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DELEGATE WINS A DOUBLE

On the week-end of the 19th and 20th May, two Delegate groups received awards for service to the Community. On Friday Graeme Payten accompanied a number of locals, representing the Sunday Sips Group to the Monaro Service Awards presentations at the Alpine Hotel where they received the Premiers Award for Outstanding Community Group presented by Deputy Premier John Barilaro. This group who meet regularly at the Pub on Sunday mornings, run raffles and fund raise, distributing the monies to various local organisations.

On the Saturday night at Jindabyne, the Delegate Progress Association won the top prize in their section for Excellence in Social Enterprise at the Snowy Monaro Business Awards. The well attended presentation night was held at a dinner at the Station Resort, where MC was Ian Campbell, former well known ABC presenter. There were presentations made to 15 District organisations and businesses by various dignitaries including John Barilaro. A number of local businesses were finalists, including Lou Lou's, Jewels Garden Centre and Monaro Tree Nursery. Local girl Kayla Jamieson was also a finalist in the Young Entrepreneurs award, for her Sheep Pregnancy Testing business.



Above: Robin Guthrie, Sharon Buckman, Gloria Cotterill, Natalie Armstrong.



John Barilaro, Jeremy Clear, Robin Mikula, Jenny Crawford, Renee Stuart, Graeme Payten, Bronnie Taylor.

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- 2nd June—Preschool Raffle drawn @ Country Club
- 3rd June—Pony Club Rally
- 9th/10th June—Music at Hotel—Graeme's Farewell
- 15th June P & C street stall
- 12th June—DPA Meeting
- 18th June—Hospital Auxiliary AGM
- 21st June—Fire Brigade AGM
- 5th July—New Bundian Way Gallery exhibition opening

Claim the Date

- 27th/28th October Celebrating our Heritage Festival

IN MEMORY OF NOEL FRANCIS LEWIS.

To know you and to love you was a privilege. Your strength and courage with health was hard to watch. But never once did you complain, thinking of your family foremost. I will hold you close to my heart and rest assured all our family will take good care of each other as you wished. We all take great comfort knowing you are at peace after such a long battle. All our love,

Janice, Warren, Kym, Andrew, Josh and Shaun.

We miss you so much every day.

GRAEME PAYTEN CALLS IT A DAY

After 37 years as Proprietor of the Delegate Hotel, Graeme will be retiring for a well earned rest. There will be a big farewell week-end on the 9th and 10th of June and the new owners will take over shortly after that.

Since Mr and Mrs Morris purchased the Delegate Hotel in 1922, there have been just two families in the business, so it will mark a big change for the town.

During his time at the helm Graeme has been a loyal supporter of the town, sponsoring and supporting many local organisations and sporting groups and we wish him well in his retirement.

DELEGATE RURAL BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

Annual General Meeting

June 21st at 7pm

Venue: Delegate Fire Station

Election of Office Bearers

Attendance recommended

The Public are Invited to

THE NEW BUNDIAN WAY GALLERY EXHIBITION

Opens 5th July.

5.30pm for nibbles and drinks before official opening.

Featured Artists Bronwyn Smith and Gavin Chatfield will be present for a meet and greet.

Simpson Desert and Geosurvey's Hill

On a recent 3 week trip Russell, Sharon and Nick Buckman went driving across the desert where no roads go.

We left Delegate and met Nick at the end of the first day in Orange. From there we went through Burke, Cunnamulla and on to Birdsville. The Diamantina river was in flood from the cyclone in the gulf so the road to Birdsville had just been reopened when we got there.

Left Birdsville for the Simpson Desert with the first obstacle being Bid Red. Big Red is the first sand dune of the desert and is the biggest one that you have to cross. There is a bypass for the wimps. We both got over on the second attempt. From here we followed the QAA line out to Poeppels Corner, the corner between Queensland, Northern Territory and South Australia. The photo shows us at Poeppels Corner with our fly nets on as there had been some rain out there and no cold weather to kill off the flies. You couldn't get out of the car without a net on, the flies were that bad.



Headed along the French line for about 50km then turned north up into the desert, heading towards the centre of the Simpson Desert. From here on we had to find our own way using the GPS as there are no roads in this part of the desert. Going north towards the centre is challenging but not particularly difficult as you are going up between the dunes and only have to cross them occasionally. The lack of track is what makes it interesting as you have to drive around the vegetation.



