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SPRING SNOW.

We should not have been fooled by the spring blossoms and occasional warm day, because winter keeps letting us know that it is not finished yet, with a cold front and good falls of snow in parts of the district last week. Delegate township got a sprinkling of the white stuff, but those on higher ground had good falls, including Delegate River. The photos below show the winter wonderland at Butterworths farm. Thankyou to Rowena for providing the photographs.

Below: Lighter falls at Toni McLeish's and in Delegate.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DELEGATE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
18TH NOVEMBER AT THE DELEGATE
RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

AT 5.30pm.
All Welcome

THE FAMILY OF DARYL WHITE

would like to thank everyone for their support shown during the loss of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Your kind words during this difficult time and throughout Darlys life are deeply appreciated and acknowledged. Every act of kindness; messages, cards, visits, all of the food, flowers and especially your prayers will never be forgotten.

Daryl would have been so proud of Derek, Michelle, Rochelle and Clinton, all our grandchildren, nieces and nephews who helped celebrate his life. His grandchildren and precious great grandson gave Daryl so much joy!

Thank you to our priests Fr. Mick and Fr. Adrian, Sr. Terese, the Bombala Hospital Staff, Sapphire Coast Funerals, St. Mary's Parish and St. Jospeh's, Bombala Golf Club and Pam Roberts.

God Bless you all

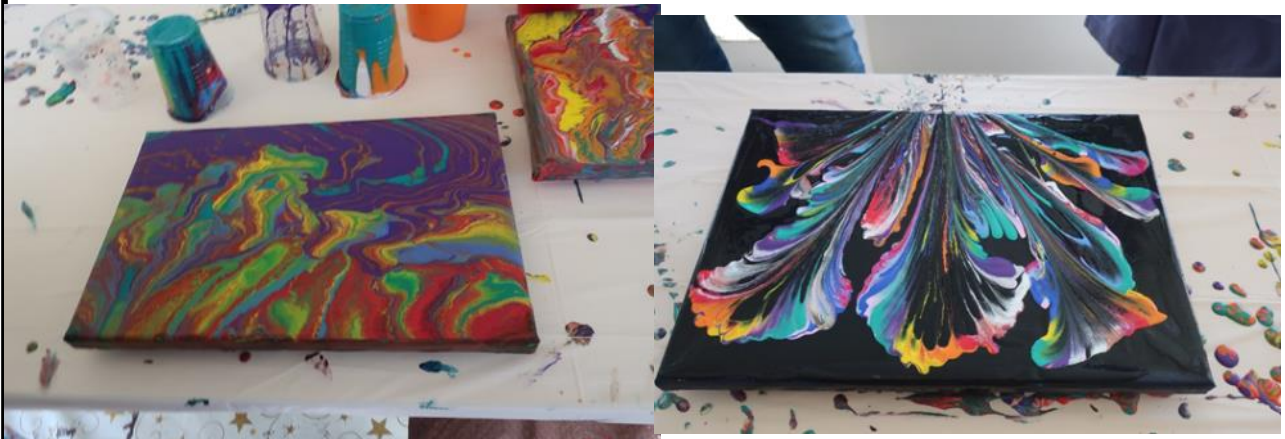
Sincerely,
Nola, Derek and Rochelle.

MORE COVID CREATIONS

Helen Nocny of Tombong and her daughter Tanya have decided to take on an art project while confined to home. Using acrylic paint and a special medium, they have produced many colourful works on canvas. It is a matter of choosing your colours putting them in layers in a small plastic container and adding them to the canvas. The paint is then manipulated into a design and left to dry. The colourful drops from the canvas can then be used to make jewellery. Another design is made by using a string of beads to apply the paint which gives a different result. Tanya has also been busy making “Dream Catchers using feathers.

Covid lockdowns have proven to be a time for people to get creative. Do any of our readers have suggestions for making art or craft at home? The examples below are simple and easy, requirements being boards or canvas which are primed, some acrylic paint in bottles from a \$2 shop and medium from bunnings, small plastic mugs to hold the layers of paint, before pouring

Below: Samples of the painting and R: Jewellery



JUST FOR A LAUGH

At a Country racetrack, the stewards had long suspected a trainer of doping his horses. So before the main race the chief steward followed him to the stable. Watching closely, the steward saw the bloke slip something into the horse's mouth.

“Gotcha you bastard” he said grabbing the trainer, “you’ll get rubbed out for life.”

“What are talking about” said the trainer - “These are only home made lollies my wife makes. “Look I’ll show ya,” and he swallowed one. “Here try one, they’re beaut.” He gave one to the steward, who, somewhat confused ate it.

The owner then led his horse to the saddling paddock and instructed the jockey “Get in front from the start and stay there”.

“Is there anything likely to beat me?” asked the jockey.

“Just me and the chief stipendiary steward” replied the trainer.

