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# Delegate Doings



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## ANZAC DAY IN DELEGATE

A big crowd turned out for the Annual Anzac March which commenced at 11am from the Cenotaph. Earlier a dawn service had been held at the Memorial Gates, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast on the verandah of the Delegate Hotel. It was a lovely mild autumn morning and it was fortunate that the rain held off until just before the end of the Service. Servicemen, ex servicemen, descendants and school children took part in the march led by Piper Will Horton as they assembled in front of the Memorial Gates for the Service.

The prologue was given by Phil Pope, RSL Sub-branch president, followed by the Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayer for the Queen and Prayer for the Nation, all delivered by pupils of the Delegate Public School.

A letter from the front from Pte Walter Curtis dated April 13, 1916 was read by Jayne Sellers, the Delegate Choir sang the Recessional, the Commemoration Address was given by Ellery Farren, the ode was read by Raymond Kading. Groups were then called on to lay wreaths, and during this time the piper played the Lament. Bugler John Judge played the Last Post followed by a minutes silence and The Rouse.

The choir and local school sang both the New Zealand and Australian National Anthem following which the parade was dismissed, many of those attending going on to the Delegate Country Club for lunch.



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- 9th May—DPA General Meeting
- 10th May—Snowy Monaro Council Expo.
- 13th May RSL Card Night 5pm
- 18th May Heritage Information Session.
- 18th May Biggest Morning Tea at MPS
- 29th May Glass slumping workshop Delegate
- 29th May Raglan Gallery Exhibition—Nancy Bridge-water Retrospective

### HERITAGE INFORMATION SESSION

A Power point presentation designed for all members of the community will be given by Council's Heritage Advisor on Thursday, 18th May 2017, in Delegate.

The presentation will include the definition of "heritage", describe what is meant by the term significance, explain what "listing" means for an owner and provide information on how people may like to contribute to Council's database on the heritage.

The session is free, and if you require further information please contact Christine Lawley on 64551913 or email

Chritine.lawley@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au.

**DATE:** THURSDAY 18TH May 2017

**TIME:** 2.00 PM TILL 3.00 PM

**Venue:** School of Arts Building, Bombala Street, Delegate.

### VOLUNTEERS WEEK

To celebrate Volunteers week the Delegate Progress Association are holding a special morning tea for their wonderful volunteers.

They have also been asked to nominate someone whose work deserves a Volunteer's Certificate and our readers are also invited to nominate someone whom they feel deserves to be recognised

It is those who willingly give their services who are the lifeblood of small towns and we are fortunate to have so many great volunteers.

### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Delegate MPS

10am to 12 noon

Tuesday 18th April, 2017

In aid of Cancer Council

### SNOWY MONARO COUNCIL EXPO

Thursday 10th May

RSVP Katherine Miners 64551702.

All welcome—businesses, groups, organisations, schools and services.

## DELEGATE DUCK RACE BIGGEST AND BEST YET

This years Delegate Duck Race has been the most successful yet. A record crowd, 2 boat races with a grand final race, 3 Duck Races and a Fishing Competition, the Delegate Public School annual fundraiser has been a great event for the P & C fundraising efforts. Held at Bill Jeffreys Park on Good Friday, the weather was perfect and the community were awesome.

The day began with a weigh-in for the newly formed Delegate Fishing Angling Club. The Angling Club were very happy with the day and their fundraising efforts also, selling meat raffles and vegetable raffles, they are now in a better position financially for future events to come with growing membership also. The Angling Club also had a sell out BBQ for lunch.

After the weigh-in came the kids time. The children got to showcase their talents with over 40 boats made by the kids themselves, in the Boat Parade. Prizes for various age groups made their creative efforts worth while. While the boats were out, it was straight into racing. Under 7's went first, followed by the 8 and up. 4 boats from each race went into a final decider grand final race. This years winners were Bella and Lola Tonissen, Ajay Camm and Riley Morley.

