



Delegate Community Strategy Plan

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Developing a Strong and Diverse Economy

Outcome 1 Creating a local economy with a broad base

The Delegate Progress Association and Council recognise the importance of broadening the base of the local economy. Recent expansion of the soft wood industry has caused some concern among community members. Both organisations recognise the role that the timber industry plays in the local economy. For the village of Delegate to sustain itself new opportunities need to be explored

Actions

1.1.1 Council Officers to investigate suitable opportunities within the eco tourism sector, broader tourism sectors and specialty production. 20.7.06 Council is working on establishing a Snowy River Heritage Loop and working on development plan for Railway Land to include history of farming and timber., 21.9.06 Railway Lands committee adopted Plan it will now go before the Council. Dec 06 Railway Land Plan adopted, work progressing on Snowy River Loop, Bundian Way may offer additional tourism opportunities Feb 07 Council is now working with other stakeholders re National Landscape Project candidacy for SE Wilderness has now been submitted and if accepted will open up more possibilities. Australia's Coastal Wilderness accepted (july 08) Steering committee meeting held at Bombala in early February very successful, representatives from Delegate involved in focus group meeting (Feb 09) Bundian Way Project will start map route early next year Delegate will be a focus point for provision of information (Nov 09) Delegate community members and groups involved with branding workshops (Feb 2010)

1.1.2 Regular articles to appear in the Delegate Doings advising the community of any opportunities. **Currently happening.** 20.7.06 Council to take out a \$200 advertising option to assist with financing the paper 21.9.06 Option now taken out.

Outcome 2. Fostering local and regional tourism

The following facilities were identified as attractions of value to the Region and Delegate in particular:

2.1 DELEGATE EARLY SETTLERS HUT

- The issue of maintenance was seen as crucial for the continued popularity of this attraction.
- It is recognised that the coach tours are currently supplying additional revenue to assist the 355 Committee with managing this facility.
- It is noted that Council should endeavour wherever possible to increase the charge per head for the tour groups.
- Weed management was seen as an area that Council could assist with. A timeframe for weed spraying has been identified and will be passed to the Works Manager for consideration and inclusion in works program.

- Security

Actions

- 2.1.1 That Council provide a costing to the Management Committee for undertaking weed maintenance 20.7.06 Robin G. is dealing with this. Dec. 06 KC advised that weeds spraying will be done when contractor is in the area but a special trip cannot be made, committee may need to review their maintenance arrangements. 20th Anniversary celebrations extremely successful voted community event of the year (Jan 09)
- 2.1.2 That Council endeavour to increase the per head charge for the tour buses. **Discussions with bus /tour operators suggests this is not possible EDO will continue to get higher price if possible.** 20.7.06 Prices will remain at current level until next financial yea. 7.2.08 Buses provided very good last year looking to secure additional visits this year, some issues with timings now that the Borderline Gallery is up and running. Group extremely happy with buses providing valuable dollars (Jan 09)Group still happy with visitation (Nov 09)
- 2.1.3 Management Committee to look at ways security could be improved. 20.7.06 Rob G has seen to this. **Completed**

Additional Actions

- 2.1.4 Hut has some structural problems 20.7.06 Robin G has contacted the Heritage Dept. and the issue is being worked through. 21.9.06 Estimation that the work will cost around \$2,00. Dec 06 Heritage Depart. will fund \$500, Council \$500 and Hut committee at this stage will need to find \$1,000 **Completed**
- 2.1.5 Committee asked Council to source funding for additional signage. EDO applied to funds and new signage put up 21.9.06. **Completed**
- 2.1.6 EDO to discuss with SEAR GM improvements to signage and displays at Hut and advise committee (Feb 09)EDO and SEAR to organise workshop early 2010 (Nov 09)
- 2.1.7 EDO and committee to discuss activities suitable for Out and About weekends. Committee will be involved with April Out and About (Feb 2010)
- 2.1.8 EDO and committee to work on dinners at the hut. (Target dinner to be held in 2010 Platypus Country Month.)
- 2.1.9 EDO and committee to work on activity for Easter – damper and billy tea.

