

THROUGH THE LENS IN 2022.

With the easing of Covid restrictions more social occasions were held in 2022. Below is a pictorial review of some of the happenings., which unfortunately included our camping ground being flooded.



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SCHOOL OF ARTS SHORT POETRY COMPETITION

Winner of \$250.00 prize -

M. Drewitt—"The Town I live In

Special Mention:

J. Cant –"Ragman"

P. Rosemount—"Dust Motes dance"

G. Yankovitch-"Globe."

Congratulations to the winners in each section and big thankyou to all who took part.

With huge thanks to Bombala Rotary for sponsoring the \$250 first prize for this event and to our esteemed judge poet and teacher - Timothy Mallon, I am pleased to announce that the results are in and we have a winner of the Inaugural Delegate School of Arts Short Poetry Competition:

Thank you for supporting our tiny community's beautiful School of Arts and (former) Mechanics Institute. The signature word for the Delegate School of Arts 125th Anniversary Short Poetry Competition will be announced on 1 September 2023.

Cheers, Pip

Dates for your Calendar

- New Years Eve—Music at the Tavern
- 7th January 23 Sunday Sips Auction at Hotel. Live music, barbecue.
- 12th January— DPA Meeting re Rates Variation
- 3rd February—Next issue Delegate Doings

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Delegate Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, 24th December

Vigil Mass—5pm Mass Delegate

Vigil Mass—6.30pm Bombala.

M Drewett – The town I live in

The town I live in is the kind of town you pass on your way to somewhere else. The intersection on the highway glows a dull orange, silent in the fog of three a.m. like a crashed spaceship.

A kitchen light winks in the dark, jug on. She hears a truck on the highway and waits for something to change.

Congratulations to the author of the winning Poem M Drewitt,

Other poems and judge's comments will be in the next edition of the Doings.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. PHILIPS

A nice crowd of adults and children attended the Christmas Carols held at St Philips Church on Saturday morning. Each well known carol was preceded by a reading from the Bible by both children and adults. Stuart Lee took charge of proceedings, while Garry Mallard organised the music. Following the Carols a cup of tea was provided by the ladies, on tables and chairs set up outside in the very welcome warm sunshine. It would be a busy day for the children, who were moving on to the Country Club for a barbecue lunch and a visit from Santa. Next year the carols will be held at St Joseph's Church, Delegate. Below left: Little Grace Kading shown with sister Lily, was fascinated by the "baby" in the crib. R: The group of children.



SANTA COMES TO THE COUNTRY CLUB

The kids had a great time at the Club on Saturday afternoon, and are shown below meeting up with Santa, who arrived in a plane. Before arriving at the Club. Santa's plane, piloted by Raymond Jamieson, prior to dashing though the town in a Fire Truck, to announce his arrival.



Australian Fly fishing Championships.

The Australian National Fly Fishing Championships for 2022 were held in the rivers and lakes of the Jindabyne and Snowy Mountains areas this year commencing on the 7th December.

Well known former local, Brendon Cotterill took part in the competition, gaining 9th place in the Nationals; 2nd place in the NSW section and he received the 3rd place Medal for the Masters.

Congratulations go to Brendon for great result, Brendon grew up fishing the Delegate River and is the young-

est son of Gloria Cotterill.



SUCCESSFUL CAMP OVEN DINNER

The Delegate Country Club was the venue for a dinner with a difference on Saturday night, when over 60 patrons enjoyed a variety of meats cooked over the coals in camp ovens, by the men. The ladies in the kitchen cooked up vegetables and delicious sweets and from all reports the meal was enjoyed by all. It was the biggest crowd seen at the club for a dinner for some time, with parents bringing along their families for a night out. Below is a photo of the men relaxing outside watching the hot coals at work. R: A section of the diners.



MARRIOTT FAMILY MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The unveiling of Memorial Plaque for the Marriott family of Bonang, will be held on Saturday 28th January, 2023 at the Bonang Hall, commencing at 10am for morning tea.