Two Duck Races had sold out before the event. Each race had 80 ducks in them. A third race saw the crowd buying more ducks in this very popular event. A record 240 ducks were raced this year and prizes were allocated to a record 75 entrants. This is thanks to many of the local businesses. The Delegate Public School P & C would like to thank the following business houses: Delegate Café, Delegate General Store, the Preston and Guthrie Families, Monaro Native Tree Nursery, The Globe Hotel, Bombala Newsagency, Bombala Post Office, Lou Lou's, The Tree of Life, RAW Gym, Plaster and Lolly Shop, Murphy's Building Supplies, Errinundra Preserves and Lavender House. With the support of these businesses, the Duck Race continues to be successful each year.

First place-getters of all 3 races received \$250 each this year. These winners were: Race 1 – Lydia Jamieson; Race 2 – Grantley Ingram; Race 3 – Charlie Ingram-Bates.

Finally the organisers would also like to thank the ongoing support of the community who keep buying ducks, building boats and turning up each year to this growing event.

Photos: The Jones family all got together for Easter. R-Dennis Reed with some of the boat entries

Below: The Delegate River is a great setting for this annual event. R: Audrey Armstrong and Joan Jones pause for chat





## Mother's Day Plants

It is May so many of us are preparing to celebrate Mother's Day. Traditionally the gift has been of cut flowers - mostly chrysanthemums. Nothing speaks so eloquently of Autumn as the combination of the tawny colours of chrysanthemums and autumn leaves in a vase. Chrysanthemums are a wonderful cut flower with their multitude of shapes and colours and they last so long in the vase.

However, increasingly the potted versions of chrysanthemums and the alternative gift, cyclamen, are available. Somehow we feel duty bound to plant out potted plants when their decorative days are over. Sadly neither plant is exactly easy care in the garden.

Chrysanthemums are prone to cold damage below 7°C, suffer from nematode damage that shows up as withered leaves progressing up the stem and from a variety of fungus and mildews. They are pretty thirsty plants too and will fail to flower if subjected to a dry spell. However, if you are lucky enough to have a robust variety in just the right spot they put on a glorious late Autumn display. Propagation is usually by clump division but if disease is evident they are also fairly easy to strike from tip cuttings which may break the infection cycle if planted out in a new spot.

Some of the reasons that the potted chrysanthemum plant bought one season will become quite a different plant in the garden later on is because commercial growers can manipulate flower size by bud pruning, alter the plant height by applying plant hormones and promote the flowering time by manipulating night length by growing in covered houses under lights. The Chinese and Japanese have a 2500 year history of manipulating the chrysanthemum so the opportunities are endless.

Cyclamen are interesting plants too. They look delicate and somewhat tropical but they are in fact tough cold climate plants from the mountainous Mediterranean areas. They are summer dormant and do not tolerate poor drainage in either their dormant or growing stage.

Of the many natural species the one sold by florists is usually *Cyclamen persicum*. Although it is not frost hardy like the bulk of the cyclamen family it does need cold night temperatures between 6.5 °C to 15 °C. If the day temperatures rise above 20 °C the plant will wilt and usually fungus invades the tissues. Often people think that the plant needs watering and this exacerbates the problem. It is quite unfortunate that this plant that is sold as a long lived bunch of flowers for winter cheer does not function at all in a heated room.

There are miniature cyclamens (*Cyclamen hederifolium* or *Cyclamen coum*) that can be bought in punnets for garden culture. They thrive in dry light shade but will not tolerate competition and are hardy to -20°C. Their tubers sit above ground and can be eaten by a number of pests such as snails and rats. In their native lands they are pig food.

I am so very fortunate in that I am still able to offer respect and thanks to my own mother in person but I will also be mindful of the care and respect I must offer to our earth, the sustainer of all our lives. We can only influence a small patch of the earth but we can make a big difference by doing everything we can to make our patch thrive.



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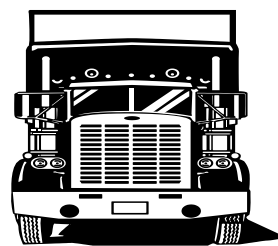
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## ANZAC Day 2017

Delegate RSL sub-Branch wishes to offer our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses, organisations and people who have provided support and/or donations towards the ANZAC Day Services, ANZAC Appeal, Breakfast and Lunch.

