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Delegate Doings



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VICTORIAN FIRE CREW MOVE INTO DELEGATE SHOWGROUND.

The Victorian Dept of Environment Land and Water Planning (DELWP) have hired the local show ground to house one hundred and fifty to two hundred of their fire crew. They moved in on Wednesday and the showground is now tent city. The pavilion, showers etc will be available, but they have been asked not to use the show ring, which is being watered and is looking nice and green. They are very pleased with the facilities particularly the new kitchen and will have a chef arriving today the 6th February, to cater for the men who are working in shifts and coming in from different firegrounds.

With the fire season having some weeks to play out and fires in a number of directions, it will be comforting for residents of Delegate and District to have such a large fire fighting force close at hand. We are all hoping that the promised rain eventuates and that these huge fire fronts will quieten down for a while, but it will take a major rain event to put them out out..



The photos below were taken by Gail Smallman on 31st December, And the one on the left by Marilyn Callaghan taken from her garden on 4th February, before day turned into night.



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Dates for your Calendar

- 11th February—DPA meeting
- 22nd February—Bombala Rotary Markets
- 7th March—Delegate Annual Show
- 10th March—DPA meeting
- 14th March—Delegate Campdraft
- 21st March—Bombala Show



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BOMBALA ROTARY MARKET

Saturday 22nd. February, 2020.

8am to 2pm

Along the banks of the Bombala River.

For additional information or to secure
your stall site please call Geraldine Dyer
0448351962 or Tanya Ingram 0408 301
813 or email mgdyer@bigpond.net.au

DELEGATE ANNUAL SHOW

7th March, 2020

LOTS OF ATTRACTIONS INCLUDING

J&M Horton \$200 prize for most successful
exhibitor over pavilion section's C-O

Guess the weight of the bull \$50

Barnyard Nursery

Basketball Shootout

Sheep colouring competition

Bill Boiling competition (if weather permits)

Best Decorated push bike competition

Bombala Historical Engine Machinery

Dog Jumps—commencing 6pm

Saturday night Barbecue and Band—Fireworks.

NEW EVENT –The Monaro Station Hand Chal-
lenge

(for details see page 12)

Schedules available at Café and General Store

GEORGIA REED RECEIVES TOP PRIZE FOR MUSEUM TRAINING INTERNSHIP

Georgia Reed was the recipient of the inaugural AMAGA ACT Branch Internship prize. It is an award for high performing students in the ACT undertaking an internship in the GLAM sector as part of their university studies. The prize was open to students who undertook an internship program through the Australian National University Centre for Art History and the Centre for Heritage Museum studies.

Georgia shared the award with another ANU student, Sophia Holloway, with both girls receiving outstanding reports from their intern supervisors and for their academic performance. They received an annual membership and gift voucher for the Conservatorium. Georgia has almost completed a double Masters in Archaeological and Evolutionary Science/Museum and Heritage Studies, International Endangered Heritage at ANU.

She graduated in 2018 with a degree in Bachelor of Archaeology Practice from ANU and hopes to gain employment in her chosen field either in Australia or overseas. Georgia is the daughter of Cathy and David Reed of Queanbeyan and granddaughter of Alma and Barry Reed and Natalie Armstrong of Delegate.



ROBIN GUTHRIE ASSISTANCE RECOVERY OFFICER FOR BOMBALA AND DISTRICT.

Robin Guthrie has accepted a position with the Snowy Monaro Regional Council as Assistance Recovery Officer, and will be working out of the Bombala Community Centre. There have been properties lost in the Rockton area, and with the fire season with quite a way to go, there will be many people who need help. There will also be those who have lost employment or businesses who have suffered as a result of the fires. It is good to know that someone whom many are familiar with and who has good local knowledge will be able to walk people through the minefield that is applying for Government assistance.

Position Available Delegate Country Club

Delegate Country Club is looking for expressions of interest from community members who may be interested in using the club's kitchen facilities to provide meals to club patrons.

This would include regular Friday evening meals, as well as catering occasional special events.

The Board is willing to entertain a range of ideas, whether this involves leasing club facilities, employing an individual as a casual cook, or another more innovative proposal.

The successful applicant will be one who acknowledges, and adheres to, the Board's highest priorities –reliability and cleanliness.

Expressions of interest should cover such matters as qualifications and experience, and any other information the applicant considers relevant to the Board's consideration of the proposal.