All wishing to attend please bring morning tea and a picnic lunch to share.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Also please bring any photos, memorabilia and your stories.

Any enquiries, please contact Sandra Walker on 0264588089.

Three sisters, daughters of Henry Ingram and Jane Chant,



ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN DELEGATE

Light rain did not mar the Anzac Day commemorations held in Delegate on the morning of the eleventh of November. The school children were there, some of the Patriots Motor Bike Club from Canberra, and Phil Pope who with wife Maree who are leaving to make their home in Ballarat.

Below: Phil the previous RSL President, gave his last address at Delegate.

The main service was conducted by RSL Club President, Dermot Ryan.



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Golden Age Luncheon at the Club:

Top Some of the Guests, Left: Denise, Chrissy and Dennielle, who modelled several of the smart outfits from the Op Shop. Rev. Judy was the compere. The highlight was Chrissy doing a mock strip-tease as the finale. In the middle at the top are the ladies who provided the tasty lunch. Marilyn, Trina and Sue with Judy. R: Some of Joan's beautifully decorated shoes. A big thankyou to all including Roger Baker and Chrissy for the great music.





The Delegate Early Settlers Hut Committee is very pleased to see that the restoration of the dray located in the grounds is now complete. Funds were sourced from the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund and the Committee itself. The Early Settlers Hut is one of the main tourist attractions in the Delegate area and it is great to see the dray restored so that future generations can still view this early mode of transport. When the Hut was originally restored for Delegate's Bicentennial project in 1988, the dray was donated to the Committee. The Delegate Early Settlers Hut Committee would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Boco Rock Community Enhancement Fund Committee for funding the project and to Neil Curry for carrying

out the work.



COUNCIL NOTICE RE HOLIDAY CLOSURES.

Bombala Library

Ordinary opening days Tuesday to Friday.

Closed from 1.30pm Friday 23 December 2022. Reopens Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Delegate Transfer Station

Ordinary opening days Tuesday and Saturday.

Closed Tuesday 27 December 2022. Otherwise open as normal.

Bombala Council Office.

Offices closed from 12 noon Friday 23 December 2022, reopening 8.30am Tuesday 3 January 2023.

LETTER FROM GREAT SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH RE DELE-GATE HEALTH SERVICES.

25 November 2022

SNSWLHD Ref: 22/10119

Dear Delegate community members, MPS residents and families, staff, members of the Delegate Progress Association and Community Consultation Committee,

I am grateful for your feedback and support as we work together to ensure the best health outcomes for the Delegate and Bombala communities.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on service delivery from the Delegate MPS. Whilst there are no proposals to close Residential Aged Care in Delegate, it is important to highlight that staffing continues to be a challenge. Currently, there are only two permanent nursing staff employed by the District of the ten Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursing positions required.

The District is making every effort to recruit nurses to Delegate, Bombala and Cooma with an emphasis on rotation of staff across all three sites to build capacity and experience. Advertised roles are eligible for the new Regional Health incentive scheme which includes opportunities for paid accommodation, postgraduate qualifications, and cash bonuses.

As previously discussed, the focus moving forward will be the implementation of an Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC). The opening hours for planned care at the ATCC will be 9am to 5pm. Unplanned presentations after hours and weekends will be assessed and managed or referred in the usual way which will include utilisation of virtual Emergency Department support and liaison with NSW Ambulance. The Registered Nurse on duty will provide the appropriate assessment and care and the second nurse on duty will continue to care for the inpatients.

A new ATCC sign will replace the current Emergency Department sign this month to more accurately reflect the service that has operated at Delegate MPS without medical staff on site since 2008.