At the centre of the Simpson there is a tower that a 4X4 club put up some years ago. This is a great sight after mile upon mile of dunes. From the centre we then headed for Geosurvey's Hill. The only true hill in the Simpson as it is made up of fossilised rock. There is a cairn and plaque on the top of the hill dedicated to Reg Spriggs who found the hill while surveying for an oil company in the 1960's. We were only the second group to get there so far this year.

From there we headed straight (very wiggly) west across the dunes to the Colson Track which led us back to the French line. It took us 4 days traveling for 7 hours each day to do the 300km trip from the French Line back to the French Line. Approximately 10km per hour.



Photos show crossing the dunes between Geosurvey's Hill and the Colson Track and camping on the Colson Track as there was nowhere to pull off to camp.

We then headed to Dalhousie springs and out to Oodnadatta then home via south Australia.

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EULOGY FOR TED CRAWFORD (contd. P 11)

Dearest Family & Friends. We are here this morning to farewell our beloved Dad & friend Mr Edwin Allan Crawford, affectionately known to all as Ted.

Dad was a very proud Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Great, Great, Grandfather to a family who all loved him and will miss him dearly.

Dad was born on the 30 June 1931 to Mary Jane Nora and William Henry Crawford at Delegate River on a small farm where he was raised. Dad was one of six children and was schooled at the small Delegate River School. He would walk many miles every day, returning home to help on the Farm.

Upon leaving School Dad moved to Delegate, getting work in a store for Mr Edwards and was boarding with good friends Stan and Una Collins and their family. To this day one of their children Ron Collins and his wife Lesley who worked with Dad for many years remains one of the family's closest friends. In 1954 he met the love of his life Charmaine Furnell. Mum had moved to Delegate from the bush as well. She found housekeeping work. They fell in love and were married on the 12 February 1955 and went on to have a family of five children.

Dad worked all his working life in General stores in Delegate, working from Stock Boy to manager and finally purchasing his own business, which with Mum beside him, grew into a very successful little venture.

Dad worked hard all his life to provide a good life and education for his family. I can tell you now we were not left wanting for anything, most of all love and support.

When he wasn't in a shop Dad loved his veggie garden, no weed was safe, including his front lawn at Regents Park where he by accident used complete weed killer instead of Bindii Killer. He played Rugby for Delegate in his younger days and then became a formidable tennis player. He also enjoyed a round of Golf, but what he really enjoyed was fishing up and down the Delegate River with his mate Carl Cotterill and kids of course.

When it was time to retire Dad and Mum stayed in Delegate for a while, getting away from the winters by travelling to visit their kids who were scattered from one end of the country to the other, literally off to Perth one year, Brisbane the next. Finally, in 1998 they decided Delegate was just too cold and they moved to Brisbane settling in Regents Park.

Dad was always a very proud man and always very loving, with a wicked sense of humour. On one occasion while visiting his eldest daughter Barbara and her family in Perth, who liked to make their own home brewed beer. Dad thought it funny to get one up on Greg. He passed Greg a bottle of beer to which Greg took the cap off and smelt lemon, assuming it was the smell of lemonade. Greg stated it just so happens I like a shandy, but upon taking a good swig found it to be lemon dishwashing liquid. Dad had thought he played Mary. On another occasion while visiting Fiona and her family in Brisbane, they decided to take a

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RECORD CROWD AT TATHRA BUSHFIRE RELIEF CONCERT

The Concert held at Kalaru Race Course to raise funds for the Tathra Bushfire Relief Fund was a huge success, with 4000 people packing out the venue and raising over \$200,000.

The bus which left Delegate early on Saturday morning picking up passengers along the way with 49 arriving at the Concert. Several well known bands backed up by local groups played all day, so patrons were treated to a musical feast as well as giving their support to a worthy cause.

The transport was kindly donated free of charge by local bus owners Fiona and Terry Lomas.

Below: Two of the local bands who performed, The Mojors featuring Garry and Shane Jones and another whose lead singer was Sam Stevenson, son of Mandy and Grant former locals .



EMBELLISH – Hilda Rix Nicholas & The Art of Costume

The exhibition EMBELLISH opened at Bega Valley Regional Gallery on the 4th May and will continue until Saturday June 16th.

Hilda Rix Nicholas is proudly claimed as a local by the Delegate Community as she lived and worked at 'Knockalong' Tombong after settling there with her husband Edgar Wright in 1928.