100 YEARS YOUNG

Rhonda Parkin from Perth WA has sent us news of her uncle Reigh Lewis, a former Delegate man who has celebrated his 100th birthday in September. Reigh's two brothers Neville and Ron both deceased him. Below is Rhonda's story of Reigh's life.

There were big celebrations in Singleton on 10 September for Mr Reighmond Gordon Lewis who turned the mighty age of 100.

Ray was born in Delegate, delivered by a local midwife on 10th September 1921, first son of George and Irene (Lucas) Lewis who lived in Hensleigh St, Delegate. Ray had 2 younger brothers. Walter (Ron) 1923-2008 and Neville 1926-1993.

Ray's grandparents Walter and Mary Anne Lucas lived in a house overlooking the Delegate river and George's parents, Francis and Susannah Lewis lived in Majors Creek NSW.

Ray grew up in Delegate and attended the Public school. Before attending school each morning, Ray would walk a short distance to Mrs Bartley's farm and herd her cows to the paddock from the dairy after they had been milked. After school he would return them to the dairy to be milked again. Ray also helped the local butcher. His mother Irene was very happy when he was given a pigs head which she would press and make brawn which was very handy with three growing boys to feed. Ray would sometimes wag school to have a day of fishing, swimming in the river or shooting rabbits which would also end up on the dinner table. After leaving school at an early age he worked on farms around the district. He remembers his family having holidays at Bermagui and also panning for gold with his father George in the Delegate river.

Being a strapping young fellow, Ray loved his sport and learnt to play cricket and football at school.

After leaving school, Ray played cricket for Delegate No 2 and Delegate Green teams, being a fast opening bowler.

Ray found employment working for Jack Commons on the "Spring Flat" property as a general hand. He would possibly ride his bike the 17 miles to begin his work week of 5 1/2 days. His wage for the week was 12/6 (\$1.25) which he received once a month. Saturday's being his 1/2 day off, he would rush home and gather his gear and off to sport. Sunday afternoon he had to return to the Common's property for start work next morning. Ray changed jobs, jackarooing for Don McKay on his "Riverview " property 9 miles out of town. His wage now being 1 pound 10 shillings per week which included his board and food. His bed being out on the veranda of the house which would be mighty cold during the winter.

While camped out with Mr McKay and other workers, Ray was told to make scones for morning tea. He informed the boss that he had never made scones so he was given verbal list of ingredients and left him to it. Ray made the dough and cut them out and put them in the camp oven to cook. He returned to find a perfect batch of scones, so nice in fact he put them in a tin to prevent them being eaten by insects or animals. The men returned for

their morning smoko and Ray on opening the lid his smile dropped, finding his lovely batch of scones had melted. He learnt a lesson that day to never put freshly baked scones in a tin as they would sweat and melt. From that time on he would wrap them in a tea towel. This inspired him and he became a good cook, making a great damper and of course, scones.

Ray is a World War 2 veteran. He enlisted in the Australian army in July, 1941 at the age of 19 yrs 10 months when he travelled by steam train to the Army recruiting centre in Paddington, Sydney. After completing his basic training at Cowra, he was posted to 2/6th Armoured Regiment at Greta NSW. The unit then moved to Singleton, NSW in January 1942. Ray was trained to drive the armoured tank which would have been a challenge given his tall height. In September, 1942, Ray sailed from Brisbane with his unit of M3 Stuart light tanks on the liberty ship "Henry D Thoreau" and served a tour of duty in New Guinea. He returned home to Australia in April, 1943.

While on leave from the army, Ray met his future wife Melba (Meg) Gould who lived in Singleton. After returning home from the war, Ray settled in Singleton and married Melba on 3rd June 1944 at All Saints Church. They had 2 children, Kenneth Geoffrey born 6 February, 1946 and Noelene born 4 August, 1949. Sadly, Melba passed away March 2008.

In December 1945, Ray commenced work with the Patrick Plains Shire. He later left the shire and commenced work with the NSW Government Railways. He started as steam engine fireman, moving through the ranks to becoming driver. After steam was phased out, he trained and became a diesel locomotive driver before retiring in 1981 as Driver in Charge of Singleton depot.

Ray excelled in the Singleton local cricket. Standing at 6 ft tall with an unusual three pace step, launched his fast paced deliveries. Known as "Trundler" and with figures like 6/1, 9/9, 5/8 and 7/22, there is little doubt he was a force to be reckoned with. He retired from cricket at the age of 46.

Over the years Ray and his family often returned to Delegate on holidays where he enjoyed helping Ron at shearing time at "The Forest" and Neville at Lewis's garage. Not forgetting having a few too many while out getting firewood with Ron and Neville.

Ray remains Patron of the Singleton RSL Sub-branch NSW and RSL Bowling club.

This year at the age of 99yrs and 10 months he received a pacemaker and is in good health and doing well for his age.