Along with the ATCC there will be an expansion of Community Health Services. Virtual care appointments are now available at Delegate MPS and new equipment has been purchased to set up a dedicated space for expanded virtual care services. The District is proposing increased specialist nursing and allied health care through a mix of face to face centre-based appointments and virtual care appointments. Discussions continue with General Practice to support virtual GP consultations. Delegate residents can access in-home remote monitoring for a range of conditions (including influenza, COVID-19 and diabetes) and can book in-home and virtual allied health appointments through the Central Intake Line **1800 999 880.**

The District is investigating the benefits of a dedicated Patient Transport Vehicle to provide non urgent transport between Cooma and Delegate to reduce pressure on ambulance services.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing engagement as we move forward and ask that you continue to engage with us as we implement these changes. Please send any comments or feedback to SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely Margaret Bennett

Chief Executive

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To All Our

Readers



Delegate Multi Purpose Service Craigie St, Delegate 6459 8000

Wellness Clinic

For Bookings ring 1800 999 880 A clinic where well people come for health monitoring and a variety of nursing procedures such as:

- \cdot Wound care
- · Blood pressure readings
- · Blood sugar readings
- 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.

Women's Health Clinic

4th Thursday of the Month Phone 1800999880 for appointments

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

Victorian Visits

Community Nurse visits Victorian Clients every fortnight. For referral or info ring Orbost Regional Health 03 5154 6666 or Delegate Community Health Nurse on 6459 8000 OLD DELEGATE POST OFFJCE

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Thursday afternoon Creative Hub Workshops

12.30 to 2.30pm

Small charge for materials

Serendipitons Markets last Saturday of the month.

Barista Coffee, Hot chocolate and Tea

Herb and lower posies now available





DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS



Lots of fun and new experiences on the Sydney trip. In a week jam packed with new adventures, the children dined at World Square, took in the sights of Manly, and the zoo, had fun at Luna Park. Then, they visited the Blue Mountains and rode on the scenic skyway, cableway and railway, went jet riding on Sydney Harbour and to top it all off, attended the Anzac Day Service in Martin Place, where the Prime Minister and Premier were present. Certainly a week to remember.









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Special Rate Variation

You are invited to provide feedback on the Special Rate Variation options by completing this survev.

This consultation will be open until 11.59pm Sunday 22 January 2023. BACKGROUND

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on Thursday 24 November 2022, the Council decided to proceed with notifying the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) that Snowy Monaro Regional Council intends to apply for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV).

What is a Special Rate Variation (SRV) and Rate-Pegging?

Rates increase each year in line with an amount set by the State Government. This amount is calculated every year and is called the 'rate peg'. This is decided by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

For the 2023/24 financial year the rate peg applied to Snowy Monaro Regional Council, will be 4.0%. If a council's rate revenue is not enough to maintain service levels, it can apply to IPART to increase overall rate revenue by more than the rate peg. This is known as a Special Rate Variation (SRV). In order to apply for an SRV, councils must demonstrate to the community and IPART that they need the money and have implemented improvements to be more efficient and productive.

Why do we need a Special Rate Variation (SRV)?

The rate increases set by the NSW State Government have not kept pace with cost escalations faced by Council in providing services to our community. Like many other NSW councils, SMRC has not generated revenue sufficient to undertake enough investment in community assets.

Our service delivery costs have increased significantly - fuelling our vehicles to repair roads, clean toilets, mow lawns, pay wages, etc - and the costs involved in purchasing materials, hiring contractors and paying suppliers have also increased.

The additional funds received through the SRV will increase the money available to address and correct Council's operating position will enable sufficient funds to be available for renewal and maintenance of assets and the continuation of current service levels.

What will happen if the special rate variation is not implemented?

If the SRV is not approved, Council will need to implement service level reductions total

If the SRV is not approved, Council will need to implement service level reductions totalling \$28.8 million over the next ten years. Services will need to be discontinued, roads and buildings will continue to deteriorate, and unsafe facilities will be closed so that necessary funds can be redirected to keep essential infrastructure safe and functional for our community.

