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# Delegate Doings



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## PRE-SCHOOL TO GET NEW PLAY AREA

Delegate & District Preschool has been successful in its grant application for the Stronger Country Communities Fund round 3. The Preschool will receive \$98,000 to upgrade the playground at the preschool.

It has been over 20 years since any money has been spent on the playground with equipment being removed but not replaced when it was becoming dangerous for young children to use. Photos below show how little there is for the children to play with in the playground.

The preschool has been working for a number of years for this to happen Stage one was a very successful raffle of a car a couple of years ago. Stage 2 was the development of a concept plan and stage 3 was getting a grant to actually do the work. The work will start in the near future and will take two years to complete as it can only be done during school holidays.

Please see concept design on page 11. There will be a few changes to the design layout but all aspects will be included. We will keep you updated as work gets done.



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- 14TH July—DPA Meeting

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### **HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.**

A photo taken in 1919 of school children during the Spanish Flu epidemic.



**Women's Health Clinic**  
**4th Thursday at Delegate MPS**  
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**for appointments**

The photo is courtesy of Doreen, who was given it by a descendant of the Oliver family. It is children at the Delegate Public School.

## **Regional Seniors Travel card – applications extended until 30 November 2020**

This travel card provides eligible seniors living in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW with a \$250 prepaid card to help ease the cost of travel. You can use the card at certain retailers to pay for prebooked NSW Trainlink Regional trains and coaches, fuel and taxis. The travel card is valid for 14 months from the date the card is issued. The regional seniors travel card program is available for a 2-year trial period (2020-2021).

To be eligible for the trial, you must:

- Have reached the Age Pension age
- Live in a designated regional area of NSW outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong
- Be receiving support from either Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs

To find out more call Service NSW 13 77 88 or visit

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-regional-seniors-travel-card>

## **Salvation Army bushfire recovery grants**

Hardship recovery grant: This grant provides assistance to individuals and families experiencing ongoing extreme hardship as a result of the bushfires. Loss of residence grant: This grant provides assistance to individuals and families in bushfire impacted areas whose primary place of residence (owned or leased) has been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable due to the 2019-2020 bushfires. To apply for a grant, or if you have further questions, please call the Salvation Army bushfire disaster team 1300 662 217 or [sal.disasters@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:sal.disasters@salvationarmy.org.au) Assessment for a bushfire recovery grant is based on an individual needs basis and has the following

criteria:

- Suffered loss from the 2019-2020 bushfires
- At the time of the bushfires, lived or worked in a bushfire affected area
- Over 18 years-old
- One grant per household

Each grant has its own verification requirements. If you've previously been assessed by The Salvation Army for bushfire assistance (2019-2020 bushfires), you do not need to provide these verification documents again.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/disasters-and-emergencies/faq/bushfire-recoverygrants-now-available/>

## **Recovery assistance days in Bombala**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a coffee catch up, it was wonderful to see you. The Recovery Team and our supporters Red Cross, Salvation Army, Rural Financial Counselling Service and Business Support EY were all on hand to assist. The recovery assistance days were a busy time for all providing advice and guidance on grant applications. Assistant Recovery Officers Robin Guthrie and Tracy Crompton were busy welcoming everyone. Thank you to the Salvation Army and Snowy Mountains Cookies for the morning tea.

**Bombala Community Centre, 163 Maybe Street, Thursday 9 July from 10am to 2pm.**

All bushfire affected residents are invited to come along to catch up with the Recovery Team and agencies. We know weekday recovery assistance points don't work for everyone and there will be more held in the coming weeks. We will do our best to hold some of these on a Saturday morning. More dates and locations to come. Need to know more call the Recovery Team 1300 345 345, we are here to help you.

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, capacity is limited.*

## THE BLACK ALLEN LINE.

In February 2006 an unusual and historical event took place at Delegate River on the border of NSW and Victoria. As the Sydney Morning Herald put it at the time “The Black Allan line section of the border has been for over 130 years the Claytons section of the NSW Victorian border—the border you have when you do not officially have a border. Unbelievably this section of the border surveyed by Alexander Black and Alexander Charles Allen was never officially signed off by the Governments of the time. so in 2006 a ceremony attended by over 300 people saw Governors of NSW and Victoria Marie Beshir and John Landy sign the document proclaiming the straight section of the border known as the Black Allen line.

The DSE crew at Bendoc had previously cleared the official site and pitched a large tent where the ceremony took place and erected a replica of the original stone cairns. A brass plaque was officially placed on the cairn and in the photo below the Governors are shown with their hands interlocked above the cairn.

