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# Delegate Doings



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## PUBLIC SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

The Delegate Public school will be celebrating an important anniversary on the weekend of the 30th October. They will be combining with the Progress Association's Heritage week-end and have many activities planned for the afternoon and evening of Saturday 30th. October.

Early records show that public education commenced in Delegate in a small hut with a few pupils, later moving to the present site where lessons were held in the historic brick building which still stands. There was also a headmasters residence on the site, and this area is now used as a sporting field. The numbers of pupils grew as more people settled in the town, and new modern buildings were added to the site. The end of the 20th Century saw numbers dwindle due to Delegate's declining population and the present number of pupils is 33. Former pupils are to be invited back and a programme of activities appears elsewhere in this edition of the Doings. Below: L: Kindergarten in 1974. R: The School circa 1930's. A more detailed history appears on page 6.



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### Dates for your Calendar

- Sunday 4th July—Farmer wants a wife Ch. 7
- 8th July 21—General Meeting DPA
- 8th July - Seniors Crime Prevention RTC 11am
- 30th/31st October—Heritage Weekend
- 23rd/24th October St. Joseph's re-union



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11am

### Delegate RTC

Senior Constable Alex Fookes

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Will be talking about crime against the over  
65's

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Have a chat and a cuppa

### Expressions of Interest

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for remuneration involved.

## HERITAGE WEEKEND ON AGAIN THIS YEAR

At the last meeting of the Delegate Progress Association, it was decided to hold the annual Heritage week-end in October, Covid restrictions permitting. The usual sports morning will be held at Bill Jeffreys and fingers crossed there will not be the wild wind which marred the last sports day. Ian is planning another short walk on a section of the Bundian Way on Sunday and the popular Blessing of the Flock will take place, this year at St Philips Church, Delegate.

The Snowy River Sprint will be on again and below are the 1019 winners, Denielle Tonissen and Wayne Murchison., being presented with the perpetual trophy and cash by Councillor Bob Stewart



Saturday 30th October

Bill Jeffreys Park

8.00am Markets and Food stalls

9.00am Kids Games

11.30am Tug of war and Snowy River Sprint

1pm Cricket

Delegate Public School

1pm Historic Display and memorabilia

Afternoon tea and Music

BBQ evening meal

Movie for kids

Fireworks after dark



Sunday 31th October

8am Bundian Walk

11.30 Blessing of the flock at St Phillips Church

12.30 Lunch at School of Arts and Best period costume judged.



# DELEGATE HISTORY COMMITTEE

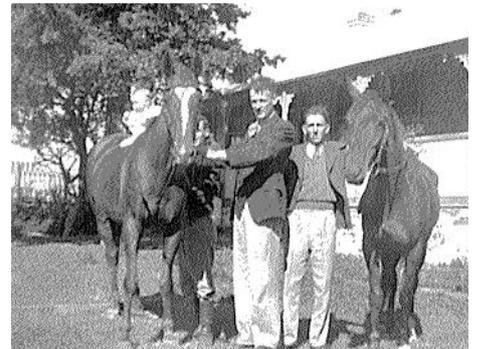
The History Committee are making good progress in their endeavours to gather as much local history as they are able to and transcribe it into one document. Several families have come forward with information and photos, and many more have promised to look into their family history. We are of course including the border areas, because when the first settlers arrived there was no border, between NSW and Victoria, the border not being defined, until surveyors Black and Allen surveyed the border in 1870 to 1872. We were very pleased to welcome Hazel Rodwell into our group, and to see the family photos which she brought along for us to scan. Hazel will be able to provide information on both the Cameron and Stewart families, who were early settlers in the area. Phillip Reed brought along some interesting photos, some of which are printed below. We are gathering together a good number of photos and would welcome any family photos of past generations, which we can scan while you are here. What has struck us most is the connection between many families, who are probably no longer aware of the links. When settlers first came, invariably relatives travelled together and settled in the area most had big families and married someone within the local district.

Below are three photos courtesy of Philip Reed.

L: Group of ladies taken at a local ball, Kath Ingram, Norma Wright, Eileen O'Hare, Kaye Reed, Kath Miller.



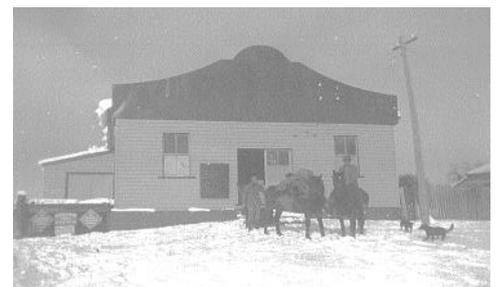
Below: John Windle and Charlie Guthrie.