There are three options for your consideration:

Option 1 – 53% rate increase to be paid in 2023/24. Enables an additional investment of \$64.3 million in asset renewal to stabilise the current infrastructure backlog and to undertake additional renewal and maintenance of our roads and other community assets. Current service levels will be maintained while also progressively improving the operating result ie. financial sustainability.

Option 2 – 55.25% rate increase spread over five years starting from 2023/24. Enables an additional staged investment of \$51.1 million in asset renewal to progressively stabilise the current infrastructure backlog and to undertake additional renewal and maintenance of our roads and other community assets. Over time, current service levels will be maintained while also progressively improving the operating result ie. financial sustainability.

Option 3 - No SRV, Rate Peg Only. Assets and service levels will deteriorate, and the current infrastructure backlog will continue to grow as additional assets deteriorate below satisfactory condition. Council will be required to reduce services and close unsafe facilities.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE SRV ON MY RATES?

Table 1 shows the impact of implementing the SRV on the average rates by rate category. **Table 1 - Increase in 2023/24 Average Rate**

	2022/23 Rate	Average Rate 2023/24				
Rating Category		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
Residential	\$980.29	\$1,499.84	\$1,100.38	\$1,019.50		
Farmland	\$2,026.30	\$3,100.24	\$2,274.52	\$2,107.35		
Business	\$1,071.29	\$1,639.07	\$1,202.52	\$1,114.14		
Electricity Gen- eration	\$43,806.17	\$67,023.44	\$49,172.43	\$45,558.42		

Tables 2 to 5 show the impact of implementing the SRV on the average rates by rate category between 2023/24 and 2027/28.

Residential Category	Cumulat 2023/24	Total				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Option 1	\$519.55	\$557.05	\$595.48	\$634.88	\$675.26	\$2,982.22
Option 2	\$120.09	\$238.38	\$369.38	\$514.47	\$675.16	\$1,917.48
Option 3	\$39.21	\$64.70	\$90.82	\$117.60	\$145.05	\$457.39

 Table 2 - Cumulative increase over 5 years – Average Rate Residential Category

Farmland Category	Cumulati 2023/24 to	Total				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Option 1	\$1,073.94	\$1,151.45	\$1,230.89	\$1,312.32	\$1,395.78	\$6,164.37
Option 2			\$763.53	\$1,063.44	\$1,395.58	\$3,963.50
Option 3	\$81.05	\$133.74	\$187.74	\$243.09	\$299.82	\$945.43

 Table 4 - Cumulative increase over 5 years – Average Business Category

Business Category	Cumulat 2023/24 t	Total				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Option 1	\$567.78	\$608.76	\$650.76	\$693.81	\$737.94	\$3,259.06
Option 2	\$131.23	\$260.50	\$403.67	\$562.23	\$737.83	\$2,095.47
Option 3	\$42.85	\$70.71	\$99.26	\$128.52	\$158.51	\$499.84

Table 5 - Cumulative increase over 5 years – Average Electricity Generation Category

Electricity	icity Cumulative Increase over 5yrs					
Generation	Generation 2023/24 to 2027/28					
Category	egory					
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Option 1	\$23,217.27	\$24,892.86	\$26,610.33	\$28,370.74	\$30,175.17	\$133,266.37
Option 2	\$5,366.26	\$10,652.29	\$16,506.58	\$22,990.20	\$30,170.81	\$85,686.13
Option 3	\$1,752.25	\$2,891.21	\$4,058.64	\$5,255.26	\$6,481.80	\$20,439.16

Over the next few weeks, we will be engaging with our community, to ensure all interested parties are informed and provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the options presented for an SRV application proposal. The details of our various community engagement activities can be found in the Key Dates section of this page (right of the screen on a PC and at the bottom of the page on a smartphone or tablet).

Please Note: YOUR COMMENTS MUST BE IN BY THE 22nd. JANUARY

HERE & THERE

Many happy returns to all those born in December, including, Raymond Jamieson, Megan Downey, Nerida Reed, Dennis Reed, Alma Reed, David Jones



What a long winter it has been, well into November and still requiring fires and other heating. The occasional spring day does not compensate for all the cold ones we are still enduring.