Unfortunately, the story does not have a happy ending, as somebody illegally removed the brass plaque from the cairn several years ago. The DPA has brought this up with the powers that be on several occasions, with no success. However as it is felt that this is a significant part of our local history, they now have made an official request for a new plaque be placed on the border cairn. Fortunately we have a copy of the original wording and will write to the Border Commissioners offering to order and attach the new plaque, but as it is a matter for the two States it is felt that the DPA should be reimbursed for the cost of the plaque. We have decided against a brass plaque to remove the temptation to steal it.

Following the ceremony in 2006, Governor Marie Beshir visited the local school and both Governors were entertained at a Civic reception at the Delegate Country Club.



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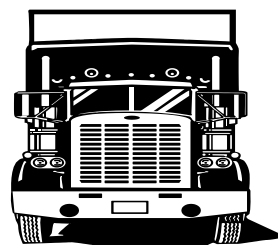
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# THE DISTRICT'S OLD BRIDGES

The State Government are gradually upgrading and renewing old bridges throughout the State and work on these projects is taking place throughout the local area. At Delegate River near the border, a new low level cement crossing is being built to carry traffic, while the upgrade to the old bridge is carried out. Built over one hundred years ago in the horse and buggy days, these historic bridges were not designed to carry today's heavy motorised transport.



## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE.

It is said that the reason that the Irish are less stressed is because they do not understand the seriousness of medical terms. For instance some examples are:

COMA—A punctuation mark

DILATE—To live long

ENEMA—Not a friend.

FIBULA—A small lie

LABOUR PAIN—Getting hurt at work.

NITRATES –Rates of pay for working at night.

BACTERIA—Back door to cafeteria

BARIUM—What doctors do when patients die.

CAESAREAN SECTION—A neighbourhood in Rome.

CAT SCAN— Searching for Kitty.

COLIC—A sheep dog

NODE—I knew it.

OUTPATIENT—A person who has fainted.

PELVIS—Second cousin to Elvis.

POST OPERATIVE—A letter carrier

RECOVERY ROOM—Place to do upholstery

RECTUM—Nearly killed him

SECRETION—Hiding something

SEIZURE—Roman emperor

TABLET—A small table

TERMINAL ILLNESS—Getting sick at airport.

TUMOUR—One plus one more

MORBID—A higher offer

MEDICAL STAFF—A doctor's cane.

ARTERY—The study of paintings.

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## A TRAVELLERS TALE By Gloria Cotterill

On my last voyage I had the pleasure of visiting the Baltic countries, one of which is Latvia, a country I had heard much about from my fellow Nursing trainee, Gunta, who had been born there, many years ago. The capitol of Latvia is Riga and it was like stepping back in time, the streets in many places were still paved with cobblestones, the buildings were very old and ornately decorated, one really took my eye, either side at the top were two large heads, about two stories high in blue and white, they reminded me of Wedgewood pottery, just amazing.

Then we were taken to the “old” part of the town, the market place and square were all cobblestones, the buildings even older, Riga had been a trading city for hundreds of years with their own Merchant Guild organising the trading, however one day a new Trader came to town wanting to join the Guild, he was refused membership, the old members thinking he would go away as they wanted all the trade for themselves. He didn't and proceeded to build his own impressive new house and Merchant premises right opposite the Chairman's home and place of Business, also to add more to the insult he placed a big black cat on top of his building with it's backside facing the other property!

There was such an uproar but eventually they negotiated a settlement, he was asked to join their Guild on the understanding that he turned the cat in a different direction. Mission accomplished, a job well done and the cat can still be seen on top of the building in Riga, to this day!



## PATRICIA GUTHRIE CELEBRATES HER 70TH BIRTHDAY

In these times of restricted visitors, Trish's family and a few friends joined her at her home at Lower Bendoc on Sunday the 14th June, to celebrate the occasion of her 70th birthday. Daughter Marsha who had made and decorated the lovely cake, came from Sydney for the occasion, while sons Wayne and Brad and families travelled from Queanbeyan.

The Guthrie family pictured from back L: Josh, Wayne, Marsha, Peter and Angie holding Patrick. Seated Brad and youngest son Toby, while Karen and Katie stand behind Trish.



## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO BARRY REED.

Barry is another one whose milestone birthday has come in the year of Covid and he celebrated at home with a family dinner.

Barry's mother Edna who was 100 years old on the 7th April also had restricted celebrations for her very special occasion.

At right Barry is pictured with wife Alma and Grandson Jack Reed.