Below: G. Reed (Senr) G. Reed Junior, Harry Reed, Jack Reed, Charlie Reed on horseback and Jean Manning at the hut which the Reed boys christened Dartmoor.



The old mart in the snow.



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## THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN DELEGATE

Following a petition to the Council of Education in 1870, requesting some form of educational facilities at Craigie, Corrowong and Delegate amthe nearest public school being Bombala, the District Inspector informed the residents that half time schools would be established at Delegate and Craigie. It was proposed that this would commence when suitable buildings were established and furnished. In half time schools the teacher usually taught at one in the morning and the other school in the afternoon, and would set home lessons for the children. Mr. William Noble an ex-student of Scotch College, Melbourne was living at Craigie and for most of 1871 ran an Adventure school (a private school). He was appointed on 22nd. August 1871 and took up duties shortly after.

At the time the Delegate school was housed in a wooden building, with a room for the teacher attached. Mr. Noble lived at Craigie and rode to Delegate to perform his duties, for which he received 10 pounds a year allowance to buy fodder for his horse.

In August 1873 the residents of Powers Corner (a village on Delegate river, a few miles north of Delegate) requested that Mr. Noble divide his time between their children and those at Delegate, rather than at Craigie, which was rapidly becoming a ghost town, the gold having petered out. This changeover was agreed and the residents of Powers Corner then built a school with accommodation for twenty five, an optimistic view, and one that proved not be warranted.

Later in 1873 the residents of Delegate applied for a grant of land on which to build a school and the Government agreed and purchased two acres with a river frontage. At the time of this request the school at Delegate was being held in a private house, perhaps because the original school was too small or had fallen into disrepair.

In 1978 there were 34 pupils on the rolls and Miss Eliza Campbell, whose brother was a member of parliament was the teacher at the school in Mr Mcchechnie's home, but several others offered their homes for use temporarily. These offers were made because *"the position of the house is objectionable as it is situated alongside a Public House and the children are likely to be morally contaminated by the demoralizing influence of inebriates and the influence of bad language."*

In 1880 tenders were called for the building of a public school in delegate, to accommodate 55 children, as the town was growing. The school was built of weatherboard and the residence had two rooms and a kitchen.

In 1907 a new school was built and the old one was used entirely as a residence. During World War 1, the teacher was Mr. Redmond who was the Secretary of the Men from Snowy River march committee, and this necessitated him being absent for a periods of time. While he was absent, his classes were taken over by a female teacher Miss Minnie Craig, the first of a number of assistants.

Attendance at the school increased from the 1950's, but has gradually decreased in the latter part of last century. The historic original stone building is now surrounded by a number of modern buildings, there is a Stephanie Alexander garden and kitchen, playground areas and tennis courts.

Those connected with the school, both past and present can be proud of the 150 years of service to the community,

LEFT: School, 1934



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#### VALE DECKER DAY

A man who spent a number of years in Delegate in the 1970's died in Bairnsdale on the 28th June. Decker, his wife Carlene and their four children came to Delegate in the 1970's when Decker was appointed Manager of the Cuthbertson and Richards mill at Bendoc. Carlene and Dekker, both keen golfers were very popular members of the community. They were saddened to lose one of their sons in an accident on the Cann River road. After leaving Delegate they moved to Cann River and on retirement moved to Eagle Point, where they spent a number of years before moving in to Bairnsdale . We extend our sympathy to Carlene and his remaining children.



#### DELEGATE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Service awards were presented to the following long-serving members by President Claire Strickland

Marie Smith—10 years, Marie Chapman —20 years, Jan Ingram-40 years and Lyn Button was presented with her new membership



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# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the ten students that represented the Djamalan PSSA at the recent Snowy Mountains PSSA Athletics Carnival. Students really enjoyed the step up in the level of competition with all competing very well on the day. A massive congratulations to Kadence in Year 6 who was named Snowy Mountains Senior Girls Athletics Champion and along with Fred in Year 4 will be heading off to Canberra and the Australian Institute of Sport in September to compete at the South Coast Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival. At the time of writing, we are still waiting to see if our Small Schools Relay Team has also qualified. Students, staff and families had a great time on the day and the students should be congratulated for their performance and the high level of sportsmanship shown throughout the day, along with outstanding behaviour.

Both classes have been producing high quality fare in the kitchen each week. Thanks to Mrs. Tonissen who stepped into Mrs French's shoes whilst she was away completing a practicum for her Teaching Degree. It never ceases to amaze me, the quality of food our students from K-6 produce each week. These are outstanding life skills for them to have as well as complementing other areas of the curriculum. Can I ask parents to remember to still provide their children with lunch each Friday as the food in the kitchen is only a sample and from time to time the session may have to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Food prepared in the kitchen isn't a provided lunch.

