



DEEPWATER

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge the elders (past, present and future) of the Ngoorabul people.

An Interesting Life-Story

MR. T.T. Kelly Continued from the October Newsletter

ARRIVAL IN DEEPWATER

With the failure of the Castlecrag Mines, Mr. Kelly went to Deepwater and built the store which he subsequently conducted for so many years. 'Deepwater,' recalled Mr. Kelly, 'was only a small place in those days— 1892— and has grown in the intervening years. There were, as to-day, two hotels, but the private houses were widely scattered.

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS

Deepwater's School of Arts was first opened in 1890, and it was recalled by Mr. Kelly, who was then at Castlecrag, that he assisted in the establishment of this popular institution. He remembered a social promoted to raise funds to which he donated 10lb. butter, imported from the South Coast and West Camden Co. in kegs— at the request of the late Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald— for a donation. The first School of Arts was erected on a site at the rear of where Mackenzie's store stands today, the building being completed in 1891. With the progress of years the old building became riddled with white ants, and the question of a new building had to be considered. Mr. Kelly conferred with the committee, and in 1911 he inserted an advertisement in the local paper announcing that if 18 people would each give £5 he would give £10 towards the cost of the erection of a new School of Arts. The necessary donations were forthcoming and a start with the new building was made. The late Mr. Richard Coulston was then secretary, and he and Mr. Kelly supervised the building operations, which were carried out by Messrs. Hewetson and Hickey.

THE FIRST BANK

In 1905 Mr. Kelly had the pleasure of seeing a bank opened in Deepwater. For many years it was realised that Deepwater needed a bank, but it was not until Mr. Kelly got busy that the need was filled and after many fruitless efforts had been made. In the first place Mr. Kelly got a petition signed by practically the whole community and approached the various banks to open a branch, but without avail. Prospects improved, however, when Mr. Kelly bought Mr. Romer out of his storekeeping business, premises and all. He then disposed of the tock and proceeded to renew his agitation for a bank. After considerable correspondence with the authorities of the Bank of North Queensland, in Brisbane, Mr. Mackenzie Lees, the general manager, visited Deepwater and conferred with Mr. Kelly. Determined to have the bank, Mr. Kelly offered to loan the store premises which he had bought from Mr. Romer to the bank free of rent for a period of 12 months, as an inducement. Mr. Mackenzie Lees was impressed with the claims of Deepwater, and in 1905 the bank was opened with Mr. Kelly as the first depositor.

THE CHURCHES

The first church building in Deepwater was that of the Roman Catholic, and occupied a site given by the late Mr. T. Fitzgerald. The church was opened on June 2, 1895, by Dr. Torrigana, and was under the charge of Dean Flanagan, from Emmaville, by whom, incidentally, Mr. Kelly was married. Mrs. Kelly was Miss Mary Croake, daughter of Mr. P. Croake, whose family was well-known and highly respected in the district.

The Church of England came shortly afterwards, and it is on record that some years ago Mr. Kelly gave this denomination a valuable piece of land for building purposes. It is also of interest to learn that Mr. Kelly was responsible for securing the original site for the church without cost to the parishioners. Mr. Kelly in recent years donated a fine block of land on which the Deepwater Convent is erected

AS A PASTORALIST

In addition to his activities in storekeeping, mining and the public sphere, Mr. Kelly interested himself in the pastoral industry, and at the time of his death held a very fine grazing property in close proximity to Deepwater.

ADVERTISING GENIUS

Right throughout his 24 years in business in Deepwater, Mr. Kelly was a vigorous advertiser, and his advertisements in the local paper proved very entertaining to readers. Surviving the late Mr. Kelly are his widow, two daughters — Mrs. Harry Jones (Glen Innes) and Miss Priscilla Kelly (Deepwater); and four sons Messrs. Thos (Brisbane), James P. D. (Tamworth), Joe and Jack Kelly (Deepwater). Two daughters— Mrs. C. Schuback and Mrs. Alex Giles, predeceased their father. The funeral, arrangements for which were carried out by A. E. Hogbin (Glen Innes), took place to the Roman Catholic cemetery at Deepwater, Rev. Father Hogan officiating at the graveside.

By Willem Van der Heul
information from The Trove

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Notices

The Deepwater School of Arts Hall committee are delighted to see the Hall being used by the Community. However due to the requirements of Crown Lands (the hall is on Crown Land) – all bookings need to be recorded.