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# DELEGATE SCHOOL NEWS

Who can believe that we are nearing the halfway point of what has been a crazy, crazy year for our entire school community.

One thing that has certainly shone through for me has been the resilience of our community and how we have banded around each other in a wonderful support network. Our students have also shown outstanding resilience to manage the circumstances that have been served to them this year. Upon returning from the COVID lockdown, they have shown a great willingness to collaborate and get back into the daily routine of classwork. We are so proud of them.

In K12 students are working hard to improved their reading skills and this has been no more evident than the outstanding progress our four kindergarten students are making with their Magic Words. In library, K12 have been busy borrowing books each week and learning some Japanese words and phrases on Tuesdays and are in the process of working on a STEAM project that will produce a card that lights up using electronics.

3456 are working very hard in class, engaging in a novel study of Nimm's Island. It is quite a beautiful thing to enter a classroom and see students with novels in their hands, engaging in reading and discussion around plot lines and characters. Library borrowing remains very strong from 3456 and



they have engaged in some Japanese writing this week where students learnt how to write their own name in Japanese Kanji. In their technology lessons, students are gaining a deeper understanding of the use of Microsoft Word and all its features whilst producing a poem to be entered in a poetry competition for the Fellowship of Australian Writers.



# DELEGATE PRE-SCHOOL PLAN FOR NEW BCK YARD



## 150 Years of public schooling in Delegate.

Next year will see the 150th Anniversary of the Delegate Public school. The School Centenary was celebrated in 1971 with a street parade, a luncheon, and a ball. Of course the school had a much larger attendance then with around 90 pupils, however there is no reason why this important milestone cannot be celebrated in a big way again. Former pupils were invited back and the photo on the far right includes Phillis O'Mara and Avis Willis (nee Leslie.)

Far right: Amy Talbot and Pat Crawford dressed up for the occasion Pat is holding Deanne and that is possibly Tanya standing next to Amy.



# HERE & THERE

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated a birthday in July including Robyn Mikula, Su King, Josh Stuart, Kaye Reed, Matthews, Stuart Reed, Helen Nocny and also birthday greetings to one of our readers Nell Southam who celebrated a birthday in June.

She is now on our list of June birthdays.



Also there were three special birthdays celebrated in June, Trish Guthrie on the 15th and Barry Reed on the 23rd. And also Wendy Bruce celebrated her 60th



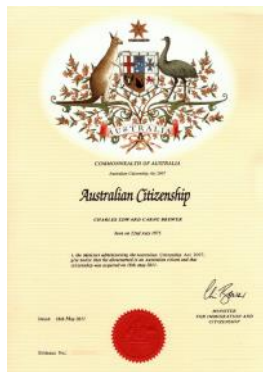
The death occurred recently of local man Ken Collings. Ken whose home was at Bendoc had spent some time of late with sons in Goulburn, where he was admitted to hospital. His wife Gillian pre-deceased him and he is survived by three sons Jason, Scott and Clinton, their partners and families. His funeral took place at Delegate Cemetery on Wednesday 24th June. Sympathy is extended to all.

Southern Monaro and South Coast are experiencing the longest dry recorded in the last 100 years. The last rain band brought up to 20 millimetres, the best for months, but without heavy rain the dams remain empty and the river low.



The upsurge in Covid 19 cases in Victoria is a reminder to us all that the danger is far from over. It will be necessary to observe health protocols for a long time, as a vaccine is not expected any time soon. What happened in Melbourne is an example of what happens when people ignore health advice and behave as if things are back to normal..

Congratulations to Heidi Woeffle who recently obtained her Australian Citizens online. A first time that this has been done via the Internet due to the Covid Virus restrictions.

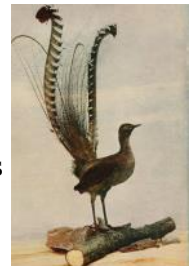


Sur-

prisingly July 4th By Election sees a choice of 14 candidates, so that means 9 as well as the main parties, Greens, Shooters and Fishers, Nationals, Liberals and Labour. So a big ballot sheet to fill in which may mean more informal votes.



The ABC facebook page has a recent article about Lyrebirds, and their wonderful ability to repeat sounds. A lady from Bodalla wrote that a lyrebird in the area has been mimicking the sounds of fire sirens since January. The Lyrebird is native to Victoria and Southern NSW and can often be seen darting across roads in the nearby bush



A big thankyou to Joan Jones who often provides us with photos for our Looking Back page. We have just received three great photos from her family album, which we will publish in future editions. We are always glad to receive copies of old family photos.

