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FIRST SNOW AND THEN FLOODING.

There is no doubt 2020 has been a year that will always stay in our memories for many reasons, with the bushfire threat early in the year, followed by the Corona Virus and a prolonged drought. However while we still have the virus to worry about, thankfully the drought has been well and truly broken with a big snowfall, followed by heavy rain and flooding. Below are some of the photos of kind not seen for many years: Bill Jeffreys Caravan Park and Delegate River Bridge.



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- DPA Meeting 8th September at 5.30pm



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150 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN DELEGATE.

Next year in November it will be 50 years since Delegate celebrated the Delegate Public School Centenary in fine style. An open day at the school where many dressed in period costume and grand ball at night was widely attended, both by locals and former pupils who travelled back for the occasion. There was also a big Street Parade in which all district schools took part. The Centenary Organising Committee was President Mr. R. Crawford, Secretary Mrs. C. Newton, Asst. Secretary Mrs. H. Sellers, Treasurer Mr. M. Martin. Of that Committee Mrs. Sellers (Jayne) still lives in the area and Mrs. Newton (Jill) lives at Lakes Entrance, but Malcolm Martin and Ron Crawford are both deceased.

A complete history of State Education in the district is included in a small booklet printed for the occasion, which also includes history of many of the District's institutions, and a list up Principals up to 1971. There are also some interesting historic photos in the publication..

For many years the school had a big attendance as did the convent and there were many smaller schools throughout the district including Woodglen and those servicing border communities.



The photo above illustrates what a large kindergarten and Year one classes there were in 1976..

Below: The district schools gathered for combined Border Sports day.



Left : Girl's Netball team. Photos courteously from Hazel Rodwell

Vale Frederick Henry Allen.

As mentioned in “deaths” in the Here and There page, the death took place in August of Fred Allen, a man who came to Delegate in the Fifties as Headmaster of the local public school and changed the face of schoolboy Rugby League. Born and raised in Bemboka Fred had played League alongside his two brothers, so the love of the sport was in his veins, and he realised the importance of sport for children in rural areas. At that time both the Public and Convent school had large attendances, but played sport separately and there were also smaller schools at Woodglen and Bendoc.

Fred saw the advantage of combining the talent for schoolboys football and his first step was to visit the Nuns to arrange a sports day swap, with the girls from the Public School going to the Convent on Friday afternoons while at the same time, the Convent boys combined their sport with the public school boys. A few players from Bendoc and Woodglen also joined in and the upshot was that teams were able to be fielded in every weight division for the numerous carnivals held throughout Monaro and the South Coast. For the local competition schools fielded their own teams when numbers allowed. At the time many sports were played in the area, with strong competitions in tennis, golf, netball and Rugby League, which made it easier to persuade coaches to come on board and parents to provide carpools for transport

The teams experienced great success, with one division being undefeated throughout the Region. The successful Juniors team which won the Group 16 Grand Final, featured many of Fred's schoolboy players, while some of the boys who went on to attend Sydney University represented the University in their second division Metropolitan teams. The 1976 Grand final team which played against Bombala also had a predominance of players from Delegate Schoolboy teams.

At Fred's funeral service his Granddaughter Luissa mentioned Fred's time in Delegate and his involvement with Schoolboy football of which he held very fond memories.

Below: Delegate Public School's Rugby League team: Right: A combined schools team.