Expressions of interest should be addressed to the Board of Directors, Delegate Country Club Ltd, Bombala Road Delegate NSW 2633, or dropped off in an envelope marked for the attention of the Board, during the club's normal hours of trade.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss your proposal, please email delegatecountryclub@gmail.com

MAIN STREET MAYHEM

Bombala Street, is looking more like a war zone than our usual peaceful main street. Large machines and lots of workmen in yellow vests making parking sometimes hard to find. On top of doing the blisters for the streetscape, the road has been dug up to replace the old asbestos water pipes, which is a sensible idea as they are past their use by date. It would have been a good idea to replace them when the water works were being



DELEGATE CAFÉ AND HOTEL SUPPLYING FOOD FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Staff at the local café and hotel have been kept busy supplying over 100 meals for the fire fighters from over the Victorian border. The café are doing lunches and the hotel is cooking dinner, so it has been all systems go for the staff. Below: Uland and Ann commencing the big task of making piles of sandwiches and rolls.



Delegate Café

64 Bombala St Delegate

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PROTECTING MCKILLOPS BRIDGE

It has required a major effort to fight the fires which burnt all the way down the East Coast of Australia and it was heartening to know that one of the area's icons McKillop's Bridge has been saved from burning embers recently as well as a big effort being made to clear surrounding scrub.

A Environment, Land Water and Planning task force from Melbourne were recently deployed to assist local crews with the fire response in the area. It would have been a tragedy, if it had been destroyed and it is ironic that while the first bridge was swept away by a massive flood, the present one is threatened by fire.

The bridge is a vital link for people in the isolated settlements on either side, and is also a valuable tourist attraction.

Below: Old tractors crossing the bridge on their annual trek.

Bottom: An old photo of men working on the road connecting the Tubbut area with settlements at the top of the mountain. Perhaps some of our readers can enlighten us as to when this road was built.



LANDMARK

Delegate

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FIRE ENQUIRY

The speed and ferocity of the fires experienced down the East Coast since November caught many unprepared. There will be many things concerning the response which can be improved on in the future and no doubt these will be discussed at length in the coming months. However as our fire season (February/March) as literally just started there is one thing that our council and the Gippsland Shire can improve greatly on. Firstly we saw the debacle in early January of the Police closing the previously designated evacuation centre at the Delegate Country at 9pm at night, emptying out mainly the elderly and the young with large fires burning just over the border and bad visibility on the roads.

This area, including the Victorian border population was literally left with nowhere to shelter this side of Cooma. People were asked to go to the Bombala Community Centre, where they would be sent on to Cooma, which was apparently not that well prepared either. No transport was offered and those without vehicles were stuck anyway and while a few left for Cooma, or further to families or friends, most decided to stay. Officially the evacuation centre still remains Cooma, but locals will feel safer after a large contingent of Victorian Fire crews moved in to our showground on Wednesday.



SUNDAY SIPS PHOTOS.

The Sunday Sips Committee did their usual wonderful job in December, handing out cheques to worthy recipients from a number of local organisations. Below are photos from the day.



DONATION FROM SUNDAY SIPS ENABLES PURCHASE OF PARTY BOX FOR YOUTH GROUP.

Members of the Bombala Youth Booth Committee are grateful to the Delegate Sunday Sips for their donation which allowed them to purchase a massive Bluetooth speaker, called Party Box 300. This will be a great adjunct to the group who plan to use it at their movie sessions, and of course it will be great for discos. Nicole Mellon pictured at Betta Electrical in Bega with the Party Box.

Delegate Multi Purpose Service Craigie St, Delegate 6459 8000

Wellness Clinic

Monday 91m-10am

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
- 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

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 OFFICE

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Thursday to Saturday

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40 Bombala St Delegate

02 64585289

Thursday afternoon Creative

Hub Workshops

12.30 to 2.30pm

Small charge for materials



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS



Library revamp

There has been a lot of hard work going into the library over the school break to transform the space into an inviting learning and safe place for all students. Thank you to Dave Whitlock, Louise and Harry Bannister, and Lesley Gilbert for helping me out. It looks fabulous.

Tennis/Basketball Court and Cricket Net

The fencing around the Tennis/Basketball Court and Cricket Net areas has been completed, meaning students and staff once again have access to these areas. We are now waiting on the new Basketball Backboard painting and painting of the court markings. This will give this play space an amazing transformation.



New Students

We welcome our four new Kindergarten students, Evie, Toby, Alisha and Myah, as well as Dustin to our Year 3 class.