# LOOKING BACK

The photos below show some of the crowd who gathered at the Border at Delegate river to see the Governor of NSW proclaim the straight area of the border known as the Black Allen Line. Amazingly this took place 130 years after the border was officially declared. A large crowd of over 300 including school children turned out for the historical occasion.



# Community Information

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3rs & 5th Sun. Mass Del. Sun 8am,

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# The Challenge of Plants Indoors

by Susan Tocchini

Fashions in indoor plants wax and wane. Can you remember when everyone had a Devil's ivy (Pothos vine) straggling around the kitchen?



About the same time many people struggled with African Violets, often going to the extent of installing special cabinets and lighting to overcome the limp 'about to die look'. When it was clear that the plant was indeed about to succumb there was the desperate race to produce a new one from a leaf cutting.



Next came the great palm craze. Most species offered for sale were tropical ones that resented the low humidity of indoors showing brown edges and dying fronds. They took up as much space as a lounge chair and were one more thing that needed to be dusted.

The list goes on, Rubber plants, Peace lilies, Monsteras.....as you can tell by now, despite my former life as a wholesale producer and exporter of indoor plants I am a bit impatient about coddling plants in situations where they really have neither the ability or will to thrive.

The underlying problem with confining plants to the indoors is that the whole reason for a plant's being is to convert sunlight into growth. For sure there are plants that are adapted to low light conditions, even lower than that of an average room, but these plants are found in the understorey of thick tropical forests in nature are usually straggly. So here comes the next constraining factor after light to satisfactory growth indoors, humidity. In the set of conditions typical of the tropical forest understorey the humidity is high and fairly constant which is not the case in our houses, especially in the bathroom.

The next consideration is temperature. It is not so much the absolute ambient temperature but its consistency. In the tropical understorey there is only a small daily and seasonal range due to the protection of a strong canopy. In the home temperatures vary widely especially in winter when heating peaks in the evening and drops in the early hours.

When you transport a tropical plant into a temperate or cold climate all these factors combine to make life very confusing for the plant. It is easier to manage a plant if it hails from a temperate zone.

Despite the difficulty of indoor growing we persist because we humans really crave greenery especially when cold conditions make the outdoors so bleak. A plant indoors, especially a flowering one, has much appeal. A good candidate for ease of long-term maintenance is the Zygocactus group that comes from temperate forest. I use the term 'group' because there a number of closely related species that have been hybridised to produce the improved commercial varieties now available. The genus has recently been renamed Schlumbergera and both names are in use.



More problematic when gathering information is the common name. This plant is daylight dependent flowering on short days so is called Christmas cactus in the northern hemisphere. It originates from the Southern mountain forests in Brazil flowering there in June as it does here so they, and we, call it the Winter cactus. Coming from a cool mountain climate it adapts well to indoors and being fleshy does not react readily to humidity fluctuations but it cannot tolerate frost

or direct sunlight. It is also a little bit tricky in a room that is lit at night in winter as it needs short days to flower. In fact, buds will drop if days are suddenly lengthened by having the lights on in the evening as we tend to do about 5 o'clock in mid-winter. However, you can safely bring the plant into the main room once the buds start to open.

There is a relative often found in older peoples' greenhouses, *Rhipsalis gaertneri*. The foliage is similar but the flower form is different, more daisy like. Closeup of *Rhipsalis* (Left) and *Schlumbergera* (Right). Both are critically endangered in the wild due to over collecting.



Now I have only recently learned of the effect of daylength on *zygocactus* and *rhipsalis*. I have plants of both that have never flowered in the twenty years that I have lived in Delegate although they were prolific flowerers on my Mum's veranda in Albury. Because of our intense frosts I have moved them indoors to the bathroom each winter not knowing until recently that artificially lengthening the day at the critical time of bud initiation was going to be a problem.

Not all plants respond to daylength, it is only one of the many cues plants are programmed to use. For example, deciduous fruit trees measure chill hours and much effort has gone into producing low chill varieties of peaches and apples so that Queenslanders can grow them.

Another popular winter flowerer is the *Cyclamen*. It originates in windswept, thin soils on cold rocky mountains where the corms grow so large that they are used as pigfeed. *Cyclamen* hate the warmth of heated rooms and wet soil so often collapse after purchase.

Meanwhile the flowering geranium on my windowsill is doing well until that is there comes the inevitable night I forget to bring it away from the glass overnight. Geraniums do not really thrive here as they perish without strong light in the day and also succumb to cold and overwatering.

Is it all worth it? Well yes if you view a winter flower as a miracle that lifts the spirits.