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ANZAC DAY IN DELEGATE



Delegate commemorated Anzac Day on a beautiful autumn day commencing with a Dawn Service attended by around 40 people with a Gunfire breakfast on the Hotel verandah following .

Then at 10.45 **marchers** gathered at the Cenotaph before marching to the Memorial Gates for the Service. A good crowd had turned out to watch the march, with the stirring notes of the bagpipes played by David Mitchell adding to the occasion. Veterans, descendants, the Patriots Motorcycle Group and school children then assembled at the Memorial Gates for the Service, which was lead by Phil Pope, President of the local RSL Sub-Branch. This year for the first time, flags representing each branch of the Armed Services, were carried by three schoolgirls. (more photos on Page 9)

The luncheon at the Country Club catered for by Marilyn Callaghan followed formal proceedings, not forgetting the great Aussie tradition of a game of Two-up to take place later.

A big thank you to Bella and Lola who helped Helen and Marilyn with the poppies and the setting up of the club for lunch

Next Issue: 1st June then 6th July and 1st August

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Dates for your Calendar

- 6TH May Pony Clun Rally day
- 8th. May DPA meeting.
- 15th March Tuesday Club at Café
- 18 May Gala Dinner Snowy Monaro Business Awards
- 26th May—Made of Monaro Fair—Cooma.
- Preschool raffle closing soon



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The position is subject to NSW Department of Education and Communities mandatory child protection checks.

Please phone Carol Sellers or Moira Braden on (02) 64588183 for an information pack and an Expression of Interest form.

PRIZE WINNING SCULPTURE OFFERED TO DELEGATE COMMUNITY

The \$1000 Major Award Winning sculpture at the Jindabyne annual exhibition by the lake was presented to John Blay, Amanda Stuart and Jane Ulman by the Manager of Thredbo Resort who sponsored the award.

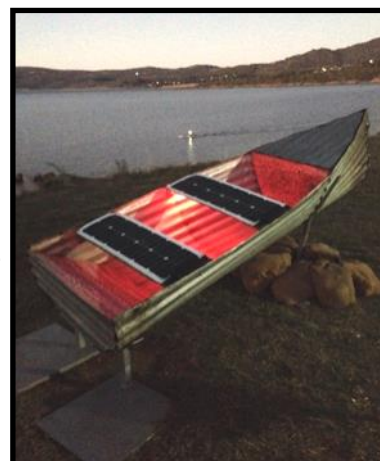
"It was a unanimous decision by the judges, as it extended the definition of what sculpture can be and might be. We loved its animation of space, the way it captured interest and invited pause, and loved the way it connected with the Snowy Mountains and the whole idea of storytelling and oral histories.

The judges commented that "it is a piece that could sit anywhere in the world, very professional and well resolved work, and a fabulous piece of public art – with a beautiful use of sound, and a beautiful use of the solar energy around to push that forward. We did not expect to see this here.

As the judges approached the "Tin Canoe" at the end of the path, they noticed a man sitting on a bench quietly listening to the stories emitting from the exhibit, and this reinforced their unanimous decision on the winning entry.

John Blay, on behalf of his fellow sculptors wrote "It's not possible to tell you how thrilled we are. It's like a recognition of the importance of our history and how things have changed over the years, and the connections we all have across the region."

John has offered the sculpture to the Delegate Progress Association, who are keen to accept if permission is given by Council, for display by the river at Bill Jeffreys Park. John tells us that the canoe has been thoroughly tested for public safety and engineering, and it has a timer switch, voices and light. All it requires is metal legs set in concrete to raise the canoe 800 mms off the ground



DELEGATE FIELD DAY SUPPORTING LAND MANAGERS AS THE DRY TAKES HOLD

A group of producers sharing positive ideas on coping with the dry.



Saving Our Species (SOS)

Scarlet Robin & Bird Identification

Learning about our Natural History

20 participants enjoyed a beautiful autumn day in the wilds of the Snowy River looking for rare birds and enjoying the views. Mark Mills and Christine Corkhill shared their grazing property "Hawthorne" (Tombong), hosting a Local Land Services Field Day, where keen bird enthusiasts learnt about the importance of landscape connectivity and how they could assist the threatened Scarlet Robin and other woodland birds. Discovering practical ways to include revegetation in our whole farm plans to enhancing connectivity and habitat for all our vulnerable woodland birds.