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DELEGATE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

Like many other events planned for October, the Delegate Annual Golf Tournament has been cancelled for this year. Organisers were hopeful that it could be held, as outdoor sport such as golf has been allowed, but the problem would have been self distancing for meals and drinks inside the clubhouse. It is a great pity as the course is looking absolutely picture perfect, with volunteers doing a wonderful job getting the course in great order. Perhaps when restrictions ease, something can be planned to bring visitors to an event.

The photos below, were taken by Lorraine Cottrell during one of her morning walks with her sister Sandra Walker.



DELEGATE HERITAGE WEEK-END CANCELLED



**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT
SCHOOL DELEGATE
CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS**

SUNDAY 17TH

POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE

and an open invitation
to us to celebrate the
Arrival of the Sisters of St Joseph
Opening of St Joseph's Convent School 1921.

- 10:00am Prayers at Delegate Cemetery
- 10:30am Centenary Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 12:00 noon light luncheon at St Joseph's School Centre
- Photos & memorabilia on display

Copies of any school or other parish photos would be appreciated

RSVP 25th September 2021

Sandra Walker 02 6458 8089 | Joyce Reed 02 6458 8228 |
Lorraine Cottrell 0427 781 756 | email: joeysdelegate@gmail.com

**UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO
POSTPONE OUR CELEBRATIONS TO A LATER
DATE – HOPEFULLY IN 2022 !**

We do apologise for any inconvenience.

**One a good note – preparations are now
underway for the repainting of the school
interior, which was last done in 1978.**

It will look good 😊



**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT
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CENTENARY CANCELLED**

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Monday 9am-10am

Every week except Public Holidays

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4th Thursday of the Month

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Kids Recipes

Chocolate Spiders

Ingredients:

- 1 pkt Chang's Original Fried Noodles (100 grams)
- 2 tbsps crunchy peanut butter
- 200 grams of chocolate (milk, dark or white)



Method:

1. In a microwave safe bowl, break up chocolate into small chunks.
2. Add peanut butter and melt on high for about 60 seconds.
3. Stir the chocolate mixture and if it is not melted, heat for repetitive short bursts (5 - 10 secs) until the chocolate mixture has completely melted.
4. Add the noodles and mix well.
5. On a tray lined with baking paper, spoon mixture into small mounds. Alternatively you can spoon the mixture directly into patty pans.
6. Pop them into the fridge to set and you are done!

This recipe makes approx 20 Chocolate Spiders and apparently they can last in the fridge in an air tight container for two weeks.

Clinkers Rocky Road

Ingredients

- 500 g milk chocolate or dark chocolate
- 30 g coconut oil optional
- 250 g Clinkers cut in half
- 100 g marshmallows
- 200 g raspberry lollies



Instructions

Line the base and sides of an 18 x 28cm rectangular slice tray with baking paper.
Chop the Clinkers in half and set aside.

Place the chocolate and coconut oil into a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl.

Heat, uncovered, on 50% power, stirring every minute with a metal spoon, for 4-5 minutes or until the chocolate and coconut oil melts.

Remove from the microwave and stir until smooth.

Stir through the Clinkers, marshmallows and raspberry lollies.

Spread the mixture into the prepared baking tray and place in the fridge for 2 hours or until completely set.

Use a sharp knife to cut into slices (if you are having trouble cutting the slice, run your knife under hot water and then dry completely before cutting - the heat will help to cut the slice evenly).

HISTORIC BURNIMA HOMESTEAD SOLD

Matthew and Laura Benwell the new owners have been extremely busy renovating and restoring the gardens and surrounds of the old building. Built in 1916 by Frederick Young of Queanbeyan, who was also the builder of Yarralumla, residence of the Governor General.

The building is supposedly haunted by the ghost of a young maid-servant and a window at the rear of the building is where her face supposedly can be seen, but I must add that she did not appear when I was there.

As soon as Covid restrictions allow they will be opening for tours, something which will be welcomed by locals and visitors alike.



SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL SHIRE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR RE-ELECTED UNCONTESTED

Mayor Peter Beer and Deputy Mayor Linley Miners have been re-elected uncontested, with no other candidates contesting the vote. While the General Council election will not be held until December, the legislation has no provision for the postponement of the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections and it was conducted in the Cooma Council Chambers on the 16th September.



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HERE & THERE

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Congratulations to Maree and James Coates on the arrival of a daughter at Cooma Hospital on September 18th. The little girl who weighed 10lbs 3 ozs. is a sister for Lanie, Eliza and Tilly is to be named Dani Kaye



The bush telegraph also has the news that there is an addition to the Chapman family. A baby boy for Emily and husband, first grandchild for Drew and Laura and a Great Grandchild for Marie. More details next edition.



