

Extract from Bombala Times 23rd June 1999



Anniversary of biggest recorded snow fall.

Fifty years ago on the night of June 21, 1949, Delegate received the biggest snow fall in recorded history. For ten days the town was completely isolated, with impassable roads, and without power and telephone. The snow averaged a depth of 18 inches, and in drifts on roads etc, was up to three and four foot deep. The powerlines from a local generator owned by Mr Jeff Stewart were broken by the weight of the snow, so it was back to candles and kerosene lamps. Fortunately the Snowy Mountains Authority 's power scheme had begun and its resources were put to good use, with the supply of a snow plough which came from Cooma to clear the roads to the south. It took ten days to reach Delegate. The only vehicle capable of travelling the roads around town for many days was an ex world war two blitz wagon owned by local storekeeper Mr George Alma. Mr Alma and staff shouldered the task of delivering the locally baked bread and other foodstuffs around town. The snow was followed by severe frosts, and the temperature dropped to minus ten degrees. Without anti-freeze, the freezing temperatures caused severe damage to many vehicles housed in sheds and garages. Fortunately for the local population heating and cooking in those days was all supplied by wood stoves and fires, so people coped without too much discomfort. Let us hope history doesn't repeat itself because we would all be much worse off today with our dependence on modern appliances.

At the time of reading this article I thought to myself ' Well this makes the winter we have been having seem like nothing compared to this! ". Lets hope we avoid a snowfall like this in the future! - Sim

THE STEAKS ARE HIGH!



As most of you would be aware the cattle market has hit an all time high of late, with record prices being recorded for hook and saleyard cattle.

In varying articles it has been stated that prices are nearly double what they were two years ago.

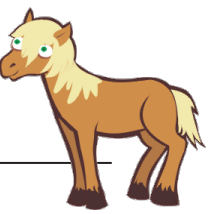
According to reports the reason for this is due to an increase in demand, the US Drought and our dollar here in Australia at the moment.

It could be agreed that it is about time the market went in the producers favour, and farmers are remaining hopeful that it will stay like this for sometime, to ensure the viability and sustainability of our farming future.

Although consumers would be feeling the pinch from this it is great news for the farming community.

For up to date information on current prices and reports for Hook and Saleyard Cattle (and other livestock) go to www.mla.com.au or do as I have done and download the **MLA** (Meat & Livestock Australia) App for those of us who are smart phone savvy.

Delegate Pony Club



We had 6 keen young riders at the July rally!

All the kids had a lot of fun working on stop and go techniques, control of their ponies, turning techniques and also put their ponies through the test of fake grass!!

They worked on a dressage course that really challenged them and their mounts!

The next Rally will be held on the 2nd of August with a 10.00am gear check.

Pictured below are the kids during their various lessons throughout the day!

Delegate Pony Club Welcomes New Members!



PONIES!

Dressage

Fake Grass

Fun!!!!





JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Claire Strickland



A big Happy Birthday to our lovely President and volunteer Claire!

We are so lucky to have you and appreciate everything you do for us here at the Centre and for the Bendoc Progress Association. You are an absolute gem and we would be lost without all the tireless effort you put in!

We hope you had a lovely day and we cant wait to see you when you return from your trip!

FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE

WHEN: Tuesday the 4th of August

WHERE: The Bendoc CFA Station

COST: No Charge

TIME: 6pm if you wish to join us for some tasty casseroles (\$5.00 donation to go to CFA & Neighbourhood House) 7pm if you registered to just participate in the course.

ABOUT: A big thankyou to everyone who registered for the firearms safety course—the response has been overwhelming! Please be sure to bring some I.D. on the night.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURSE IS NOW FULL

Little Green Frog Visit



The Little Green Frog will be back on Thursday the 3rd of September, 2015.

As some of you may be aware, our lovely Coordinator of this brilliant little program—Renee East Grant has moved on to other adventures and will be replaced with a lady by the name of Heather Heil.

We hope to see all our regular faces and hope for some new ones too!

More details to follow in the August Wheel.



To the end of the solar system and beyond...

A little over 1 year after Maree and I moved to Delegate, I was privileged to be part of a very special event in human exploration.

It was the launch of a new spacecraft, New Horizons Pluto Charon, or NHPC as it became known to all involved with that mission. That was the 19th of January, 2006.

Since that time my workplace, Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex, has regularly been providing communications to and from the spacecraft and also ranging and positioning data to aid with navigation.

Now, 9 years on, at 9.49pm, Tuesday the 14th of July 2015, I had the honour to be the Team Leader of the small Operations group that provided the communications to and from the spacecraft for its closest approach to Pluto. The spacecraft passed within 12,472km from the surface of the planet.

The spacecraft was just less than 5,000 billion km from home and travelling at a speed of 49,596 km per hour, its faint calls to Earth took over 4 hours to reach us. In order to receive these faint whispers from space we cryogenically cool our receiving equipment to minus 256°C to reduce thermal noise from electronics. We also use large precision antennas 34 and 70 metres in diameter with parabolic dish surfaces that are accurate to within 1 centimetre across its 3850 square metre area (70 metre dish).