The death occurred at the Delegate Multi Purpose Service on Friday the 4th November of one of the district's oldest residents. Olga Brennan aged 101 and five months, whose funeral was held in Canberra on Monday 21st November. Sympathy is extended to her daughter Susan Tocchini and the rest of her family.



The death occurred at the Delegate Multi Purpose Service of Mrs. Helen Niven. Helen had been suffering from ill health for some time and has spent the last months of her life in hospital. She is survived by her husband Alan and three children, Philip, Brenda and John. Her funeral took place in Bairnsdale.

Sympathy is extended to her family.

The Annual Sunday Sips Auction Day is on again at the Delegate Hotel. On the afternoon of Saturday 7th January. Live Music and a barbecue .



November has been a busy month for visiting buses, with one arriving each week..

A big thankyou to Marilyn and friends for organizing the Golden Age Party. It was a most enjoyable day, with a tasty luncheon, music and a fashion parade. Well done to them and to all who volunteer .



We were all sorry to see the departure of Dr. Keith Gleeson in November. Doctors are so scarce in the bush, they are like diamonds. The present arrangements are that Dr. Steiner will be at the surgery three days per week, Wednesday and Thursday and Friday and a woman doctor will visit on alternate Mondays. Dr Steiner says that at the present time it, is impossible to obtain a doctor for a rural practice like Bombala.

It was proposed at the last General meeting of the Delegate Progress Association that a small Grants fund be set up for local organisations. Interested bodies can apply for a small grant from the Delegate Progress Association for any worthwhile project for the town and district. There will be a simple application form provided.

Congratulations to Rachel and Will Horton on the birth of a baby girl at Cooma Hospital on 30th November 2022. A first grandchild for Mandy and Ron Horton, the little girl is to be named Matilda Roma Mary.



LOOKING BACK



Above: A scene taken at the Bendoc Races and right the programme for the Picnic Race Meeting in 1949.

This may have been the last race meeting conducted there, The annual race meeting was held on Boxing Day for many years and was a popular event drawing large crowds.

As did the Cabanandra races pictured below held annually on New Years Day.





BENDOC & DISTRICT RACING CLUB PICNIC RACE MEETING SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1949

PROGRAMME

Handicap Restricted Stakes of £10 -- Trophies andicap weight 9st. FIVE FURLONGS.

Restricted Handicap Hack Race of £10-

Trophies Second horse to receive 12 trophy out of the stake. For horses that have been domitelied in the Bendoc and Delegate Police batriets for a period of at least three months immediately prior Districts for a period of at least three months and the ABOUT FIVE that have been dominined in the benote and Districts for a period of at least three months in to the meeting. Minimum handloap weight 9st. FURLONGS. Nomination 10/-. ABOUT FIVE

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Maiden Handicap of £15-Trophies second horse to receive £3 trophy o on the fist. M

Handicap Novelty Pony Race of £12--Trophies Second pony to receive 12 trophy out of the stake, and under. Five yards start for every inch under mu Limit pony to run about four furforgs. Minit weight, 3st. The. Nomination 10'-.

Handicap Flutter of £15-Trophies Second horse to receive 14 trophy out of the stake handleap weight, 9st. ABOUT SIX FURLONGS. Nom

d starting time of each event. inner of any flat race after the declaration of w behaviour of two or more such races 71b, penalty. ents for annateur riders only and all prizes tropy t concessions: 20 miles and over £1, 50 miles and mplaced horses. Rules strictly adhered to. Handkapper-GD.R.A. Official Johnt Secretaries-T. ALEXANDER, S. BRYANT

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- ANGLICANRev. Judy Holdsworth 04 0853 1544Rev. John Kuruvilla 0406765443Services:11am every Sunday.

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Delegate Community Health Nurse on 6459 8000

Bombala Medical Practice 6458 3022

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