Teaching Staff

A big welcome to Ms Janene Peterson (Rural Experience Program Teacher) and Ms Tash Ubrihien who bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to their roles at our school. Ms Ubrihien will be teaching 3456 Monday through to Thursday and Ms Peterson Will be teaching 3456 Friday as well as being the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Coordinator. She will be also team teaching in both classrooms throughout the week and taking small targeted groups of students to improve literacy and numeracy skills.

Mrs McKinnell will be on class K12 five days per week and we welcome back Mrs Belcher (Learning and Support Teacher) one day per fortnight, Mrs Tocchini (Garden Specialist), Mrs French (Kitchen Specialist), Mr Whitlock (General Assistant) and Mrs Braden (School Administrative Manager).

NSW TRAVEL CARD NOW AVAILABLE.

Representatives from the NSW Government were in Delegate on Thursday and people were able to apply for the \$250.00 credit card for travel. The card covers all travel costs within the limit of \$250 and will be a help for rural Australia, where accessing any services such as medical, dental, legal and government all involves travel.

They along with the Centrelink Bus will be in Bombala today, Friday and people should have their concession card with them when applying and alternatively there is a web site <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/regionalseniorstravel> where people can apply.

A Centrelink bus spent the day in Delegate parked where the library bus usually parks but unfortunately with no advance notice, most people would not know of their visit. We pointed this out to them but they said they had been notified at the last minute as they were meant to be somewhere else.

LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH COUNCIL.

About 12 months ago the Streetscape Committee were forwarded a copy of the plans for tree planting in Bombala Street and were asked to change anything which they had concerns about. Consequently the Committee spent around two hours walking the street and marking off sites which they considered not suitable, including a proposed blister between the Café and Stewart's Garage. In January when most of the Committee were absent, we found that this advice had been ignored and a hastily called meeting was held by Council when members of the public complained. Fortunately the Committee have copies of all correspondence regarding this matter which shows, that the Committee's findings were not taken into account. However despite the inconvenience of having our main street disrupted for a while by the works going on at present, when it is all completed it will look great and will be well worthwhile. The entrance to the General Store is so much better and when the plantings are in it will enhance the whole area.

NSW Trainlink Bus Trial is now operational

Bus runs every Thursday

And connects at Nimmitabel to the Eden-Canberra Bus

Delegate to Nimmitabel

Delegate	8:10
Bombala	8:40
Bibbenluke	8:50
Nimmitabel	9:15

Nimmitabel to Delegate

Nimmitabel	19:30
Bibbenluke	19:55
Bombala	20:05
Delegate	20:35

Bookings Essential

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Or

<https://transportnsw.info/regional-bookings/>

**Delegate P & A Society is pleased to announce a new event for
the 2020 Delegate Show**

!!New Event !!

The Monaro Stationhand Challenge

Background

Sheep and cattle have been at the centre of the Monaro farming systems since European settlers first trekked into the region in the 1820's. The region is the fourth largest wool producing district in the AWEX regional classification for NSW. The region is renowned for the quality of the wool and the "doing" ability of its sheep and cattle. Similarly, the skills of the stockman that produce the stock are highly recognised. The stationhand is essential to the efficiency and profitability of a modern farming operation. A good stationhand with traditional and modern tools is an invaluable asset.

The Objective of the Monaro Stationhand Challenge

The objective is to find the best three stationhands who demonstrate accomplishment and confidence in the traditional skills, the initiative and understanding of modern skills involving IT and WH&S, and the temperament and understanding of animal behaviour to minimise stress on stock.

Thus, the requirement is to demonstrate the full range of skills and understanding required to work effectively in a modern progressive farming operation.

The Overall Structure - Skills to be Challenged

The skills to be tested fall into three broad categories

- Traditional hands-on skills that underpin the daily operations of a farming enterprise
- Modern science and IT skills required to drive performance and economy in the 21st century
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the laws, WH&S regulations, and the social licence that the industry operates under.

Categories

There are three age classifications.

Participants to provide proof of age at registration

- Junior station hand - 16 years and under
- Jackaroo/Jillaroo - 17 to 25 years of age
- Senior station hand / overseer - 26 years and older

Skills to be assessed in 2020

Overriding all of the assessment of skills is a demonstration of temperament, patience, foresight and respect for the animals they are handling, respect for the equipment they are using, and respect for those they are relating to— this is a key assessment criteria that applies to all tasks assessed.