This year is the 85th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh and we have finally had our first close-up view of the planet.

At Pluto the sun is about 1000 times dimmer than on earth. Twice a day around dawn and dusk the ambient light on Earth is the same as the midday light on Pluto. Scientists call this time Pluto Time. I shot this photo of Delegate at 5.12pm on Sunday the 19th of July which is Pluto Time for Delegate. This should give an idea of how bright it would be if Delegate was on Pluto at midday for that planet.

As I write this, New Horizons has just transitioned from Encounter back into Cruise mode to begin its long journey to the 1st target Kuiper Belt Object. It should arrive there around 2019 and hopefully we will see some interesting science on the origins of our Solar System coming from the objects in that region of space.

As told to us by Phil Pope.



1. Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex
2. Team C Operations Link Control Operators, L-R Bill Dengate (LCO), Dr. Ed Kruzins (Director), Gordon Clee (Snr Tech), Mark Tyson (Snr Tech), Scott Berry (LCO), Phil Pope (Team Leader).



3. Full Frame image from LORRI (Long Range Reconnaissance Camera).
4. Photo of Delegate taken at 'Pluto Time'.





Bendoc CFA



On Saturday the 25th of July the Bendoc CFA held a refresher training day for all members.

The course was well received with roughly 13 participants in attendance.

Their newly elected Training Officer John Reed steered them through a variety of different scenarios, which included: entering and exiting the Station, use of pumps, A Class Foam, driving techniques and using the logbooks.

For those of you who were unable to attend on the day, there will be another refresher course to be held in November.

A big thanks to all who participated on the day!

Savoury & Sweet: Recipe's for the Home Cook

Caramelised Onion Chutney

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3kg onions, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 500ml balsamic vinegar.
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

METHOD

Heat the oil in a preserving pan and add the onions. Stir for a couple of minutes, then cover and cook for about 40 minutes over a medium heat, stirring from time to time.

Cook for a further 30 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the sugar and balsamic vinegar, and bring to the boil. Turn down the heat and simmer for a further 30 minutes. Stir in the thyme leaves and salt and cook for a further 10 minutes. The mixture should be thick and glossy. Remove from the heat, spoon into warm, sterilised jars and seal.

This is lovely served on homemade hamburgers, steak, chops...anything!!!



****Makes approximately 6 jars****

Orange & Lime Jelly

INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg green apples, roughly chopped
- 500ml water
- 250ml freshly squeezed orange and lime juices
- White granulated sugar (Quantity explained below)

METHOD

Combine the apples and water in a preserving pan. Bring to the boil and cook for 10-15 minutes until the apples are soft. Pour into a jelly bag (I use a piece of muslin cloth for this), suspended over a bowl, allowing the juices to drip through for at least 4—5 hours, or overnight.

Mix in the citrus juices, measure and return to pan. Add 450g of sugar for every 600ml of juice, bring to the oil and cook until setting point is reached. Remove from heat, pour into warm, sterilised jars and seal.

****Makes approximately 4 jars****



The Delegate Multi Purpose Service

Wellness Clinic – Delegate MPS

This is a clinic where people come in for procedures or assessments by nursing staff.

This includes:

Wound care

Blood pressure readings

Blood sugar readings

Non-urgent ECG

Suture or clip removal

Other procedures that do not require a Doctor.

Wellness Clinic is held on the following days and times

Monday 9.00am – 10.30am

Tuesday 9.00am – 10.00am

Thursday 9.00am – 10.30am

Friday 9.00am – 10.30am

No appointment necessary. Closed Public Holidays.

The Delegate MPS will still be open as per usual, so if you have a health concern please come over and be assessed by the nursing staff.



BENDOC WHEEL

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A Cold Day in Bendoc!

On Thursday the 2nd of July we had a very cold day here in Bendoc!

What started as a relatively chilly day turned into big wind gusts, sleet and eventually a snow storm.

By lunchtime some rather large flakes were falling and before we knew it Bendoc had turned into a winter wonderland.

I must say though, it was nothing compared to Delegate in 1949!

JULY



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RESOURCE CENTRE

9.30am - 3.00pm

Tue-Wed-Thu



Community Billboard

LIBRARY VAN The Library Van will be visiting as per schedule as normal. New members are always welcome. Don't forget that you are able to sign up to be a member or return books via the Bendoc Resource Centre. The Centre also has a range of books that can be borrowed direct anytime the Centre is open. These books are rotated regularly for your enjoyment.

BENDOC FISHING CLUB We look forward to seeing you all next season. New members welcome!

BENDOC BUS The Merimbula Bus will be running the second Friday of every month . Phone Claire on 6458 1433 or Nola on 6458 3285.

THE GREEN FROG Next visit will be on Thursday the 3rd of September at the Bendoc Hall.

For Further Information Phone Bendoc Resource Centre 64 58 1402
TUESDAY—9.30am-3pm WEDNESDAY—10am-2pm THURSDAY — 9.30am-3pm
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