2.2.SCHOOL OF ARTS

- It is noted that the School of Arts is not utilised sufficiently
- Strategies for increased usage need to be devised.
- Funding for new kitchen needs to be investigated by Management Committee
- Toilet facilities need urgent improvement
- Council Officer to investigate possible sources for funding improvements at this facility

Actions

- 2.2.1** Economic Development Officer to work with Management Committee on strategies for increasing use of building. *EDO and committee working on promotion of building, Health agencies in particular are now using the building on a regular basis (Feb 2010)*
- 2.2.2** Management Committee to develop plan for new kitchen and toilet facilities 20.7.06 *This has been done 20.7.06 Committee are working with pre school to use toilets. Pre School are working on submitting Regional Partnership application for improved facilities. Dec. 06 Application submitted and successfully toilets now operating. **Completed***
- 2.2.3** Economic Development Officer to investigate funding options for improvements and the partnerships that could be developed to assist with funding. 20.7.06 *Committee has been successful in obtaining both RP and FRR funding for this Council assisted with applications. Jan 08 EDO to look at funding for history book and also general funding opportunities for improving History Museum. Discussions with SEAR re assistance for display of exhibits (September 08) New brochure developed awaiting additional photos before printing and circulated (Dec 08) Further discussions with SEAR re having War Memorial staff come to Delegate looking at this happening as part of either an Out and About or Platypus Country celebrations (Feb. 09) Meeting with SEAR and Museum staff to occur Feb 10 at Council (Feb 10)*

Additional Actions

- 2.2.4** *Kitchen now complete additional attention now needs to be given to maintenance and outside painting. 20.9.06 EDO to work with AusWide to secure Work for the Dole. Dec 06 A possible project for next year. Oct-Nov 07 EDO organised assistance for internal painting. Note still a need for assistance with some external painting.*
- 2.2.5** *EDO to investigate funding options for improvements and enhancement of historical displays within the Hall. Nov. 06 EDO has secured funding for additional displays, project will start Jan 07 **completed***
- 2.2.6** *Funding for new toilets to be investigated **completed see 2.2.1 above***
- 2.2.7** *Additional usage of facility to be investigated. Dec 06 EDO has applied for funding under DOCS Drought Assistance to hold cultural activities in back room would mean that the room was renovated and hall could also be hired out Aug 07 this project has now commenced, Oct07 Room now opened Jan 08 Project proceeding well. Project funding now finished EDO has organised for on going employment of Project Coordinator until June 2010 (Nov 09) EDO has been successful in obtaining health funding via Monaro Rural Health Services for portion of wages for Project Coordinator, wood working room will be funded for next three years (Feb 2010)*
- 2.2.8** *Roof needs repair. EDO to look at funding availability and to research contacts for roof repairers and report back to Doreen Standon by end Jan 08. FRRR application submitted September 08, application unsuccessful (Nov 08) Monies from Federal grant of \$100,000 allocated to Council will see first part of roof re done, application under community halls to be looked at EDO to*

assist as required (Feb 09) EDO has organised additional funding to complete roof repairs (Nov 09) Still waiting for final approval for second stage of roof repairs (Feb 10) Approval for project now received work will commence shortly (March 2010)

2.2.9 *EDO has organised a SEAR workshop to look at displaying of historic artifacts. Workshops will cover signage and display. Workshop to take place April 2010 (March 2010)*

2.3 PLATYPUS WALK

It was felt that this could build into a significant tourism asset for the community. Issues of adequate signage and maintenance were the only obstacles to overcome.

- Maintain walk – spray twice a year to the river;
- Plantings utilising endemic Aboriginal ‘bush tucker’ plants which could be undertaken by school students and “Platypus Pals” group-these plantings could then form the basis for future workshops.
- Further education of the community and visitors regarding the platypus and its natural environment through the erect of interpretive signage
- Investigate safety issues connected with the Walk
- Erect signage in town to lead visitors to it.
- It is noted that the newly formed Platypus Pals will provide a vital resource to assist with development of the Platypus Walk

Actions

2.3.1 Council include spraying of Platypus Walk in tender for Delegate town maintenance 20.7.06 *This will be put into Management Plan and budget for 07/08. Council to undertake a one off major clean up of Platypus Walk (Feb 2010)*

2.3.2 Council work in a co operative manner with Platypus Pals and the School to ensure that the necessary plantings take place **Council has organised volunteer to start on maintenance of area** 21.9.06 *EDO has organised additional assistance for planting works at Walk to take place during Oct. 06. Nov. 06 plantings delayed due to lack of water. Dec 06 Plantings to take place March 07 delayed due to weather. Su King has organised for mulch to be dropped off. Nov 07 Su is still waiting for Willmotts to drop off mulch Jan 08 Group is looking to tree planting day to undertake some maintenance and plant. Plantings have been undertaken, School has submitted application to establish school kitchen, EDO is working with Bundian Way Project Officer re establishing indigenous gardens and activities (Nov 09) School has received funding from Stephanie Alexander grant program for school kitchen and garden, EDO has spoken with John Blay re bush tucker plantings he is keen to offer assistance (Dec 09) Platypus Pals have secured funding to assist with river walk work will commence mid 2010 (Jan 10) Council has received funding to assist with the creation of a Nocturnal Walk at the Platypus Walk, work on regeneration and weed removal (Feb 2010)*