Hilda Rix Nicholas is recognised as a significant artist from the inter war period 1918-1940's. Her work was exhibited in Australia and overseas and she was made an associate of the Societe Nationale de Beaux arts in France in 1926.



The exhibition focusses on the artist's passion for post impressionistic depictions of her family and friends "dressing up" and performing as well known and exotic characters. Her pageants and tableaux were eagerly attended by the Delegate people.

The exhibition includes original costumes made or collected by Rix Nicholas and represented in her paintings, the most famous of these being the *Robe Chinoise* modelled by her sister Elsie.

The exhibition was launched by Richard Travers who is currently writing a biography of

the artist, along with Bronwyn Wright the granddaughter of Hilda and daughter of Rix Wright. Bronwyn is the custodian of the family collection from which much of the exhibition has been sourced.

The exhibition is beautifully presented and includes many photos of particular local interest. A must see!

The BVRG is open Monday – Saturday 10am - 4pm admission is FREE.

Above: *The original robe and the painting done of Artist's sister Elsie wearing the robe are on display at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery.*

For those interested in seeing the Exhibition we advise that the Bendoc Bus will be going to Bega on the 14th June and will be leaving Delegate at 9am.

The cost will be \$20 with free entry to the Gallery.

Please reserve your seat by phoning the RTC Office on 64588388, or emailing dpaof-



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Wellness Clinic is held at the MPS, in Craigie Street Delegate. People come to the clinic for procedures and assessment by nursing staff.

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Child and Family Health – visits Delegate MPS on a regular basis ring Kirsty on 6458 5777 for an appointment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARILYN

Marilyn Sims cutting her birthday cake with the group from the Exercise Class. Missing was Sandra Walker who was away and Helen Nocny who took the photo.



SUCCESSFUL ART WEEKEND AT BOMBALA

Nine people attended a painting workshop held at the Bombala Golf Club on Saturday, May 26th. with tutor Nicki Hall.

Nicki introduced a different style of painting to those present, demonstrating her technique, while those present were asked to produce a painting incorporating the values she was teaching



One of the paintings to be shown in the next exhibition in the Bundian Way Gallery



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

DELEGATE P&C

STREET STALL

Friday, June 15th

A major fundraiser

*Please bring along your
scrumptious baking, clever
crafts,*

*potted plants—all saleable
goods to entice the passers by.*

This is a major fundraiser so please assist by cooking or donating goods for sale and perhaps spending some time on the stall. The money then helps to resource our school and subsidizes our excursions.

All NSW Schools will be celebrating

Education Week from

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August.

We live in a rapidly changing world - an era of accelerated innovation and increasing uncertainty. This world requires students who are deep thinkers, critical and reflective, and empathetic and creative to solve the big challenges of today and adapt to an unknown future.

Flourishing in this complex world begins with a great education and to co-design that we need your help.

The Department of Education is launching an exciting initiative called The Game Changer Challenge. Sixteen teams from schools across NSW will explore the role of design-thinking in the classroom all while solving the important question, what will the school of the future look like?



Delegate Pony Club

Delegate Pony Club held their May rally day with 17 riders on Sunday 6th May and wow what a success. The kids enjoyed a new purchase of bunting from funds kindly donated by Delegate Hotel Sunday Sips, Delegate Pony Club would like to thank the Sunday Sippers for their kind donation and their continued support to the local pony club.

Also a thank you to go out to the Snowy Monaro Regional Council for their kind donation for Youth Week towards special instruction for our riders in preparation for the upcoming mounted games. Delegate Pony Club organised a number of specific Mounted games that they will be going away and representing our club in. Delegate Pony Club has 2 teams heading to Bungendore on the 27th May for Mounted Games, the riders have been placed in their respective teams and practised mounted games to prepare them for this great competition.

Thank you to Delegate Hotel Sunday Sippers, Snowy Monaro Regional Council and to the instructors on the day Rachel Butterworth, Sinead Cameron, Tracey Cox and Rowena Butterworth.

Next Rally day will be held 3rd June 9:30am gear check for a 10:00am start. Please check our facebook page for any changes.



short holiday to Maroochydore where Dad decided giving Jet skiing ago would be fun. After hiring the Jet Ski and being told to remove all loose items including glasses, Dad being Dad had to have the last say, said. "My glasses won't come off. I have a strap on them", he proceeded to take-off on the Jet Ski and hence to this day his glasses remain at the bottom of the Maroochy Ricer.