See page 8 and 9 in the Delegate Show schedule for full details. Schedules are available at the Delegate Café, Delegate General Store and Bombala Newsagency.

HERE & THERE

Belated Birthday greetings to all those born in January, including Michael Lewis, Laken Clear, Phillip Reed, Christine Moss, Trent Tonissen.



Many Happy Returns to those born in February including Mark Reed, Robin Guthrie, Flynn Callaway, Jayden Clear.



Congratulations to Aaron Bruce and Taryn Rowley who celebrated their wedding at the Country Club on the long week-end in January.



The Victorian Border Commissioner Luke Wilson has been in touch with us requesting information on any cross border problems arising at the moment. We informed him of the problem with Victorian children accessing the NSW bus to High School and we received a prompt reply. There are other ongoing problems for Victorian children with accessing the Delegate Public School and we hope these will be resolved.

We have the Commissioner's phone number if anyone from Victoria has other issues



Delegate's main Street is looking like a war zone at the moment, but it was so badly need of a face lift, it should all be worth it in the end. The new trees are so far surviving those days of intense heat and the big dry.

Delegate Tennis Comp has been put on hold for the time being. Our evenings seem to be when the smoke is the thickest, and apart from that everyone is tied up and busy in various ways



Several horses grazing on the Island at Bill Jeffreys Park have done a good job of keeping the grass down and the area is looking quite tidy.

Also Doreen's gardens are looking nice and healthy. It is a pity there are not the usual tourists to appreciate it.



This is what the area looked like on the 4th February, when day turned into night.



The Committee of the Delegate Campdraft are still undecided as to whether it will be possible to hold the annual event this year. There are many factors making the decision difficult.

LOOKING BACK

The photos featured below courtesy of Sandra Walker, show three pioneering ladies, Mrs. Elizabeth Elton, Mrs. Margaret Marriott and Mrs. Maryanne Stevenson daughters of Henry and Jane Ingram the original Ingram settlers to the district.



Below: Cars in front of the old butcher's shop, obviously some sort of Parade.



Community Information

EMERGENCY / AMBULANCE: 000

FIRE: 000

POLICE

Delegate: 6458 8044

Bombala: 6458 3444

Cooma: 6452 0099

Bendoc: 6458 1523

CHURCHES

CATHOLIC

Father Mick McAndrew 02 8331 7609

Sister Teresa Keane: 6458 3045

1st Sunday Mass Delegate Sat 5pm and

Bombala Sunday 8am

2nd & 4th Sunday –Liturgy Del. Sat 5pm,

Bombala Sun. 9am

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

Bom.10am

Website www.cg.org.au/bombala

Email: joeysdelegate@gmail.com

ANGLICAN

Rev. Judy Holdsworth 04 0853 1544

Rev. John Kuruvilla 0406765443

Services: 11am every Sunday.

DELEGATE MPS 6459 8000

BOMBALA MPS 6458 5777

Community Health Central intake team on 1800 999880

Victorian Visits—Community Nurse visits Victorian Clients every fortnight. For referral or info ring Orbest Regional Health 03 5154

6666 or

Delegate Community Health Nurse on 6459 8000

Bombala Medical Practice 6458 3022

Healthdirect and GP helpline 1800 022 222

(See advert in paper for detailed information)

MONARO FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Bombala Office: 6458 4888

open Tues to Thurs - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Delegate Pre School: 6458 8196

Delegate Public school: 6458 8183

DELEGATE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

RTCT Centre - 6458 8388— dpaooffice@bigpond.com

Newspaper: delegateprogress@exemail.com.au

Tubbut Access Centre 6458 0295

NRMA/RACV: John Stewart: 6458 8047

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Spot Ad:	1	6	11
\$5 cash—\$7.50 a/c	Issue	Issues	Issues
1/4 Page	\$17.50	\$87.50	\$157.50
1/2 Page	\$35.00	\$175.00	\$315.00
Full Page	\$70.00	\$350.00	\$630.00
Back Page	\$80.00		
Full Page Insert	\$90.00		

Colour advertising: prices on application

DELEGATE RIVER STILL FLOWING

The photos below of our lovely river were taken on a smoke filled day and illustrate the fact that our river is still in good shape. Lower than usual, but flowing well and with some rain promised on the week-end it may be in better shape soon. Our river rises in the high country behind Bendoc, an area which gets snow in the winter and mostly a higher rainfall than surrounding areas.