Traditional Landcare ideas such as fencing remnant bush patches and revegetating corridors along gully lines to connect patches were discussed, plus new ideas like smaller scale shrub plantings around very old Snow gum trees to maintain their health by providing habitat for insect eating birds like the Robins. Or inter tree plantings making stepping stones no more than 50 metres apart for the same birds to traverse the landscape.

The guided bird identification exercise with Damon Oliver (Senior Team Leader and Threatened Species Officer) of NSW Office of Environment and Heritage held the groups full attention as they spotted,

Looking over the Snowy River at Burnt Hut Crossing
Scarlet Robins, Flame Robins, Brown Tree Creepers and a special find of a Red Capped

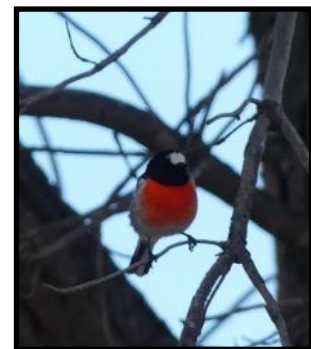
Robin in a very old Casuarina. We are lucky to get such highly respected professionals to the area.

The Kozi to Coast (K2C) team provided a delicious BBQ lunch, while Felicity Sturgiss (LLS Project Officer) shared information on how to participate in the SOS project and provide practical information on developing integrated property management plans and restoration of habitat for Scarlet Robins and other threatened woodland birds.

We all agreed it was a great way to spend a Sunday morning and the group plans to hold more events exploring the local landscape. Thank you Mark and Christine.



Flame Robin



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GOLF CLUB NEWS



Last month volunteers spread gravel, donated by Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

Jamie Morgan Bruce kindly donated his time and equipment to spread the gravel, much improving the surface of the car park. Of course the club's own band of volunteers, Carl Crotty, Alan Matthews and Doug Cameron watered the surface.

Delegate Pony Club News



Delegate Pony Club held their April rally a week later than their normal 1st Sunday of the month due to Easter long weekend. What an excellent turn out for the day. The weather was fine, actually quite warm but very nice. The riders got underway split into 2 groups. We had a guest instructor Skeet (Peter) Evans come along and run our riders through jumping techniques.

Through the course of the day he had the younger riders ensuring their eyes were where they needed to be and getting their ponies to commit to the jump set in place. The older riders worked on positioning of hands and bodies for jumping successfully. The riders thoroughly enjoyed his way of teaching. Rowena Butterworth Delegate Pony

Clubs President and Chief Instructor took the older group for the 1st session through some general maintenance for looking after their ponies, using a real horse for demonstrating. All the riders had their go at something different. The riders are currently working on gaining their different levels of certificates that NSW pony club set in place for certain ages. The riders then went on to doing flat work and some general dressage instruction. The afternoon session was fun filled mounted games activities in preparation for Wamboin Mounted Games competition at Bungendore Show ground that will be held on the 27th May.

The day was a great success with 6 new members.



Next rally day will be Sunday 6th May 9:30am gear check for 10:00 Start. Please check our facebook pages for any changes - Delegate Pony Club Community Page.



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
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- 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

3rd Wed of the month

Dietician and Diabetes Educator

2nd Thur of the month

Immunisations – 4th 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.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The Falls Prevention Workshop held at the Delegate School of Arts, with Kate Greenwood of Grand Pacific Health. drew an attendance of 15 people, who were each individually assessed for their future needs. The programme will continue each Monday for one hour over seven weeks after which time participants will be assessed again. The exercises are designed to strengthen muscles, which help balance and thus reduce the risk of falling. The exercise routine is simple and can be done throughout the day while doing household chores. The workshops are free and as falls are known to put more seniors in hospital than any other cause, it is a chance for older people to reduce the risk of such falls.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY JAYNE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COOPY



ANZAC DAY PHOTOS



PROUD PARENTS IAN AND CAROL SELLERS AT HARRY'S GRADUATION

Harry Sellers recently graduated from Armidale University, with second class honours Rural Science.



DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS



EASTER FUN

Mrs Mikula and Mrs Braden had quite a task discerning the winners of the tightly contested competitions in Colouring –in, Decorated Eggs and Masks. Luckily for the Egg Rolling there were also some keen eyes at the finish line, thank you Sue and Katrina.

Results as follows:

Colouring: Georgie I, Logan N, Lydia J and Georgie D

Decorated Egg: Amelia I, Tyrone I, Errin F and Mackenzie D

Masks: Jessi K, Ella F, Billy F and Alisha Mc

Egg Rolling: Mason B, Harry F, Wyatt P, Travis I, Errin F, Georgie D and Ajay.



MORE WW1 SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED AT FROMELLES.

Nine more Australian soldiers who fought in WW1 have been identified by DNA, from the mass grave discovered near Fromelles. There were hundreds of bodies discovered of both Allied and German casualties in a mass grave where they were buried after the devastating Battle of Fromelles where thousands of lives were lost.

All but 91 have now been identified, the latest being:

Kenneth Mortimer

Alexander Thompson.

Henry Bell,

William Boyce

Claude Yeo

Alexander Gardener

Stanley O'Donnell

James Smith

Alexander Thompson was in the 55th Regiment so it is possible he was a Monaro man. The men from Snowy River arrived in France to join the 55th after the first battle of Fromelles.

DELEGATE TENNIS GRAND FINAL

WINNING TEAM

Harry Sellers, Michelle Ingram,
Joyce Reed and Zach Magowan

RUNNERS UP

Lana Jamison, Clay Clear,
Dan Martin and Jaydan Clear



HERE & THERE

Many Happy Returns to all the May Birthday people including Marilyn Callaghan, Mark Guthrie, Jordan Cameron, James Preston, Suzy Kidd, Mel Kidd, Missy Potts, Beryl Stuart.

Special birthday wishes to Coopy Baker and Jayne Sellers who celebrated their 80th at the Delegate Country Club on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May.



The death occurred at Bombala Hospital on 15th April of local lady, Mrs Ilma Stewart, following an extended illness. The funeral took place at the Delegate Cemetery on 20th April, preceded by a graveside service. Ilma is survived by four daughters, Marilyn, Jenny, Debbie and Patricia, her husband Peter and one daughter Joanne having pre-deceased her. One sister Mrs Amy Talbot survives her, one brother John Bates deceased. Ilma had 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

The death occurred of a former resident of Lower Bendoc, Mrs. Shirley Hepburn. In later years Shirley moved to Bombala where she passed recently. Her graveside funeral service was held at the Delegate Cemetery on Thursday 26th April. Shirley is survived by four daughters, Cheryl, Wendy, Barbara and Julie and one son Leonard.

Sympathy is extended to both families.

In our looking back page there is an interesting article about a deb ball held in 1941. The number of debutantes illustrate a time when there were many more young people in the town. It was obviously a grand affair with the Bishop attending from Goulburn to receive the debutantes and two members of Parliament present. The local paper was fulsome in its praise for the organisers of the event with every person who helped in any way named in the paper.

On 26th May, a "Made of Monaro Craft Fair" will be held at the Cooma RSL Club—the Bendoc Progress Association have advised that if enough people are interested in going, they will take the bus. Please let Chris or Clare at Neighbourhood House know if you wish to go.

The Delegate Progress Association at its last meeting moved to support the Tathra Bush Fire Relief with a donation of \$500.00.

On that day our area also experienced the same catastrophic weather conditions, and we were fortunate that no fire occurred. So strong was the wind that it would have been impossible to halt a fire had one occurred.

With an increasing number of visitors, Delegate often experiences accommodation shortage, and with this in mind, the Progress Association have asked for cabins for Bill Jeffreys to be included in the list for Council's latest grant application.

Due to the extremely dry conditions throughout the district, Landmark and Local Land Services recently combined to hold a Livestock Feeding Workshop at John Turners property. Picture page 4.

The Night Tennis Grand Final was held finally after being postponed at a previous attempt because of gale force winds. Report on Page 11.



Congratulations to Kurt and Ebony Cotterill on the birth of a son at Cooma Hospital. The little boy is to be named Jayce Alexander and he is a brother for Beau aged three.