The General Store, Country Club, Hotel, Café, Primary School, Rural Transaction Centre, Pony Club, Snowy Monaro Council, Delegate Station, The Choir, Men from Snowy River Chapter of the Patriots MCC, Norm Armstrong, Josh Stuart, Marilyn Callaghan, Sandra Walker, Alma Reed, Doreen Standen, Helen Evans, The Dare/Kading Family, Ian Sellers, Jayne Sellers, Bill Bateman, Ellery Farran, McKenzie Dunn, Morris Farran, Hunter Reed, Will Horton, John Judge, and the entire community. We simply cannot do this without your support.

This year we paraded a large white Australian Flag that has created some interest in town.

That flag is an Australian Naval Ensign, known as the Australian White Ensign or A.W.E. The ensign is of particular significance to naval personnel. It is flown at the mast of a warship during battle so opposing sides can spot the enemy amongst the confusion of battle. If a ship surrenders, it lowers its ensign. This is known as 'striking the colours.' If a ship is determined to fight to the death, it would sometimes nail its ensign to the masthead so it could not be struck. This gave rise to the old expression of "he or she has nailed their colours to the mast" for people taking a strong stance on an issue.

Warships carry a good number of ensigns so if one is shot away; another can be quickly hoisted so as not to give a false impression of surrender.

Prior to 1967, Australian Warships sailed under the British Naval Ensign (In place of the stars, it has a red St George Cross.) This led to Australian Warships often being mistaken for British ones.

During the Korean War, the XO (Executive Officer) of HMAS ANZAC had a Kangaroo Weathervane made and fixed to the destroyer mainmast to help distinguish us from the British. This led to the creation of the Red Kangaroo that is now fixed to the side of the funnels or Bridge Wings on all Australian Warships.

During the Vietnam War, the Royal Australian Navy was in the unfortunate position of going to war flying the battle ensign of a non combatant country. The United Kingdom was not involved in that conflict, but our ships were fighting under the UK flag. This difficult situation spurred our government, to create the Australian White Ensign that adorns Australian Warships to this day.



The particular ensign that was paraded in Delegate this year for the march was one of the ensigns carried by HMAS Sydney (FFG03) during the Persian Gulf Deployment of the first Gulf War.



## VISITORS TO THE BUNDIAN GALLERY

On Wednesday 4th May, John Blay Co-ordinator of the Bundian Way project, visited the gallery with sixty visitors from the South Coast, namely Bega, Eden and Merimbula. The visitors spent some time looking over the aboriginal art and hearing John Blay speak about the Bundian Way plans, which involve the opening of the ancient Aboriginal track. From the mountains to the sea the track passes through a number of National Parks and crosses the Snowy River West of Delegate. The route has been surveyed and part of the Coastal route completed, a mammoth task which is already bringing many visitors to the area. The visiting group also took the opportunity to look around the Borderline Gallery and make some purchases before moving on to the School of Arts for lunch.

R: John with some of the visitors, including Darren a member of the Eden Lands Council.



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## DELEGATE COUNTRY CLUB NEWS.

There was quite a good roll up for the Club's AGM on the 9th April and the new Committee elected are as follows:

President: Carl Crotty, Vice President: Nick Flower,

Treasurer: Nick Flower, Directors :Alan Matthews, Norm Armstrong, Doug Cameron, Peter Stewart and Peter Jeffreys.

Secretary: Bill Bateman, (usually a paid position but Bill has undertaken this position on a voluntary basis).

The Committee was congratulated on their election and hopes were raised for continuation of the club into the future.

We are fortunate in having such a great venue for functions as well as the fantastic looking golf course. New members are very welcome so newcomers to the area why not drop in for a hit of golf or meal on Friday nights when the courtesy bus is available.

Pennant Match results were announced at the end of the meeting and Delegate won again for the third year running, congratulations to team members...Corey Nichol, Nick Flower, Jim Robertson, Alan Standen, Barry Reed and Raymond Kading.

The golf course is very picturesque with it's dams covered in flowering water lilies, beautiful trees, both native and deciduous and interesting long fairways so it is a pity that there are not more players taking advantage of this great local amenity. Times have certainly changed, when many can remember having to line up and wait their turn to hit off.