2.3.2 Council work in a co operative manner with Platypus Pals group to ensure that interpretive sessions on the environment of the Platypus are held during holiday workshop programs **Ongoing** 20.7.06 Council currently working with NPWS re holiday workshop program once bush tucker plantings are in place this should be easier. Jan 08 still looking at ways to work the Walk into programs difficult due to resource issues (NPWS and the Group) Information sessions now included in Out and About program (Jan 09) New Council grant will see Project Officer undertaking some of this work, Platypus Pals members undertake information sessions at the Platypus Reserve every month (Feb 2010)

2.3.2 Council assist with the erection of suitable signage to be supplied by the Platypus Pals group 20.7.06 Council has organised additional signage this should be put up early August. 21.9.06 Weather has caused slight delay signs to go up early October. Oct 06 Sign now in place **Completed**

2.3.3 Council to support and encourage the Platypus Pals group **Ongoing**

2.3.4 Platypus Pals via Council have now formed good partnership with community garden volunteers. This partnership is seeing a sharing of resources and work being done at the Platypus Walk, Platypus Reserve and the community gardens on the Railway Land (June 08) Platypus Pals playing a significant role in the new tourism project Out and About in Platypus Country (Jan 09)

2.3.5 Council will mow Orr Street and do a one off clean up of the walk (Feb 2010)

2.4 BILL JEFFERY'S PARK

Maintenance was considered to be the issue of paramount importance in particular:

- Spraying of weeds twice a year;
- Garden needs maintenance twice year;
- Seats need maintenance once a year;
- Toilets need to be refurbished;
- Tile/ cement floor of shelter;

It was noted that the new cricket nets would give increased opportunities for recreational activities. Council will be undertaking a review of all playground equipment in the LGA. The findings will be conveyed to the Delegate Progress Association at the monthly meetings.

Other areas of concern

- There is a need for a pole for lights and windsock for the helicopter;
- BBQ needs a sign to inform users to clean after usage. BBQ in both parks
- Dead part of the weeping willows need to be removed
- DPA and Council Officers to look at further landscaping requirements and source funding for same

Actions

2.4.1 That Council include the maintenance issues in the tender for Delegate town maintenance and review the cost 20.7.06 Done, community happy with current contractor **Completed**

- 2.4.2 That Council include costs for separating Bill Jeffrey's Park from the residential areas as a project for consideration in the Management Plan *Dec 06 This will be looked at come March 2007. March 07 Maintenance of the Park appears to be resolved need to keep an eye on it though. New Caravan Park Managers undertaking some of this maintenance (Feb 2010)*
- 2.4.3 That Council include costs for refurbishment of toilet block in the projects for consideration in funding in the Management Plan. *20.7.06 Council will be putting together a plan for the Delegate Camping Ground later in 2006 this will be included, Dec 06 Plan not yet commenced should happen by March 2007. Plan for ground in place Dec 07 Improvements in and around toilet block need to be undertaken as a matter of priority. Feb 08 EDO to develop Plan for improvements with timelines and discuss with caretaker. Work for the Dole volunteers should be available to assist with planned works shortly (Feb 09) Community service person is currently undertaking painting (Nov 09)*
- 2.4.4 That Council include the cost for tiling or cementing the floor of the shelter in the projects for consideration for funding in the Management Plan. *20.7.06 This is part of the Recreational Fishing grant application put together by EDO and Ian Sellers DEC 06 Grant successful Fishing Club will organise work late Jan. 2007 Nov 07 work now **complete***

Additional Activities

- 2.4.5 *EDO to organise tiles for BBQ 21.9.06 EDO has secured suitable tiles to be laid by Fishing Club members by end of Oct 06, Dec 06 Tiles should be laid by end of Jan. 07. Jan 07 Fishing Club reps decided against this. **completed***
- 2.4.6 *Bottom step is crumbling at swimming hole. Council to investigate and cost necessary repairs. 21.9.06 Council Works Manager has investigated site report due by end of Sept. Dec 06 Area has been roped off work to start in new year **Work complete***
- 2.4.7 *EDO to investigate funding for additional signage. 21.9.06 EDO has secured funding signage to be put up by mid Oct. signs up work **completed***
- 2.4.8 *EDO to assist with working bee 18.2.07 (DA application, organise sand pavers tiles) once area paved and tiles in place promo. material to be prepared **completed***
- 2.4.9 *EDO to work with community re garden maintenance and ongoing improvements at the Park, in particular improvements to camping area (Jan 09) EDO to draw up list of suggested improvements and present to next meeting (Feb 09). List includes better maintenance, additional facilities and more regular maintenance (March 09) Cob oven constructed via the Delegate Community Project, new caravan park caretakers will be undertaking additional/more regular maintenance (Nov 09) Full moon cob oven dinners held and are very successful (Feb 2010) New signage to be placed at the caravan park promoting regional events/activities, signs will be worked on by new Council project Officer who will start early March (Feb 2010)*
- 2.4.10 *New Project Officer to work on community gardens at Bill Jefferies Park to be used by tourists and cob oven users. Gardens to be maintained by Platypus Pals (March 2010)*
- 2.4.10 *DPA are working with DSE to install light and wind sock at the Park. Locations for both have been established. DPA to contact Country Energy re in kind support for the project (Feb 2010)*