Congratulations to Harry Sellers who recently graduated from Armidale University, with second class honours Rural Science. Older brother Dominic is working towards a Degree in Medicine, while younger brother Lachie is attending Armidale University.



LOOKING BACK

Below are excerpts from an article published in the Delegate Argus on 20th November, 1941, found in Trove by Janice Lewis and passed on to us by her mother Joan Jones.

“The annual ball in aid of St Joseph’s Catholic Church was held on Friday night in the Show Pavilion and was a record success. There was an attendance of over 400 people, probably the largest that has been at a ball in Delegate. In addition to people from all parts of this district, there were many present from Bombala and some from other centres. The Hon. J.M. Tully, Minister for Lands, and Mr. J.W. Sieffert M.L.A. were present. The Committee for the ball had been busy for several days decorating the Pavilion and making all arrangements for the success of the function, and the result was a great credit to them. A very effective arrangement of silver tipped blue streamers were extensively used everywhere and transformed the appearance of the hall. At 9.30 His Lordship Rev. T.B. McGuire. D.D. Bishop of Goulburn arrived to formally open the ball and to Receive the Debutantes. His Lordship was accompanied by Rev. Father Griffin, Parish Priest, Rev. Father Deegan, and Rev. Father Comerford.

The debutantes had been carefully trained by Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Howard with her partner each debutante walked from the end of the hall preceded by a little flower girl. The debutantes were: Beattie Jones, Josie Jones, Sarah Walker, Janie Walker, Kitty Morrison, Patricia Morrison, Kitty Stewart, Jean Clarke, Edie Ryan, Veronica Smith, June Stokes, Joy Stokes, Dorothy Stokes, Betty Crawford, Joan Yelds, Olga Callaughan, Gwen Callaughan.

The debutantes partners were: V. Jones, J. Thornton, G. Walker, C. Ryan, R. Taylor, S. Mustard, K. Guthrie, J. Armstrong, R. Atkins, K. Cotterill, B. McQuillan, G. Stokes, G. O’Hare, S. Stokes, A. Crawford, R. Price, C. Callaughan, N. Callaughan.

The flower girls were: Maureen Jones, Marie Beilieter, Margaret Gatehouse, Maureen McGrath, Heather Morrison, Winsome Morrison, Madge Stewart, Fay Clarke, Judith Moran, Therese McGrath, Marian Joseph, Carmel Stokes, Glennie Oliver, Bonnie Ingram, Beryl Ingram, Roma Shinfield, Vivian Coote, Dorothy Alam.

After the debs were presented, the Bishop was welcomed to Delegate by Mr. V. Clear, speaking on behalf of the Delegate Catholic Community. M. C. O’Hare spoke on behalf of the residents, and Mr. A.A. Wright spoke on behalf of the Bibbenluke Shire. Mr. G. Alam was M.C. and music was supplied by Miss Trevanion’s orchestra.

After supper the Bishop returned to Bombala. The debutantes had a special table and on it was a two tiered cake, beautifully decorated by Mrs. Ron Martin.

Below Olga Callaughan with brother Carl. R: Sisters Gwen and Olga Callaughan



It is interesting to note that the date of this ball was during WW2 and was less than three weeks away from one of the most tumultuous events in Australia’s history, the bombing of Pearl Harbour on the 7th December, 1941, and the subsequent war with Japan. None of the young people enjoying the ball would have guessed that in just a few months, many of the young men at that ball would have been in the Armed Forces defending their country.

One of the debutantes Mrs Jane Crawford lives in the ACT, and subscribes to the Delegate Doings.

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A Camellia Story

Susan Tocchini

There are about 200 species of Camellia found naturally in the geographic arc of Vietnam to Japan. Some species have been cultivated there for many thousands of years, particularly the tea plant *Camellia sinensis*. In Korea there is an individual of a decorative species that has a girth of ten men's linked arms so it is very old indeed. Camellias entered European gardens in the early 1700's more or less by accident when those trying to get hold of the tea camellia were duped with ornamental types. However, these flowers quickly became sought after though largely confined to the big estates as it was presumed that given their origins they could only be grown in a conservatory.