## MORE SUCCESS FOR JAMES TELFORD OF BRISBANE.

The Telford and Collins families were very proud to hear that their son and Grandson has been chosen in the Australian Athletics team to go to the Oceanic Games in Suva in May.

After receiving a bronze medal for his efforts in Sydney in the Australian Championships, James will now compete against representatives from a number of Pacific Nations.

Of course the family have all booked their passage to Suva to watch James compete and we congratulate him and wish him the best of luck.

Right: A poster supplied by Grandfather Ron showing James in action in the under 18 Javelin.



## KEVIN CALLAWAY'S 70th.

Kevin Callaway's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday proved to be a memorable occasion for him with so many of his family joining him for the occasion. Not just his immediate family, three daughters and one son with their spouses and children, but his six brothers all travelled to be with him on his special day. They also brought along their families so it was a very big occasion. A smorgasbord dinner at the local hotel attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends, followed by music ensured a good time was had by all. The pleasant autumn weather meant that the Memorial Park was just the place for the family to get together to enjoy a barbecue breakfast on Sunday morning. The birthday cake was of course decorated with the red V of Kevin's beloved St. George Rugby League team.

L: Kevin with his family, Justin, Trina, Kevin, Kim, wife Maria and Toni. R: The Callaway Brothers  
Back: Doug, Dennis, Ray, Kevin, John, Peter and Flynn.





## **Delegate Multi Purpose Service**

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

The clinic is open

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 1pm to 2pm

Every week except public holidays.

No Appointments necessary.

A variety of procedures are available.

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
- Blood sugar readings
- Non-urgent ECG's
- Suture or clip removal
- Injections – with Dr's written order
- Other procedures that do not require a Dr.

### **Pathology clinic**

Wednesday 9.30am – 10.30 am. No appointment necessary. Closed public holidays.

### **Other Services**

Women's Health Nurse

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2<sup>nd</sup> Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4<sup>th</sup> Fri of the month

Podiatry – for HACC clients – monthly

Ring the MPS for appointments for the dietician, diabetes, immunisation, podiatry and women's health 6459 8000

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

## **DELEGATE PONY CLUB NEWS**

Delegate Pony Club riders attended Bega Pony Camp on the 8th April till 11th April 2017. All the riders had some much fun, formed new friendships and learnt new skills. The camp was at Bega Show ground where there were over 90 attendees. The troops were split into groups with age and riding ability taken into account. There were group leaders who organised the groups on a daily bases after gear checks till the end of the day. Each day the riders rode from Bega Show ground down to Bega Valley fields where all the training took part. Activities for the days consisted of Polo Cross, Jumping, Riding Class, Lead Class, Soccer, Cross Country, Trail Riding, Sporting, Stockman's Challenge, Tent Pegging followed by a Gymkhana. The weather was favourable to us with only a little bit of rain in the late afternoon.

All of our riders had a great time and learnt so much.

### **UNIVERSIY OF THE THIRD AGE GROUP VISIT DELEGATE SCHOOL**

Delegate Public School P&C hosted a lunch for the visiting group U3A on Wednesday 3 May. The beautiful lunch for thirty was prepared by Leslie Gilbert and Su King in the school kitchen using produce from the school garden and some bush food ingredients that reflect the importance of the Bundian Way to Delegate.

The menu, really a feast, featured pumpkin soup with homemade bread rolls, pea and mint frit-tata, potato salad, couscous with roast vegetables, lemon myrtle chicken, wattle seed cheese-cake and boysenberry and apple pies. The potatoes, pumpkin, zucchini, apples, garlic, mint, boysenberries and rocket salad were all sourced from the garden. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Programme is a strong component of the educational experience of the students of all ages at our school. Whilst it aims to develop healthy eating habits it also links strongly into the literacy, numeracy and science curriculum.

# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to ALL the families who attended the local ANZAC March. It was a small gathering but the students who participated did a great job. Mackenzie, Morris and Hunter read the prayers clearly and confidently. Well done to Ellery Farran for her excellent ANZAC Day address.



We had a great day last Wednesday at our Athletics Carnival until the rain came down. The students participated well and some ribbons were distributed.

This years Delegate Duck Race has been the most successful yet and it is all thanks to the support of the community. This year's Duck Race has been hugely successful for the P & C fundraising, banking \$1,600.