2.5 MEMORIAL PARK

Again maintenance was considered to be the issue of paramount importance in particular:

- Gazebo needs a roof.
- Dead willows near toilets need to be removed
- Creek needs to be cleared to river
- Area requires a fence or screen plantings to distinguish between park and residential area;

Actions

2.5.1 Delegate Progress Association to follow up roofing of gazebo **Completed**

2.5.2 Council to include maintenance issues in tender for maintenance of Delegate township and review costing 20.7.06 *Maintenance issues seems to be under control., New Works Manager is providing much support and assistance.*

Additional Actions

2.5.3 *Community has requested a BMX track by constructed in Memorial Park. EDO to organise survey for Delegate Primary School, Dec 06 Survey organised will be collated during Jan. 07. Nov 07 Work on this project will be assisted by new Youth Worker when she comes back from holidays in the new year. Funding for this project organised thru Delegate Community Development Project (June 08) Sessions organised to scope work required (September 08) EDO and community members working on planting of screen trees (Sept. 08) Some problems finding suitable gravel (Oct. 08) Gravel source now found work to commence ASAP screen trees doing Ok considering season (Feb 09) Work is almost completed on track (Nov 09) GM has investigated state of track, track will be completed by Youth Week (Feb 10). Track has now been finished additional trees to be purchased to enhance screening of track, EDO to liaise with outdoor staff re trees (Feb 2010)*

2.5.4 *Community have requested workshop on cob oven construction as part of community development project, workshop to be organised for April/May period, EDO to liase with DRS re community kitchen concept for Memorial Park (Jan 09) Cob oven now built at Bill Jefferies Park (Nov 09) Successful monthly dinners have been held (Feb 10) Cob oven to be a central focus for health activities in the next twelve months, new Project Officer starting with Council in March 2010 will undertake a range of health related activities in Delegate (and Bombala) (Feb 2010)*

2.6 NURSES COTTAGE

The LGA has limited accommodation available it is consider essential that:

- The tourism brochures need to be updated with name change of cottage.
- It was suggested that the erection of a plaque for the outside be investigated.
- Opportunities for increased usage be investigated particularly the opportunities within the corporate/ eco tourism sector.

Actions

2.6.1 Project Tourism Officer will ensure that this is name change is included when next reprint undertaken; **Done**

2.6.2 Delegate Progress Association to provide wording for plaque and Economic Development Officer to acquire quotes, by November 2005 *21.9.06 DPA have found plaque, DPA to organise placement Dec 06 EDO to organise with Neil Curry to put plaque up when he is next out. Feb 07 Neil has not been out DPA will take it up with him; committee have now decided to do a mosaic sign as part of IWD activities for 2009 (Dec 08) Activity organised for 28 March (Feb 09) Sign completed IWD 2010 Neil to put up (March 2010)*

2.6.3 Packages to be worked up by CTC Manager and Economic Development Officer with input from the Project Tourism Officer. *Ongoing*

Additional Actions

2.6.4 *Packages aimed at art market to be worked up by EDO and committee. Packages to start from early April 07. June 07 Work on this has been slow due to resources issues. New ArtEscape program will help this project, ArtEscape to start in the first half of 2010 (Feb 2010)*

2.6.5 *Mosaic sign for Nurses Cottage to be created under the Nurturing Relationships Delegate Style project. This project has been slotted in for March 08. Due to timing difficulties this project has been put back will now take place as part of IWD activities for 2009 sign for the Art Centre to also be created at this time (Feb 09) Sign still needs grouting (Nov 09) Sign will be grouted during 2010 IWD activities (Feb 2010) Sign grouted and waiting to be put up by Neil (March 2010)*

NEW PROJECTS

A number of new projects have been identified that in the opinion of the community will add greatly to the diversity of the current tourism product offered within the Delegate Region.