On many occasions over the years Mum and us kids would often say when it was raining, "The rain is coming down well out their", to which Dad would reply, "Well it would look silly going up". He could always see the lighter side of life. He was proud and supportive of his beautiful wife and family. With his love, encouragement and support we all went on to make pretty good lives for ourselves.

The last few years as we all know, have not been good to Dad. His Health has had him suffer the loss of his leg and a lot of pain and of course the loss of mum over two years ago now saw a dramatic decline in his health. Sadly, last Wednesday night the struggle became to much. Through all his suffering he never once complained.

We have the wonderful staff of St Paul de Charters to thank for making his last years as comfortable as possible.

WE LOVE YOU DAD

We will miss you and Mum always. Thank you for everything.

A Book Club?

Books are so old-fashioned and I know a lot of people don't bother with them any more, either the paper or electronic variety. But a few of us still love to escape into other worlds and exercise our imaginations in the way that only books can provide.

Sometimes we love a book so much that we just want to share it. Sometimes we wish there was someone else who has read the book so we can discuss it with them.

Enter the Borderliners Book Club.

Jo Johnson, our librarian, gave me the idea for this sort of Book Club which doesn't need sets of books and doesn't even require everyone else to read the book beforehand.

This is how it works. A member of the club nominates the book they want to talk about a month or so before the discussion, so people can get it from the library or buy it if they want to. The person who suggests the book must have read it because they will be presenting it to the group. What they say and how they present is up to them. They might read passages to tantalise, talk about the author, explain why the book means so much to them.

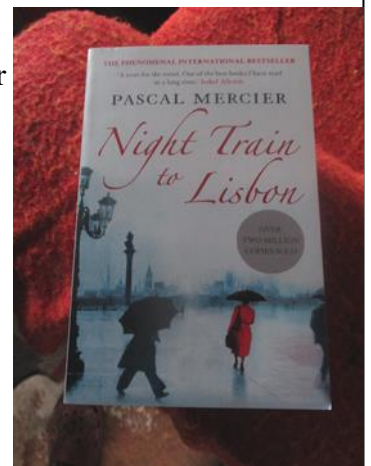
At the moment I'm thinking of doing it in peoples' homes where a cuppa – or glass of wine, depending on time of day and preferences – can be enjoyed. Just for an hour or two.

At my place on Monday June 18th at 1pm, aiming to be finished at 3.

Are you in? Please ring me so I know whether its worth making a cake. And we can decide who will be NEXT!

Deb 0413223585

I'll kick it off, putting my book where my mouth is and try and sell you the book Night Train to Lisbon.



HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all who have a birthday in June, including Joan Jones, Craig Lewis, Lakeisha Clear, Tayla Mikula, Evelyn Walker, Sandra O'Hagan, Carol Graczol, Wendy Bruce, Trish Guthrie, Phil Pope, Norman Armstrong, Barry Reed, Nell Southam.



The death occurred in Brisbane recently of former local man Ted Crawford. Ted had not been well for some time, having spent the past few years in a Nursing Home. He is survived by four children, Barbara, Fiona, Len and Shane, his wife Charmaine having pre-deceased him. Ted was the last surviving member of the Crawford family of Delegate River. Before leaving Delegate Ted and Charmaine were the proprietors of the Delegate Fruit Barn for many years. Sympathy is extended to his family.

An unusual wedding was held recently at McKillops Bridge. The bride came from Cooma, and two hundred guests attended the wedding held in this remote location on the iconic Snowy River. The reception was held at the previous Camp Draft building on the property of Tom Ventry at Deddick.



Two farewells in less than a month to two long time residents, the first being to Maria and Kevin Callaway and the second on the long week-end will be to Graeme Payten. It is sad to see people leaving, particularly those who have been part of our society for so long. Kevin was part of a large Callaway family all born in the old Delegate hospital and he is the last of them to leave the town.

The Bendoc Bus will be going to the Bega Regional Art Gallery on Thursday 14th June to see the current exhibition which features costumes and paintings by Hilda Rix Nicholas. (see advertisement Page 2)

The old Post Office Building recently purchased by Karen and Rob Cash has taken on a new lease of life, being freshly painted inside and out. More work is being carried out on the interior and we look forward to this historic building being put to use.

Here was a very good attendance at the last Tuesday Club meeting held at the Delegate Café. It is a cosy venue on a winter's day and the decision was made to hold the June meeting there.



