hand with dry winters and most evergreen plants have responded by developing a burgundy or purplish colour to their leaves. This further dulls the garden amidst the sea of twigs that are the deciduous trees and shrubs.



If you are hankering for a fresh green look at this time of year the **White Potato Vine** (*Solanum laxa*) from Brazil is a candidate. It is frost hardy to -6°C, although below that it is deciduous. Mine is covering a 2m. chicken wire fence under pine trees (dry soil but sunny) and is looking very lush at present.

It flowers for months and makes a great long lasting cut flower. Its clusters of petite flowers suits both posies and as

filler for large arrangements. It is often a too-willing grower but it can be renewed by cutting it to ground level if necessary. The fact that it rapidly recovers from the roots means that all is not lost if we have a massive frost that defoliates it.

The showy relative from Chile, *Solanum crispata*, has larger purple flower heads but this plant is a bit too cold sensitive to be reliable here.

Another climber that persists here as an evergreen is the **Chinese Star Jasmine** (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*). It has white fragrant flower heads over summer but the flowers not so easy to pick due to the short stems. It can be grown as a ground cover, hedge or climber. When grown as a ground cover it can be pruned with a line trimmer. Its leathery leaves do become dull in winter if grown in exposed positions. The leaves remain glossy and dark green in Summer when given some afternoon shade.



Star jasmine grown as a screen



Glossy leaves and fragrant flowers

N.B. August is the last month for protecting fruit trees with copper sprays to control overwintering fungal disease such as leaf curl. Hopefully the frost this year has dispatched overwintering fruit fly larvae since fruit fly has made an incursion into the district in the last few years.