- 2.7 Town Walk - Investigate opportunities to erect plaques relating to the history of the town; *Dec 06 new trifold has been printed. VIC staff will look at funding options during winter of 09 (Jan 09)*
- 2.8 Approach owners of the 'Big Rock' for the donation to the community, if approved the area is to be fenced off;
- 2.9 Further grants to support projects identifying the history of the Delegate region eg new "history" brochure *Dec 06 Will be included in both the Snowy Loop and Railway development plans, Snowy brochure now completed and new Delegate brochure developed and circulated (Dec 08) EDO to apply for funding for range of new tourism brochures and improvements to web site (Jan 09) DPA have undertaken improvements to web site (Oct 09)*
- 2.10 Opportunities for staging additional events in the Delegate region to be investigated, such events could be around a theme eg "Spring Festival" *Dec 06 "Back to Delegate" to be held in conjunction with Delegate 100 Show very successful (March 07) Celebrations for 20th anniversary of Delegate Early Settlers Hut named community event of the year (Jan 09) Platypus Pals will*

now be holding a cob oven full moon dinner every month during the warmer weather to raise funds for the walking track (Nov 09) Dinners held and are very successful (Feb 10)

- 2.11 Additional work to be undertaken to stimulate tourism via the art market. *Oct 07 Borderline Gallery now open and included in the coach tour. Borderline Gallery now open Saturdays as part of the Out and About in Platypus Country project (Jan 09) Work to commence on ArtEscape Weekends early 2010 (Nov 09) Planning for Art Escape weekends advancing, suitable artists have been identified VIC staff contacting them and firming up a program of activities (Feb 2010)*

Additional Projects

2.12 Snowy River Heritage Loop. Actions

*2.12.1 20.7.06 EDO and Graeme Enders have been working up the concept of a Snowy River Heritage Loop or Trail. This would start in Orbost and follow roughly the Snowy River. 21.9.06 In principle agreement from East Gippsland Council has now been received. 30.11 06 Funding received for event audit for Bombala. Cooma Monaro. Snowy regions, Nicky is working through this also some funds for signage Dec 06 EDO and staff meet with East Gippsland Council further meeting to take place in March target date for new publication July/Aug 07. Delays with this project caused by resources issues both Bombala Council and East Gippsland Council. Jan 07 Project Officer now appointed brochure to be finalised and launched by end of June 08. **Completed.***

2.13 New tourism promotional project to be established January 09 should assist with bring more tourists to area (Dec 08) Out and About in Platypus Country includes Delegate attractions, Borderline Gallery and Wood Working Room, visitation from coast occurred in January and February focus for March will be on Delegate – Delegate show, platypus information sessions at Bill Jeffreys Park, History Room open and wood working room open (Feb 09) Early Settlers Hut committee working with Council re Out and About, target 4 special activities at the Hut per year, first activity April 2010 (Feb 2010)

2.14 DSE to put in an extra shower at the Nurses Cottage (Feb 2010)

Providing Quality Infrastructure

Outcome 4 Provision of services, facilities and places to meet the needs of the community so as to encourage community development

TOWN OBJECTIVES

4.1 PAVEMENT

- The Delegate Progress Association and local community have consulted with Council and a plan has now been drawn up for improvements to the pavement in the main street area.
- The community would like additional work done on the pavements throughout the village.

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Actions

4.1.1 Council and community to work in a cooperative manner to identify pavements in need of improvement ***Initial work done but this is seen as ongoing and should be reviewed yearly***

4.2.1 Council to cost additional work required

4.3.1 Community to identify their desired priorities ***Completed***

4.3.2 Council to consult with community and include additional pavement work in projects for funding consideration in Management Plan. ***Completed***

4.2 SHOP FRONTS

- Delegate Progress Association would like to see a consistent approach to shop fronts and one that fits with the historical nature of the village.

Action

4.2.1 DPA will write to business owners suggesting that when the time comes for repainting they use colours sympathetic to the heritage of the region. *Due to lack of funding options DPA have decided to take a “gently, gently” approach with this (July 08) Branding workshop identified the need for improvements to the Delegate streetscape, EDO to discuss with DPA at next meeting and to discuss with GM re any avenues of financial assistance (Feb 2010)*

4.2.2 *Improved street scape was identified as priority project at the National Landscape Workshop held in Bombala. DPA to work with Council Officers on design and submit to Management Plan process (March 2010)*

4.3 MONUMENT

- Council currently mow the area
- Council currently supplies light globes for lighting up the monument

Action

4.3.1 Council continue with current maintenance and supply of globes. 20.7.06 ***Approved and will continue***

4.4 MOWING

- Delegate Progress Association has identified their priorities for mowing within the village.

Action

4.4.1 DPA to forward to Council the proprieties as they see them. ***Completed***

4.4.2 Council to review the priorities and cost them. **Completed**

4.4.3 Tender for mowing of the Delegate area to reflect the suggested priorities.
Completed

4.5 STREET GARDENS

The local community is proud of their gardens and parks and requests that Council assist where possible.

Actions

4.5.1 Additional plantings of Daffodils, Lavender and Rosemary to be encouraged.
20.7.06 Ongoing Dec 06 EDO to organise tubestock for additional plantings come autumn 07 postponed until next year due to weather conditions. Discussions continuing on areas to be planted (March 07) Discussions still continuing (March 08)

4.5.2 Council, local community and the DPA to work with Garden Club to undertake plantings 20.7.06 Ongoing

4.5.3 Economic Development Officer needs to be contacted one month before plantings to allow for the preparation of garden beds. 20.7.06 Not done this year EDO to follow up with Garden Club for future plantings. Garden Club happy with the planting program don't really need Council assistance at present time will contact Council if assistance required .