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- be considered the same as the new border region resident permit, with the new conditions
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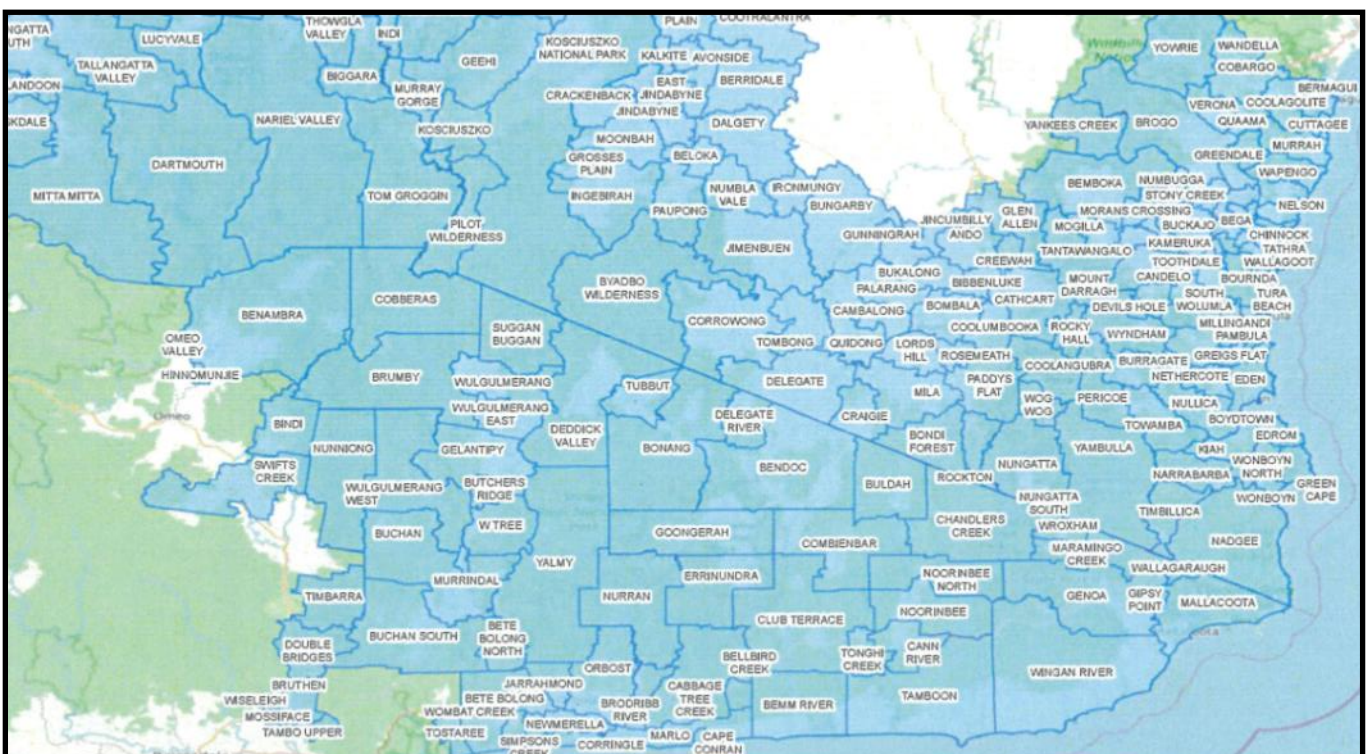
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- to attend work or education (where it's not possible to do so from your home state)
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- to permanently move home

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Below : Map of new border zone



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Streetscape Opening.



Mayor Peter Beer and the Hon. John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier and Member for Monaro were in Delegate on Friday 4th September to officially open the new Streetscape in Delegate. After much disruption to the main street it is now finished and looking beautiful. With the spring arriving the trees will soon be in bloom and true af-

fects of the beautification will be seen.

Above: Memorial Park

Right: School of Arts Forecourt



Flood Photos By Russell Buckman and Alma Reed.



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DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Education Week

I want to put a massive shout out to students, parents and staff that made last week's Book Parade/Educational Week so special. The effort you all went to ensure children came in their favourite book character's costumes was simply amazing.

K12 are producing some high-quality work amongst their students. I have tried to trick some of our Kindergarten students with some maths problems this week, but alas, they are too smart for me.

3456 are really getting into their novel study of Wonder and this week took on an impromptu investigation of the river in flood. How lucky are we that our students can investigate the river without leaving the school grounds?

I would like to send a huge thanks to Oz Harvest who donated vouchers for all our families to use at Bombala IGA. Hopefully this will go a little way to easing the burden on our families during this challenging time. Our relationship with Oz Harvest extends back to 2019 when they donated five electric frypans and other kitchen utensils for our Kitchen. To have them support us even further is such a wonderful thing.



The Way Things Were...

By

Gloria Cotterill.

Delegate in 1962 was a very different place compared with today's quiet little town, I had arrived at a request of a friend, who was also the Matron of the then Delegate Cottage Hospital. The new Doctor, expected the following week, was hoping to be able to 'Operate' in the hospital theatre and Jan asked me for help as I had been running the busy theatre at Bulli Hospital for the last 18 months, I decided to come for around six months, just to see how things panned out. Previously I had done my four years General training at Bulli, then my Midwifery at Royal North Shore, after a short time at Private Nursing I had returned to my old stamping ground at Bulli, a few weeks on I was asked to take up the position in the Theatre.

After deciding to go to Delegate, the problem came up how to get there? On enquiring at my bank in Woonona, about transferring my Account to Delegate, I was told 'Sorry no bank there! It must be beyond the black stump!' Also I had just bought my first car, a blue VW Beetle, but I was on my 'L's, how could I drive down without a licenced driver? Jan again came into the picture, coming up to Woonona, after staying the night at Mum's place, we headed off on our trek to Delegate the following morning.