The RTC has copies of a new map produced by the East Gippsland Shire Council, showing the many natural attractions of the border area. The map is on show in the computer room, and can also be purchased for \$15. Later there will be smaller free versions of the map, which will be most welcome as we get many enquiries from visitors, keen to explore this unique and largely isolated area.

NEW BUNDIAN WAY EXHIBITION TO OPEN ON 5th JULY

Two aboriginal artists who will featured in the exhibition, Bronwyn Smith and Gavin Chatfield will be staying overnight in Delegate and attending the opening of their exhibition, which will take place at the Gallery at 5.30 pm on the 5th July.

John Blay recently visited Delegate with Jane Kanowski from SMRC to choose a place for his "Canoe" sculpture at Bill Jeffreys Park.

His preferred spot is a few metres away from the Cement Steps, near a shady tree, where it is planned to place a seat. It will require struts underneath it and Council agreed to have it installed for the planned Heritage Weekend on 27th and 28th October.

LOOKING BACK

An article from the Sydney Morning Herald—Monday 2 January, 1905.

SEVERAL PERSONS MISSING

DELEGATE, Saturday

The most disastrous bush fire ever known in this portion of the district is raging at Wallendibby, Corrowong and Tombong, causing destruction everywhere. A number of settlers have lost nearly all they possessed. Messrs Arthur Stewart, Harry Richmond and William Commons have lost everything, including their homestead and stock. Mr. Graham Collins lost all his wool clip and stock, the homestead only being saved. Several persons are missing. It is feared that they have perished whilst attempting to save their properties. A gale of wind is blowing and the fire is still raging. The town is practically deserted, all who could possibly get away being at the fire endeavouring to check its progress. The town is threatened, the fire raging within five miles of it. Great excitement prevails. Another fire is raging up the Delegate River. A number of settlers have lost their crops. Fires are also raging at Bendoc and Back Creek. Fifty miles of country is in flames. The Corrowong outward mail had to return, as it could not face the fire.

INTEREST IN THE BLACK ALLEN LINE

When it came to surveying the NSW/Victorian Border, the first part was easy, just follow the Murray River. However that still left a large area to be surveyed, so in 1870 two intrepid surveyors Alexander Black and Alexander Allen assisted by William Turton took on the massive task of marking a straight line from the head of the Murray River to the sea at Cape Howe. The country they traversed was mountainous, rough and largely uninhabited and stone cairns were erected at various points to mark the border line. There are very few signs of these cairns left, one is on top of Mt. Tingiringi, pictured below and one was erected at the border at Delegate River when the State Governors came to officially sign the deeds marking the separation of the States in 2006. The brass plaque on the cairn was stolen a few years ago and so far has not been replaced.

Two reporters recently visited Delegate seeking information about the Black Allen Line. Russell Buckman was contacted and he kindly gave them a tour of the area, showing the few remaining cairns and markings identifying the Border. Following their visit they plan to put together a radio programme and promised that we will be notified when it goes to air.



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WINTER AGAIN

There is no 'black and white rule book' to follow that will guarantee success in gardening and this is why gardening is so intellectually challenging. When we have an understanding of the basic principles we are equipped to observe and make informed choices that specifically relate both to the suite of plants in our garden and the microclimate of our spot.

Looking around the garden in June it is easy to identify five categories of plants each requiring different approaches. They are,

1. The truly deciduous trees and shrubs
2. The truly evergreen (conifers, camellias)
3. Those that really slow down in winter (roses) or shrink (perennials) in response to cold.
4. Those that die completely but maintain their permanence through shedding seed (cosmos).
5. Those that show growth through accessing nutrients stored in the previous season (daffodils etc.).

Of course there are subgroups in each of these broad categories but this framework provides a platform on which to build specific knowledge and develop timely garden actions. Always the basic underlying understanding is that growth and survival is determined by soil temperature and waterlogging. Growth slows when the soil is cold as it is harder for the roots to extract water (and therefore supply to the plants the nutrients it contains). Plants that are adapted to a continual supply of water fail completely (tomatoes, dahlias). Such plants typically have large thin leaves.

When the soil becomes frozen which does not usually happen here, there is no free water at all for the plants to access and these plants have adapted by having needle like leaves or thick leathery leaves both generously coated with wax. This is why evergreen plants from very cold climates such as firs can, counterintuitively, withstand summer drought.