Community Services Infrastructure

The local community have identified that the following facilities are of particular importance to the community. Various issues have been identified and strategies developed to overcome these potential problems

4.6 SPORTS GROUND AND TENNIS COURTS

The sports ground is used by the community on a number of occasions throughout the year. While the committee is happy with the overall level of Council assistance, the facility does have a major issue with the current grandstand. The grandstand needs to be either redesigned or demolished. The Committee and would like assistance with this project.

Action

4.6.1 Council Officers to assist Committee with funding application and /or advice re demolition. Dec. 06 DRS has had meeting with committee suggests that the grandstand just needs repairs, committee will look at funding options after the 100 Show. EDO to assist. Funding application to be submitted under community halls probably (Feb 09) Decided to delay this to allow for group to finalise existing projects (Nov 09)

Additional Actions

4.6.2 Steps at pavilion need repair. Jan 08 this project has been identified as one suitable for the Nurturing Relationship Delegate Style Project. Work to be undertaken Feb 08. Steps in place (Feb 09). Additional monies allocated from Federal grant of \$100,000 to fix additional stairs (Feb 09) Steps now finalised (oct 09). **Completed**

4.6.3 Tennis coaching clinic held in December break proved to be very successful, community and participants would like to see additional programs run (Jan 09) Additional program organised as part of youth week activities (Feb 09) Workshops are being planned for as many holiday breaks as finances allow. Clinics will be held as part of Youth Week 2010(Feb 10))

4.7 ART CENTRE

The Arts Centre plays a major role in the cultural development of the local community and after a period of uncertain ownership is now set to be handed to the community. Council and the Delegate Progress Association need to work together to ensure long-term viability of the Centre.

Actions

4.7.1 Front room to be developed as Art Gallery for the local community 20.7.06 *In progress. Advent of Borderline Gallery now makes this project obsolete (Oct 07)*
Completed

4.7.2 Delegate Progress Association to address maintenance issues in particular a leaking roof in the front room. 20.7.06 **Completed**

4.7.3 Council to investigate the entrance area and advice if it is in fact common ground shared with Willmott Forests. Nov 06 land now sold access has been sorted out. **Completed**

4.7.4 Delegate Progress Association to erect suitable signage Nov 06 DPA to look at some additional signage Dec 06 EDO to secure funding for additional signage. Additional signage to be completed as part of IWD activities for 2009 (Feb 09)

4.7.5 Kiln needs to be moved, Delegate Progress Association advise that they are investigating alternative premises Aug 07 Kiln to be moved to the School of Arts Wood Working Room, this will happen early 08. community still discussing this move (Nov 08) Unlikely to go ahead as pottery is now a regular activity at the Arts Centre (Feb 10)

4.7.6 To assist with long-term viability, Council to continue to utilise Arts Centre for workshops 20.7.06 *Approved and will continue*

4.7.7 Delegate Progress Association and Council to further promote the Arts Centre to regional art groups Dec 06 Kiln could be moved to School of Arts if funding is successful, funding successful see 4.7.5 above. As part of the Community Project Su King and Sharon Buckman have devised a calendar of activities for the 6 months ending Oct 09 162 persons have partaken in activities. Funding to allow for the continuation of this project has been secured. Project is funded thru until June 2010 (Nov 09) Su King and Sharon Buckman have finalised a program of activities for 2010, Centre now open on a regular basis and working well (Feb 2010)

4.7.8 Council Officer to advise of any appropriate funding sources. *Ongoing*

Additional Actions

At the December 06 meeting, concern was expressed regarding usage of this facility. DPA would like to see more of a financial return.

Actions

- 4.7.9 EDO and DPA to investigate options for additional usage. *Dec 06 EDO to work up a once a month craft weekend to tie into other activities in the broader LGA, weekend to trail for six months from April 07, delayed due to lack of resources. Action has proved difficult to progress, planned new tourism activity Out and About in Platypus Country may prove a vehicle to progress this (Dec 08) Art program developed by Su King and Sharon Buckman has resolved this issue, also pottery group meeting on a regular basis (Feb 2010)*
- 4.7.10 Council to work on ArtEscape Weekends. *Weekends to commence early 2010. Staff have begun initial work on this project (Nov 09)*

Providing Community Services

4.8 CTC & RTC

Council and the community recognise the importance of the Community Technology Centre and the Rural Technology Centre in providing much needed services. It is noted that currently there are a number of enthusiastic volunteers willingly to support the Centres by provision of unpaid assistance. To ensure the long-term viability of the Centre it is necessary to expand the services offered and further promote the facility.