### Early Delegate History (contd from p14.)

**STUART:** Selection may have been responsible for some of it. When we were looking at Maharatta, there were originally 70,000 acres, but by the time it was sold for Closer Settlement in 1912, it was down to 21,000 acres.

After the First World War, there were Soldier Settlers Blocks taken up by the Stewarts, Tooths, Ingrams and one other. I think the Tooth block ended up with the Smiths later. The Ingrams were at Bendolba, Pat Walkers's family.

The Tooths must have had a connection with the Jeffreys, as he took over the management after Darcy got the sack and waited until my Grandfather took over.

My Grandfather must have been on some advisory committee for the Soldier Settlers scheme after the Second World War, because he advised the Government that any block in the Southern Monaro area should not be less than 2300 acres. They were a lot smaller than that when they were divided up. Some were as small as 600 acres.

In answer to a question, I remember my Grandfather vaguely. He died in 1956 and I would have been 10 by then.

It was welcomed by the family when my Grandfather took over the management of the business. He had 9 brothers and sisters and 2 cousins. The Company wasn't set up until 1954 when Delegate Station became a company and shares were issued to all the family. Arthur's side of the family got half the shares, between 2, the other half divided between the other 10 children, John's side of the family.

**KATHY (PETER'S WIFE):** We are on the other side.

As people passed on, those shares were re-distributed again I inherited 4% from my father, who had inherited equal shares from his father along with his brother and three sisters. My Grandfather was meticulous with records, probably at the insistence of his father, who wanted to know everything.

This was some information sent to his father in England in 1920 concerning the livestock on the Station:- There were 15,929 sheep, 878 cattle and 40 horses.

The cattle were broken down into:	15 Shorthorn Bulls	174 Bullocks
	178 Breeders	184 purchased Cattle
	132 Calves	43 Dairy
	24 Workers	77 Heifers to fatten
	53 Steers to fatten	

My Grandfather was the only one that lived at Delegate. He and his father just corresponded and all the profits went back to England.

As you are aware, in the 1920's, my Grandfather started to re-invest back in the property, as he was one of the first on the Monaro to go into pasture improvement with superphosphate and sub-clover. This he picked up from Prells at Crookwell who started it. His eldest daughter had married a Prell. He saw what was happening at Crookwell and transferred some of that technology back to Delegate, which made a big difference to the production of the place. My father, also Arthur but always known as Bill was a very community and family minded person and at the time of his death, a tragic accident with a tree falling on his vehicle, was also the Bibbenluke shires President. Ian Ogilvy, my cousin on my Mother's side of the family, a brilliant horseman and I, co-managed the property after this.

The major English shareholder, for those who have seen pictures of the Queen's coronation, was the gentleman who was riding beside the Queen in the procession. (contd. June issue)



## **SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE VISITS DELEGATE.**

Following local concern regarding services available at the Outpatients of the Delegate MPS , the Delegate Progress Association were visited recently by Nicola Yates of Southern Area Health Service. It was a very productive meeting with Nicola clearly outlining what the public can expect from the Emergency Department at the MPS.

Due to there being no Doctor in the town we were told two years ago that it would be necessary to downgrade the service and that information would be forthcoming about the new arrangements. As this was not done, there has been a great deal of confusion in the absence of any official confirmation.

There is apparently a basic list of what can be expected from the Nursing Staff and those present felt it was important to know whether or not these services are also available if problems arise outside the Wellness Clinic hours and this was answered in the affirmative.

The question was also asked regarding serious issues such as snake bite, heart attack etc. and we were told that the first step is to ring for the ambulance immediately and following that if the patient attends at the outpatients, staff should be able to monitor the patient until the ambulance arrives. As many have found to their cost in the past, our local ambulance is often called out to other areas and is not available which often means quite a wait for those requiring medical care.

We were also assured that the Southern Area Health are aware of the need for an outpatients service at the hospital and the service will continue albeit with a reduction in the range of emergency services provided. A decision was made that the Public and Staff at the MPS need clear guidelines, which at the moment appears not to be the case .