The now Snowy Post features an article and photos of various Delegate and Border attractions on page 34 and 35. The piece was submitted by Sam Tonks, our local correspondent, who does a great job promoting our area.

We hear there have been plenty of enquiries about Real Estate in the area following the airing of "Farmer Wants a Wife". Apparently it is being referred to as the Andrew factor.

The historic Burnima Homestead has new owners, Matthew and Laura Benwell. Previously owners of a farm in Victoria, the couple are keen gardeners and plan to preserve Burnima's grandeur and restore the gardens. They will open up for tours, which were always popular with the local community and visitors.

The Snowy Monaro is in lockdown again, local vaccinations are high, but we are urged to remain vigilant.

After a slow start, vaccinations at the Bombala Surgery are picking up pace, and owner, Doctor Steiner has advised those who are hesitant to speak to their doctor and get the vaccine. He says it will save serious illness and will keep people out of hospital. This is an important point as Health Services in this area, like many other regions of Australia could not handle a serious outbreak

The people in the Border area have been well served by the Orbost Hospital, with several vaccine clinics held at Bonang.

Amazingly both major football

codes have completed the competition this year. It has involved many changes, with teams being moved to Queensland and the AFL Grand Final played in Perth. The NRL Grand Final will be played at Lang Park, Brisbane on Sunday. (There is a plan B if new Covid cases rise, it will be played in Townsville) I know of two loyal supporters who will be bar-racking for opposing teams, Rob in Guthrie is a keen Souths supporter, while no doubt Peter Guthrie who played for Penrith in the 60's will be hoping they get up. May the best team win. Meanwhile all regional Rugby League has been cancelled.



Bonang made it onto Landline this week, with an article about the vaccination clinics at the Bonang Hall. It showed Kelvin Ingram getting his jab while seated on horseback at the front of the Hall.

The death occurred at the Eden Nursing Home of lifetime resident of Delegate, Miss Beryl Phillips. Beryl was well known throughout the district for her beautiful needlework and cooking prowess. She is survived by three nieces and one nephew. No details of her funeral yet to hand. Two of her nieces live in Brisbane.

LOOKING BACK

The programme below for the Hockey Follies concert in 1951, was on Vicki O'Hehir's Facebook page. Very few of those people whose names are on the page are still with us, and only John Crotty remains in Delegate. Some of the advertisements on the side, make interesting reading, showing the many businesses in the town back then. Also concerts were very popular and seemed to be held fairly often in the School of Arts. Later three big concerts were held in the Exhibition Hall to raise money for various causes, the Cow and Shrub, the French Follies, and the Queen of Hearts. There was also a successful concert held at the Country Club for "Australia Remembers." on the 50th years Anniversary for WW2. It was a task made easy by the great pool of musical talent in the district in those times.

1951 - 51
Ticket to concert & sponsors in aid of the Delegate girls hockey fund held at Delegate school of arts. This was around 1951

PROGRAMME

"The Hockey Follies"

Produced by
MARJORIE MORRIS and JEAN MANNING
Compared and directed by
GUS MORRISON

CAST

Gus Morrison	Marjorie Morris
Peter Bondfield	Betty Callaghan
Norman Morris	Nessie McDonald
Ronnie Mead	Alma Armstrong
Peter Dawson	Joy Hartley
John Bates	Dawn Guthrie
John Crotty	Madge Stewart
Rex Johnson	Carmel Stokes
Artie Jamieson	Trixie Manning
Jack Mustard	Heather Morrison
	Vivian Coote
	Noleen Nevin
	Ailsa Rodwell
	Rita Thornton
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	Marion Collins

No. 104

Joy Hartley, Pianist

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Rev. John Kuruvilla 0406765443

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Plant Profile PERIWINKLES

The *VINCA* family ranges through perennial trailing vines that root readily from the nodes to well behaved annual shrubs that give wonderful summer colour.

THE PERENNIAL types come from Europe and are hardy in all climates. There are two perennial species *Vinca major* and *Vinca minor* and both originally had sky blue flowers. Over time these have been selected to have flowers from white through to purple shades as well as some with variegated leaves.

Vinca major has become an invasive weed worldwide that thrives in shaded or partly shaded spots particularly damaging when taking over riverine habitats. It is hard to eradicate because it forms roots at every node.



Vinca minor on the other hand is a useful ground cover that grows only 10-15 cms high that can be mown to create a dense glossy stand. There is a lovely purple form that blooms from late winter through to earl winter the following year.



THE ANNUAL types are tropical in origin. They form small neat shrubs of glossy dark green leaves and in temperate areas they give great summer colour with the lush appearance of the tropics. They are usually purchased in seedling punnets as they are a bit slow to raise from seed. The flowers were originally in shades of white and pink with a dark eye. Recent breeding efforts in USA have produced a wider range of colours and increased flower size. The recent breakthrough has been the introduction of orange shades. All annual forms need protection from frost.