Actions

The following actions are to be undertaken in the 12-month period to October 2006 by Council Officers and the Centre Manager

- 4.8.1 Investigate opportunities to promote Corporate training through tourism packages. *Difficulties have been encountered due to limit accommodation options.*
- 4.8.2 Promote high speed internet access; *20.7.06 CTC is discussing with Clear Towns 21.9.06 Telstra have now supplied broadband to Delegate township, Clear Towns will be erecting satellites for Corrowong residents. Service not working as anticipated EOI for high speed wireless broadband submitted (Feb 09) Funding successful work is now been undertaken (Nov 09 New) Federal programs should see the issues resolved, consultant employed under EOI no longer working on the project EDO to find out what is happening (Feb 2010)*
- 4.8.3 Ensure wherever possible and appropriate that business skills workshops are held at the Delegate CTC *Dec 06 a number of workshops have been held at the CTC during the past year, EDO to discuss with DPA workshop program for latter half of 06/07 at Jan 07 meeting. Workshops to be held under community development project Oct-07-June 09.*
- 4.8.4 Further promote the use of facilities at the Delegate CTC/RTC to ensure sustainability of the centre *Oct 14 Borderline Gallery now operating from RTCT as part of the Nurturing Relationships Delegate Style project Jan 08 Gallery working well increasing visitation and some sales Nov 07 Nurturing Relationships Delegate Style has contributed \$2,000 as rent/venue hire for the period ending June 08, a further amount will be available for the period June 08-March 09. borderline Gallery working*

very well now part of coach tour options and is now to be opened first Saturday of Month as part of Out and About project(Dec 08) Sales over holiday period very good (Feb 09)Sales have been improving especially for Christmas Exhibition (Nov 09)Christmas sales again good (Feb 10)

- 4.8.5** Centre staff continue work on the flat with a view to it returning much needed income to the facility. 20.7.06 Flat revamped and let. **Completed**

Additional Actions

- 4.8.6 Dec 06 DPA advised that Credit Union will be closing down in Feb. this will mean a significant loss of income for RTCTC. EDO to coordinate efforts to secure replacement banking/credit union or agency. *Jan 08 Talks still continuing with Service Once credit union. Talks with various banks, credit unions (Feb-March 08) Bendigo Bank keen will present to Council (July 08) Council presentation well received, raised at business breakfast in Bombala as a possible action for planned new business group (Dec 08) Public meeting held in Bombala a number of businesses and Bombala residents not keen on Bendigo Bank proposal (Jan 09) DPA to write to Council, possible for DPA to simply establish Bendigo Bank in Bombala and have an agency in Delegate, DPA to look into it (Feb 09)*

4.9 DPA

Council recognises the paramount importance of the Delegate Progress Association to the village of Delegate. The Delegate Progress Association is the driver of both community and economic development within the village. The Association recognises the need for further community development, which in turn will enhance economic and tourism development.

The Delegate Progress Association and Council have formed an excellent working partnership since late 2002. That partnership has seen a number of worthwhile community projects undertaken and has lead to improved communications between the broader community and Council. This is recognised as being of paramount importance to the village of Delegate as is the continuation and expansion of the strong partnership that has developed.

Actions

To ensure the strong partnership continues and grows and that all avenues for economic development are explored it is suggested that:

- 4.9.1 Council Officers continue to meet with the Delegate Progress Association on a monthly basis 20.7.06 **Approved and will continue**
- 4.9.2 Council Officers inform Delegate Progress Association of funding opportunities as they arise and continue to assist with grant applications 20.7.06 *Ongoing. Recreational Fishing grant written late July 06 successful, various community grants have been written to date all successful.*
- 4.9.3 Council Officers assist the Delegate Progress Association to investigate the possibility of funding for traineeships to assist with community development. 21.9.06 *This could prove difficult at RTCT Centre is now manned solely by volunteers. Situation will be reviewed after business planning sessions due for*

late Nov. 06. Dec 06 Not seen as a current option. Delegate Community Development project has seen additional community members volunteer to man Centre this has taken off some of the pressure from older volunteers in addition staff at VIC spending considerable amount of time on assisting DPA re community development as is EDO (Dec 08)Sub committee to manage the Borderline Gallery has been established (Feb 2010)

To ensure that the cultural development of the community is enhanced it is suggested that:

4.9.4 Council and the Delegate Progress Association further promote 'Women's Day Out' utilising resources such as the Internet e.g. www.platypuscounry.org 20.7.06 Ongoing Dec 06 Plan to hold at least 2 during 07 year. IWD activities are centered in Delegate- morning tea and lunch with a variety of workshops (March 08) Once again morning tea and lunch in Delegate two workshops as part of IWD 09 (Feb 09)Morning tea and lunch at Delegate as part of 2010 IWD in addition to activities at Arts Centre (Feb 2010)