It was interesting to hear that the community of Grenfell who are in a similar position to Delegate with the same concerns, have put together a dossier of the medical needs of individuals in the town and district for the benefit of their Health Service. The Progress Association volunteered to carry out this task, following advice from Health Professionals as to the wording on the form. Nicola said this would of great benefit and would enable the Health Service to do an analysis of what medical services need to be prioritised for the area and she promised to send further information in the near future.

## **EASTER BREAK BRINGS MANY VISITORS**

Apart from the whole Callaway clan being here in Delegate for Kevin's 70th birthday, there were plenty of other events happening in our little town over the Easter break. Easter Saturday saw some 1920 T model Ford vehicles pass through, having travelled from Heyfield, in Victoria, over the mountains via Buchan, the Barry Way and McKillop's Bridge to Delegate and beyond.

Easter Monday saw bike riders competing in the High Monaro Cloud Race from Canberra through Jindabyne, Barry Way, McKillop's Bridge, Delegate, Craigie and back to Canberra, a distance of 1000kms. It is an Annual event and much of the race is off road through properties and tracks, taking up to 6 or 7 days.

Monday saw a group of Bush walkers who had walked from the Snowy River.

The Bundian Way and Borderline Galleries noted 20 visitors on Saturday and 12 on Monday, which gives us some idea of the incredible and varied movement of people over the holidays, just in our area.

We were also surprised to be visited by three young men who had walked the Bundian Track from Mt Kosciusko to Delegate. They had trained for months for the venture and armed with the necessary equipment completed the journey which they said was an unforgettable experience.

# HERE & THERE

Happy birthday to all those born in May including Marilyn Callaghan, Mark Guthrie, Jordan Cameron, Rhett Guthrie, James Preston, Suzy Guthrie, Mel Kidd, Missy Potts, Beryl Stuart.



Our readers who remember the Arthur Clarke family who spent their early years in Delegate will be sad to learn of the passing of the last remaining member June Huntington on 22nd April at Traralgon. The deceased is survived by one daughter Cheryl, grand children and great grandchildren.

We also hear of the death of a former headmaster at Bombala High School during the eighties. His death followed a long illness. He is survived by his wife Rhonda and three children.

A private cremation was held recently for a local man Ian Jeffries who was a resident in Delegate for a number of years.

The Centrelink bus visited Delegate on Wednesday 3rd May. There was a representative on board from the Department of Human Services, who was very surprised to learn that the RT/CT Centre is entirely manned by vol-

unteers,.

It was great to see the Stuart family back in Delegate for the Anzac Day Ceremony including Peter who took part in the march.

The Flanders poppies decorations were appropriate for the occasion and Marilyn Callaghan and Sandra Walker are to be congratulated on their hard work. Some photos of their handiwork are shown on the back page.

We are looking forward to the visit of Council's Heritage Adviser on the 18th May. Following a meeting with the Delegate Progress Association he will give an information presentation for the public at the School of Arts.

The Dept of Main roads will be installing passing lanes on the road to Jindabyne. The Monaro Highway was also mentioned and with the number of large trucks using the highway, passing lanes are badly needed.

Interest keeps growing in the Bundian

Way, with a bus load of visitors on Wednesday 3rd May, from the South Coast accompanied by John Blay. During their time in Delegate they visited the Bundian and Borderline Galleries, following which they had lunch at the School of Arts.



The Bendoc Progress Association are asking for ideas for a day trip. Two suggestions so far are a trip to Cooma Little Theatre and later in the year a trip to Canberra Craft and Quilting Expo. They are also holding a First Aid Course on Sat. 3rd June at the Bendoc Hall

Don't forget the biggest Morning Tea at the local MPS. The local school combines with MPS staff for this event, providing both food and helpers. The Tuesday Club will also be making this their monthly get together.



Our first big frost arrived this morning the 4th May, so the late flowers, pumpkin vines etc. are looking the worse for wear. No doubt it will be the first of many frosts with farmers hoping for some more rain



The Snowy Monaro Regional Council are holding an Expo at the Alpine Hotel on 10th May to which the public are invited. There will be Guest Speakers and the opportunity to talk to key Council staff.