Garden plants have always been a fickle fashion item. In 1840 the camellia was THE luxury bloom but by the mid 1800's the new craze for orchids largely turfed the camellia out of glasshouses. This led to a steep drop in the number of varieties commercially available but it also provided the genesis of the Camellia's new life as a garden shrub because, as fortune would have it, the cultivars and hybrids then available had arisen from the cold hardy species *C. sasanqua* and *C. japonica*. In Australia there were 160 varieties available in 1883 dropping to 53 in 1891 and to only 16 in 1916. However, by 1950 a major expansion occurred with hybridisation between *C. saluenensis*, *C. japonica*, *C. reticulata*, and *C. sasanqua* led by Prof. E. G. Waterhouse, the global pioneer of camellia culture. He initiated the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Camellia Research Society (ANZCRS) with the aim of sort out the naming of hybrids and cultivars and to improve the understanding of their cultivation. By 1993 there were now 30,000 registered varieties worldwide.

Unfortunately, in an effort to produce something saleable, breeders often opt for novelty in flower colour and form neglecting the 'garden worthiness' of the plant itself. Once hybrids are made some key features such as cold tolerance are lost. This was the case in the 1980's when the yellow camellia from Vietnam was made available. Infusing the yellow colour produced tender plants that were difficult to maintain so are rarely seen now.

The only way to reproduce hybrids and cultivars is vegetatively thus maintaining sufficient stock plants from which cuttings are taken becomes an important aspect of horticulture. In the 1980's I met a woman who was already past retirement age and who had maintained a five acre camellia grove for cutting material at Castle Hill in Sydney, which at that time the centre of the horticulture industry. The old shrubs were several metres high, in rows and dense. She routinely clipped bags of several hundred pieces of a type for nurserymen to propagate. Her children were urging her to quit saying the work was too much, the varieties she had were already superseded, the land was now valuable, all the usual arguments.

She told this story with much relish. One day she was putting out the washing when she saw an elephant in the stock plants. Shocked she went inside, had a cup of tea and gathered courage to look again. It had gone but she was too worried to tell anyone fearing her children's opinions of her were coming true. It was an anxious period during which she kept testing herself for dementia.

It turned out that the elephant had wandered from the circus at Castle Hill Showground and being well hidden took a few days to discover. The experience caused her so much delight and relief that Lucy made cuttings for good few years after that.

The camellia has an abundance of natural features that make it garden-worthy. It is a long-lived ever-green medium shrub that responds well to clipping into shape. The leaves are a shiny rich green, and in winter, when there is not much colour elsewhere, it has showy flowers that usually fall cleanly from the plant making a lovely carpet of petals underneath. In addition the foliage is normally disease and pest free. They have a shallow fibrous root system so can be safely grown near the house or make particularly good tub specimens. They all prefer a cool, well mulched, well drained, loose slightly acid soil.



In general I prefer a cultivar of a species to a hybrid because it is more certain that the growth habit and cultural requirements are knowable. For example if it is a *sasanqua* you can be sure that it can handle sunny spots and wind. One of the oldest varieties and best performers still is 'Plantation Pink'.



The *japonicas* are probably better known and more widely grown because the leaves are larger and glossier, the flowers are much larger with a greater variety of colour and form. However, they require careful placement as they are prone to scald if the sun falls on the leaves or flowers when they are still wet from dew or frost. For this reason they prefer sun no earlier than midmorning. The large leaves and congested flowers suffer sunburn and bleaching meaning late afternoon sun is out too. Failure of the buds to open may be due to mite infestation or most often because the buds are still wet when the sun falls on them. The varieties with white or pale pink flowers are especially prone to this disfiguration.



The *reticulatas* are less commonly seen. They have especially beautiful flowers which are very large, often about the size of a dinner plate. The plant itself is however several degrees harder to cultivate and the shrub is not as pleasing in the garden because the leaves are large, sparse, dull green and the habit spindly. This seems to be a common feature of any plant that puts a lot of its resources into the flowers. 'Ted Craig' has flowers 15cms across.

We have our own elephant emerging to haunt us in our gardens. Given the hardening of the climate we must decide during the next season or two if we are able to justify the water these shallow rooted beauties require.

Looking for a Mother's Day Present? Could you see Mum driving this?

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