We travelled down the Princes' Highway following the coastline south, I had never been any further south than Kiama before but the road kept on going and going, what a trip! We reached Pambula, Jan commenting 'Not far now!' Well then it turned into a gravel road, which was even slower, I was looking out for that elusive 'Black Stump' but didn't find it, it was getting late the sun had set and I was getting really worried, at last Jan said as we crested a hill, 'there's Delegate' and all I could see was three street lights twinkling in the distance. The relief I felt couldn't be described, that long tiring day was nearly over! We had made it.

The Hospital where I was to work had 14 beds, a 3 bed Ladies Ward, 3 bed Maternity Ward, 4 bed Men's Ward, 2 bed Children's Ward plus a couple of single rooms and the Baby Nursery, approximately 40 babies a year at that time were delivered in the Delegate Hospital so it was quite a busy little place, catering for nursing home, medical and maternity patients, as well as surgical cases and the occasional accident.

On operating days the Delegate Doctor, (who also happened to be a Veterinary Surgeon), would be helped by a Doctor from Bombala, who would fly to Delegate, buzz the hospital, someone would pick him up at the Airstrip, bringing him back to the hospital, then he would get on with the job of Anaesthetising the patient, so we had our own version of the Flying Doctor working here in Delegate at that time, would you believe.



The township at that time was a busy Centre with the main street having 2 large grocery haberdashery / clothing shops, a Baker's shop, Butcher's, Dry Cleaners, 3 Garages, Haulage firm, a Dalgety's Stock and Station Agents store in the old 'Mart', they ran local Stock Sales on a regular basis at the stockyards near the Showground, Post Office / telephone exchange, Hotel, CBC Bank, fruit / vegetable shop with late trading, as well as a Ladies Fashion shop, Café and a large Gift Shop all in the one building near the creek. Unfortunately in later years a

large fire consumed that building with the loss of all three shops.

The Way Things Were (contd.)

Education consisted of numerous schools around the area, the Delegate Public school the largest with over 90 pupils and three teachers; the Convent school had over 60 with two Nuns teaching; Woodglen, having about 50 pupils, with one teacher and over the Border, Bendoc with 18 pupils, two teachers; Bonang, one teacher and Tubbut, one teacher. A Border District Sports Day was held each year with all these schools participating, the children would assemble in the main street and march in groups to the Showground carrying their School Banners, ready for the day of competition.

Sports were a big part of life with the Saturday afternoon tennis competition being played on seven courts around town, night tennis was also popular and the tiny little shed that was the then clubhouse was always busy. The Committee and members worked hard organising matches, tournaments and fundraising, eventually putting on a Concert 'The Cow and Shrub' to raise money to build the lovely new Clubhouse, the one we appreciate and use to this day.

Golf always had a strong following and was played on the course on a property on the Craigie road, after golf finished it was time for the strongly contested Table Tennis competition, then Quoits and finally Hookey, everyone seemed to have a go and it was great fun, especially if there had been a home game of Football to celebrate, the Golf Club was the place to be on a Sunday night.

Delegate had two Rugby League football teams, sourced from near and far, which played in the local competition which included Jindabyne, Snowy River Bears, Cooma Rovers, St. Pat's, Bombala, ABC (Ando/Bibbenluke/Cathcart), and Adaminaby as opponents. The Tigers Football club had just formed and were short of funds, the hire of an Ambulance for the time of the match was a bit expensive, so I was roped into doing the First Aid, running on with the kit and waving the smelling salts under their noses. I don't think I had ever seen a game of football up close, let alone know what injuries could occur, but the boys on the field were of great help, mostly knowing much more than I about what was happening. I always had an offsider, a young Nurse with me who gave me more confidence and I was very lucky (as well as the team) not to have any serious injuries to handle .



Wheelbarrow races to raise money for the hospital were very popular.

HERE & THERE

Happy Birthday to all those born in September including Russel and Alan Buckman, Russel Buckman,, Chelsea Kimber, Renee Crawford, Helen Crawford, Kyden Red, Neil Curry, Sandra Walker, Jan Ingram



The death took place recently of a lifelong resident of Delegate, Mrs. Natalie Ingram. Nat is survived by eight children, Lee, Ken Chris, Greg, Tony, Mark, Brian and Tracey. Her funeral took place at the Delegate Cemetery, following a private ceremony in the old Presbyterian Church.

Sympathy is extended to all.

The funeral took place in Canberra recently of a former district resident, Mrs. Dot Crawford.

Dot is survived by four children, David, Martin, Sharon and Rochelle to whom we extend our sympathy.