It is necessary to RSVP to Katherine Miners 64551702

# LOOKING BACK

## Early Delegate History by Peter Jeffreys (Continued from April Edition)

Because John Jeffreys, son of Arthur, was not a resident of Australia at the time of the birth of the Canberra, living in England, Acton was targeted by the government as the first area to be resumed. John Jeffreys wasn't going to give it to them and negotiations started in 1908 to resume Acton and finished in 1911. He got 741 pounds for the 1700 acres. From then on, they resumed a lot of the Campbells land and Duntroon, became the Military College.

When Acton was purchased, Joshua Moore had called it Canberry, but because this was also the name given to a not so very nice part of London, John decided not appropriate and changed it to Acton, which was a much more fashionable part of London, as well being the name of the family home in England.

My Grandfather came out in 1896. He came to Sydney and virtually straight to Delegate. These comments are from a letter back to his sister describing his trip. He came by train to Cooma, and he couldn't have been too impressed with Cooma, as he said "Cooma is only the size of Downton, their local village". Nicholson, who was the manager of Delegate at the time, sent his nephew with 2 horses to Cooma to meet my Grandfather. They set off along "a rough rocky road with rocks the size of mares heads". The road was extremely rough and he couldn't believe how good the horses were and how well they handled the rough going, how quickly they could go down the hills and keep their feet. The first stop was at the mineral springs (Rock Flat). They tasted the water, but didn't think it was very good, as it was a little fizzy. The next stop was at Nimmitabel, and then overnight at Holt's Flat. Then onto Bombala where it poured rain while they were there overnight. They had a pretty rough trip from there to Delegate next day. He was 22 at the time. He was only here for a very short time and then went to his uncle's place at Charleville Queensland for 4 years where he would have grown up pretty quickly.

In answer to a question, he was the son of John Jeffreys, one of the two boys raised by Sophia. Sophia left Delegate to John & Arthur.

John had 10 children and Arthur had 4 children, 1 son and 3 daughters. One of the daughters died as a child, and another one died reasonably young, so on Arthur's side of the family there were basically 2 children. On my Grandfather's side, there were 10. My Grandfather went to Radley College in London and then to University. The family in England were very strong into the Church. It was a big part of their life. He went to Oxford and was supposed to become a Minister of the Church. However, at Oxford he had other interests mainly cricket and the fairer sex, and his father gave him an ultimatum that he either toed the line or he had to go to Australia. Lucky for us, he chose Australia. So his father packed him on a boat and sent him to Sydney. From all his letters, from day one he loved Australia and never regretted coming here.

After his 4 years in Queensland, he came back to Delegate which had been run by a series of Managers. The first one was Ross, then McKeachie and Darcy, who was not very popular in Delegate, in fact they burnt an effigy of him. So the family sacked him, and then a bloke named Tooth took over the temporary management of Delegate until my Grandfather returned from Queensland and he took over in 1901.

He had Power of Attorney from his father and his uncle, who owned the land and the proceeds from Delegate and all the other land in Australia went back to the Jeffreys in England. In the early 1900's the family in England decided to subdivide much of their urban land and sell some country holdings. My Grandfather got caught up in all these land dealings in Sydney, Goulburn, and Jervis Bay was mentioned, and Brisbane. He was only paid his costs and his wage was 2 pound a year and he got a wage rise to 5 pound a year. All the while these land dealings were going on and he was deeply involved. At Delegate, he had a lot of employees, & many of the town of Delegate had connections to the station. Apart from Bendolba and Soldiers' Settlers blocks which I will come to later, I don't know what happened to the rest of the land. From the original 38,000 acres by the early 1900's it had come down to 12,000 acres. (Contd. P. 11)



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**Bombala : 64583444**

**Cooma: 6452 0099**

**Bendoc: 6458 1523**

**HOSPITAL: 6459 8000**

**DOCTOR: 64951369**

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**Catholic:** Father Mick McAndrew 64522062

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Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

Bombala Sunday 9:00am

Liturgy of the word and Holy Communion

**Anglican:** Rev. Robert Lindeck 6241557 Mob.

0408531544

Rev Judy Holdsworth—64583513

**Services:** 11am every Sunday..

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**Call MPS 64598000**

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Bombala Office: 6458 4888

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