4.9.5 Council and the Delegate Progress Association continue to develop a range of activities to be held in Delegate during Platypus Country Month. 05 saw the photographic exhibition and dinner, 06 photographic exhibition and dinner held again this will now become a permanent annual event, three workshops held under the Be Involved Be Inspired program 07 workshops under the Be Involved Be Inspired program continuing.08 saw a number of workshops held as part of the community development program. Survey circulated to gauge community wishes re workshop. Survey collated and program developed (Dec 08). Plan to hold photographic event as part of Platypus Country 09, funding application written to assist with this (Jan 09)Funding was successful exhibition held in Bombala as part of the Spring Show (Nov 09)

4.9.6 Community fund raising for Rix Wright sculpture , EDO to write grants to assist with project (Jan 08) Various grants written not successful (Nov 08) Community with assistance from EDO has now secured necessary funds sculpture to be completed mid 09 (Feb 09)

To ensure health of community additional medical services to be attracted to the area

4.9.7 Public meeting to discuss future of Doctors house called for Feb (Jan 09) Meeting held community to take over control of hours, DPA discussing options with Council (Feb 09)DPA working on renovations (Nov 09)DPA has secured funding to assist with the project (Nov 09)Work progressing well (Feb 2010)

Maintaining and Improving Local Services

Outcome 6: A focus on the needs of youth and future generations

6 YOUTH OBJECTIVES

6.1 WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES

The community and Council recognise the importance of providing youth activities. The holiday workshop program “Be Inspired Be Involved” has been particularly successful in the Delegate region. Council and the local community need to work in a cooperative manner to ensure that the needs of the youth of Delegate are met and they are not disadvantaged due to isolation, remoteness or financial barriers.

Actions

6.1.1 Minimum of 3 activities per term break with activities including: tennis, art eg drawing and or pottery, film making, photography and computer games. 20.7.06

Happening

6.1.2 Investigation into better utilisation of the Platypus Walk. The newly formed Platypus Pals community group have expressed interest in developing a range of activities and education programs centring on the platypus and its environment. Council Officers to explore opportunities for funding and inclusion of the Walk in future holiday programs. 20.7.06 *funding application – Bundaberg Bush Fund – written and successful group received \$3,500 for landscaping works at Platypus Reserve and Walk once landscaping has been done opportunities for youth orientated activities will be explored. Initial talks undertaken more work needed. This is an ongoing project excellent partnership exists between Platypus Pals group and Council a range on ongoing activities are under taken eg World Tree Day (Nov 09) Council has secured Environmental Trust funding which will further assist this project (Feb 2010)*

6.1.3 Council Officers to explore funding for youth transport 20.7.06 *some funding available from time to time through health 21.9.06 Youth Heath worker is investigating possible sources of long term funding should have some information by Jan 07. Jan 08 This is still a serious problem and at this stage there is still no light at the end of the tunnel. Community transport now established on a weekly basis between Delegate and Bombala however project is not getting sufficient numbers (Dec 08) Community transport not successful poor uptake of service, survey is being prepared by community member re changed format for service meeting to be held in March (Feb 2010)*

6.1.4 *Junior judging program has proved successful and should be included at least once per year (Jan 09) Decided that once every two years is sufficient (Nov 09)*

6.2 FACILITIES

Like many isolated rural areas the village of Delegate lacks infrastructure. The community has identified the following additional facilities as worthy of investigation.

- Skate Park
- Bike Track

Actions

- 6.2.1 Council Officers and DPA to consult with broader community and in particular the youth of the area to ascertain likely usage of the suggested facilities. 20.7.06 EDO to circulate survey Dec 06 Survey circulated to be collated by end of Jan. and report back to DPA by Feb 07. Feb 07 Youth want a BMX track EDO to work with Youth Worker on this project Nov 07 New Youth Worker may prove of more assistance with this project, she will assist from Feb 08. Discussions held with youth and interested parties, some problems with supply of gravel, now sorted out (Jan 09) Work should commence by late March (Feb 09) Hopefully BMX track will be completed by end of November (Nov 09) BMX track to be completed by March 2010 (Feb 10) Track completed except for additional landscaping (Feb 2010)
- 6.2.2 Council and the DPA to cost each facility and report back to the local community 20.7.06 some initial work has been undertaken by GM Jan 08 initial work to be reviewed. BMX track will be part funded from Delegate Community Project additional monies to come from Delegate community and small amount from Council (July 08) Track funded via the Delegate Community Project and Council, community may need to contribute to additional landscaping EDO to advise (Feb 2010)
- 6.2.3 After community consultation agreed on project/s to be include for consideration of funding in the Management Plan. *see above* **Completed**