I have been lucky enough to visit both classrooms each day and last week I was able to show Mr Duran, our Director Educational Leadership the happenings in the classrooms. We have both been very impressed by the engagement levels, the variety of work being undertaken and the quality of work being produced. In 3456 students have



worked hard researching, producing a Power-Point presentation and presenting their work to their classmates on a range of Celebrations from across the globe. I have enjoyed watching presentations on the Running of the Bulls, Bastille Day, La Tomatino Valencia, Christmas and the Indian Colour Festival. In K12, students have been investigating 2-D and 3-D Shapes in Geometry and have been using their imagination with Lego to produce writing samples as well. All students in K12 couldn't wait to tell me how much they have been enjoying their comprehension activities also.

Thursday is an exciting and big day for Amelia, Fred and Cooper as we all head off the Camberwarra in Nowra for the South Coast Regional PSSA Cross Country Carnival on Friday. We wish these three students the best of luck as they represent the Snowy Mountains PSSA in their respective age groups. I can't wait to cheer them on.

Thank you to those students and families who have already purchased from our Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair will continue to run throughout this week and if students wish to purchase, they can bring money into school and purchase at lunchtime, or parents can also attend after school between 3:00 – 3:30pm where we also have credit card facilities available.

# HERE & THERE

Happy birthday to the following : Robin Mikula, Su King, Josh Stuart, Kaya Reed, Bradley Mathews, Stuart Reed. Also to all those born in July.



The death occurred recently in Queanbeyan Hospital of Y'vonne Cuschieri, Mother in law of Kerry Cuschieri (nee Cotterill). Y'vonne was the founder of the Monaro Cancer Support Group and was present in Delegate on the night of the French Follies Concert where she was presented with the monies raised for the Cancer Support Group. Y'vonne is survived by husband Joe and two Sons, Tod and Roger. Sympathy is extended to all.

Now it is masks all round for everyone in NSW, and border closures are never off the table. The Delta variant of Covid is so infectious, it is more of a worry than the first wave of Covid.

A number of locals have already left for holidays in the Northern Territory and many more were planning trips to there and to Queensland. With the new restrictions and the virus spreading like it is, all plans will now be up in the air for who knows how long.

The long awaited series, Farmer Wants a Wife will air on Channel 7 this Sunday the 4th. July.

The Council moved at its last meeting to write to the Office of Local Government to seek clarification of the criteria expected for de-amalgamation. It is felt that it is in the public interest that the criteria to be satisfied in a business case for boundary change be made clear. With a Council election coming up in September, this is something which is sure to arise during campaign conversations.

Congratulations to John Adamson who received the highest honour which can be bestowed on a Lion at the Bombala Lions 50 years anniversary celebration. The Melvin Jones fellowship award, is well deserved by John, who has been a long member of the Bombala Lions and always the first to put his hand up when a job had to be done.

It is good to see the Group 16 footy competition going strong in these troubling times. The Monaro Post has a photo of Sam Williams, Raiders half back (formerly Cooma Colts ) back in his home town, along with Raiders forward Corey Horsbrough. This week Sam will celebrate his 100th. NRL game when the Raiders play the Gold Coast Titans.

There will be a Covid vaccination clinic at the Bombala RSL, next Tuesday 6th. July. Ring the Bombala surgery for an appointment.

The death occurred on the 28th June of a former local man Decker Day . Decker lived here in the 1970's (see article page 7) He is survived by wife Carlene and three children, one son predeceasing him.

The death occurred recently at Bruthen of former local man Peter Moore. Peter lived at Bendoc for several years with his wife Inez, before moving to Bruthen.. His wife, Inez predeceased him and sympathy is extended to their two children, David and Leonie.

The Hospital Auxiliary held their AGM was held on 21/6/21. The result of elections are as follows: President Claire Strickland, Vice President—Helen Jamieson— Secretary Marie Smith, Treasurer— Gail Smallman, Assistant Secretary Treasurer Jan Ingram. Publicity officer - Heather Scroope. The ladies were pleased to welcome a new member Lyn Button.

The Victorian border residents were much luckier than those on the NSW side of the border.

A clinic was held in the Bonang Hall on the 15th. June where a GP and a Nurse administered COVID vaccines to the local community. Over 50 people were booked in and lunch was kindly donated by Orbost Regional Health. The Community were grateful for Birgit from Community Health Orbost, for arranging the service.

# LOOKING BACK

Below: Top photo: Pupils at Delegate River School in the 1920's  
Bottom photo: Campbell, Watling and Hayse Families.

Photos kindly sent by Don Allen and Leanne Clear.



# Community Information

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