The funeral of Fred Allen took place in Canberra on the 19th August at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Deakon, followed by interment in the Queanbeyan cemetery. Many will remember Fred as the headmaster of Delegate Public School in the 1950's. Fred was very involved with Schoolboy's football

during his time in Delegate (see article Page 4). He is survived by one daughter Denise and three grandchildren. His wife Eileen and son Malcolm having predeceased him.

John Blay hosted a virtual book launch of his new publication “Wild Nature” on September 3rd. Present were Pastor

Ossie Cruise and Professor Mark McKenna, Department of History, University of Canberra. Copies of the book are available at the Rural Transaction Centre.

The Bundian Way Gallery has been rather bare of late. Many of the South Coast Artists living in the Mogo area lost their paintings in the bush fires earlier this year. However, Curator Andrew Gray assures us that he is endeavoring to put together a new exhibition in the near future.

Following the front page article in the last Delegate Doings about Police on the border, those whom we spoke to, requested a copy be sent on to them as their Commander welcomed and encouraged positive interaction with the Public. We duly emailed a copy and received a reply from Mitchell Samson thanking us and saying he had forwarded it on to the other Police involved and to his Commander.

Delegate also received a visit from Vice Admiral Corey Noonan on Thursday the 20th August, who visited the local

RSL hall and presented their representative Bill Bateman with a plaque for the RSL Hall and cuff links for the RSL President Phil Pope. Admiral Noonan said he was most appreciative of the hospitality in general afforded to his men, in particular by the RSL. Following his visit to the RSL Hall the group adjourned to the Hotel who hosted a morning tea for them.

Also during the Vice-Admirals visit he took the opportunity to award a promotion to one of his men.

In October 2018, I forwarded on an invitation to a family reunion, to what was obviously the wrong address. The letter came back from Australia Post dead letter office a couple of weeks ago. It obviously had a very long stay somewhere, perhaps in quarantine.



The Bombala Times has officially closed after being our local newspaper for a hundred years or more. Since it closed it's doors in Bombala, the correspondent Jeanne Mendicott published the paper from her home on the South Coast, which is rather an impossible task. Very difficult to keep up with local happenings.

LOOKING BACK

The top photo shows the remains of an old stone house in the Brown's Camp area. And below is the former Delegate School and Hall. The local fire shed now stands where the old building was.



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The Earliest Spring Flowers are Bulbs

The appearance of Jonquils and then Daffodils mark the first stirrings of Spring in Delegate gardens. The flowers are really welcome after what seems an endless period of dismal weather. We often think that bulbs are 'set-and-forget' plantings but to get good results year after year they require quite a bit of work.

The **first** most useful cultivation technique is to give different varieties their own designated spot. If different types are planted together the strongest ones take over in a quite a short number of seasons. This can be between varieties such as daffodils or between species. The true bullies of the bulb world are Snow flakes, *Leucojum aestivum*, that produce large bulbs that squeeze smaller daffodil bulbs out of the soil. The Snowflake bulbs contract deep into the ground and are a mammoth job to dig out. One way to deal with them is to pull out the foliage as soon as they are identified by the flower appearing. Deprived of nutrition, the bulb will run out of stored food for next years growth. Another bully is the common pale lemon jonquil because it makes a lot of leaf growth that shades the smaller growing jonquils such as 'Paper white' and 'Erlicheer' and daffodils making their bulbs weaker for next season leading eventually to their loss in the garden.



Jonquils Erlicheer, Paper white and Soleil d'OR are highly perfumed.

Grape hyacinths also take over excluding the smaller bulbs but these are easier to dig out because their bulbs lie close to the surface. They are however hard to eradicate in the open garden though as each mature bulb produces scores of bulblets. Bees do love these for an early feed and they make a reliable dense display as a potted plant.

The **second** cultivation technique is to prepare for next season's flowering by feeding the bulbs this season with a food that is low in nitrogen and high in potassium. The flower for next year is forming in the heart of the bulb as this year's flower is fading. It helps to stop resources flowing to seed formation and it is essential that the foliage is allowed to die off naturally which can cause a period of messiness.

The **third** consideration is that crowded bulbs flower less well so it is necessary to lift and thin the clump every few years to maintain its vigour.

Fourth is to accept that many bulbs are not permanent garden plants and are best treated as annuals. Sparaxis, anemone, ranunculi, crocus and hyacinths are examples of those that are hard to maintain in Delegate probably because the soil is often both **cold and wet** in winter. Most of the bulbs we call Spring flowering do come from colder areas than ours but live in dry soils in quite exposed sites - even species tulips come from rocky mountain soils.

Fifth always place a marker where the clump lies as it is so easy to slice the bulbs with a spade later in the season when they have died down as it is hard to remember exactly where they are hidden.