A basic piece of knowledge is that since the mechanisms for withdrawing soil water are depressed by cold it is useless to apply fertiliser in winter. In fact it only exacerbates the problem because it makes the soil water more concentrated. The only exception is if you notice that evergreen plants are showing signs of losing soluble nutrients such as magnesium or iron from the leaves via rainfall washing these out. In this case a **foliar feed** may hold the line but the best solution for the future is to feed plants when they are most active in the warm weather so that reserves within the plant can cover for any losses that may be incurred in this way.

June is the prime time to deal with category one plants, the performance of category two plants has been set already by the previous seasons, category three plants however require the most judgement and due to their variable responses attention to them can wait until later in winter, the category four plants have departed the scene already and the fives are busily making roots in preparation for the late winter explosion fuelled by their nutrient stores.

The most visible group – the truly deciduous trees and shrubs have largely already dropped their leaves. Most deciduous trees have large thin leaves that lose water easily. It is a 'chicken and egg argument' as to whether being deciduous is a strategy to overcome a lack of water or whether the lack of water initiated the adaptation of dropping the leaves that occurs after the withdrawal of their embodied nutrients into the sap for storage. This withdrawal process gives the Autumn colourings.

The jobs associated with this group are in order of priority are the appropriate treatment of fallen leaves, removal of lichen, pest and disease control and finally pruning. Leaves are best left where they fall unless they pose an overwintering disease risk as in fruit trees. A carpet of fallen leaves insulates the soil modifying the amount of cold entering the soil. Dead leaves also contain residual nutrients that slowly break down creating an enriched soil that supports rapid Spring growth. The most harmful practice for garden vitality and the environment is to burn leaves.

Lichen can be removed with lime sulphur. Lichen is not parasitic but compromises bark allowing in other infections that ultimately kill the branch. Lime sulphur is a general clean-up for fruit trees so it covers 'pest and disease' category. I put pruning last because if time is short it is no point pruning if there is no care given to remaining branches. The basic decision with pruning is are you trying to maximise **growth** or **production** as in fruit.

The other categories will be covered next month in plenty of time for appropriate actions.

A final word on chooks. They are having a winter egg break now as is normal. They are not on holidays though – they are replenishing calcium stores in their bones and sending the protein in their feed to the production of



new feathers after the annual moult. Many people do not realise that birds replace all their feathers annually. Do not skimp on feed now – what happens in the next eight weeks determines productivity for the next year. There are parallels here with the cycle of plant growth responses too.

Flowering now *Camellia sasanqua*.

KEVIN AND MARIA CALLAWAY FAREWELLED AT DELEGATE HOTEL

Despite the family leaving earlier than expected, a hastily arranged farewell at the Delegate Hotel was well attended, as was only fitting for this popular couple, who had given so much of their time to volunteering for many of the town's organisations.

Maria and Kevin departed on the following Monday for their new home at Narooma, where we hope they will settle happily into life in a larger town, where I am sure it will not take long for them to become involved.

Two of their daughters, Trina and Toni and son Justin were present at the farewell, elder daughter Kim unable to be present due to prior commitments.

They were presented with a framed photo of Delegate, and speeches were made by Natalie Armstrong on behalf of the Delegate Progress Association, thanking Kevin for his long standing support for that Organisation. Robin Guthrie on behalf of the Delegate P and A Society, where Maria had been a wonderful contributor to the shows. Alan Standen on behalf of the local Sub-Branch of the RSL, for which Kevin has been a tireless worker. Graeme Payten was the last speaker and he spoke of the Callaway family's long association with the Hotel, Maria having worked there for many years, and echoed the other speakers in saying that their contribution to the town will be greatly missed. The framed



WEDDING OF JESSI REED TO NICK FEIN.

A very pretty wedding took place on the 28th April at Poachers Pantry, a venue, a few kilometres from Canberra, when Jessi, eldest daughter of David and Cathy Reed married Nick Fein, son of Darlene and Phil Fein of Surfers Paradise. The photo was taken in the grounds of the old farmhouse, which has been converted to a popular restaurant and wedding venue. The bridesmaid on the left is Georgia, Jessi's sister and the other two bridesmaids are Jessi's long time friends Rachel and Crystal. Nick's brother Matt was his best man. Jess and Nick flew to New Zealand the next day, where they spent a week driving around the South Island. They have made their home in Brisbane, where they both work.