The Hall can be booked through Foodworks.

Enquiries can be made through the hall chairperson, Mary Hollingworth. tinkernanny@outlook.com

WANTED

This space or larger could be yours if you have any stories to share true or fiction or even History of our town

You can remain anonymous if you wish. Just let the editor know.

LEVEL ONE (1) WATER RESTRICTIONS

Since 26 June 2020—The Glen Innes Severn local Government area has been placed on LEVEL ONE (1) Water restriction. This includes the use of Town water From Glen Innes and Deepwater Supply systems such as water carted to the villiages

DOMESTIC

- Garden watering - no watering between 10am and 4pm during daylight saving
- Washing vehicles - no restriction
- Swimming pools - no restriction
- Wash paved areas, outdoor walls and roofs - no restriction

PUBLIC / COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL

- Public gardens - no restriction
- Sports grounds - no restriction
- Market gardens and orchards - no restriction
- Nurseries and commercial flower gardens - no restriction
- Bowling greens - no restriction
- Fountains - not to be in use between 10am and 4pm during daylight saving
- Household and livestock water cartage from town supply - no restriction
- Livestock truck wash - no restriction
- Automatic flush toilets - no restriction
- Ready mixed concrete - no restriction

If you have any questions, please contact Council's Department of

Sudoku

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Dirt Trap comes home to Deepwater

Local author and journalist Michael Burge will be making a stop on a national book tour in his home town on December 6, in a conversation with local writers titled Dark Deeds in the Highlands, taking place at The Makers Shed.

This is a chance to snap up a signed copy of his new book *Dirt Trap*, sequel to his acclaimed debut novel *Tank Water*, released by Adelaide's MidnightSun Publishing.

"Since Richard and I moved our gallery to Deepwater, we've expanded the little bookshop inside The Makers Shed, and our publishing operations," Michael told the Progress Association Newsletter.

"I'm very pleased to be able to present my newest work with that of other local writers, like Deepwater's Chris McIntosh and D'Arcy Lloyd of Inverell. They both wrote a wonderful range of mystery, horror and 'noir-ish' short stories that High Country Books published in *Diving Into Deep Water*."

According to Michael, *Dirt Trap* was inspired by a *Tank Water* reader's question, about how the fictitious Brandt family of his first novel would have coped with the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ Hate Crimes, a world-first judicial look into one of the state's darkest eras that he reported on for Guardian Australia from 2022 to 2024.

"It was such a great question, and I went to answer immediately," he said, "but then I realised there was a whole novel in the answer!"

Michael, Chris and D'Arcy will be in conversation with Yolanda Sanders of Glen Innes, a writer and former police officer who works with Corrective Services NSW as a probation and parole officer.

"Our region has seen its share of crime over the years, and I expect we'll be chatting about some pretty dark deeds in the human experience," Michael said, "although I always think the best approach is to engage a sense of humour. I look forward to meeting local readers."

Dark Deeds in the Highlands, Saturday December 6th, 2-4pm at The Makers Shed, New England Highway. This is a free event, including drinks and nibbles, books sales and signings. Just turn up or head to www.themakersshed.org for more information.

**DARK DEEDS
IN THE HIGHLANDS
AN AFTERNOON OF CRIME WRITING**

**Michael Burge in conversation
with D'Arcy Lloyd & Chris McIntosh
Moderated by Yolanda Sanders**

**HIGH COUNTRY BOOKS at The Makers Shed
New England Highway Deepwater
Saturday December 6th 2-4pm
www.themakersshed.com**

FREE EVENT just turn up for drinks & nibbles + book sales & signings



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH



Church Services:

Anglican Church Service (Forbes Street Deepwater & Moore Street Emmaville)

The Church services alternate weekly between Deepwater and Emmaville if a Month has five Sundays the 5th Sunday will be in Torrington

- First Sunday Deepwater 9:00am
- Second Sunday Emmaville 9:00am
- Third Sunday Deepwater 9:00am
- Fourth Sunday Emmaville 9:00am
- Fifth Sunday Torrington 9:00am



Church Wardens Deepwater - Reuben Cooper 0499 868 321 **Emmaville** - Heather Reynolds 0428 347 252

Catholic Church Service (Simpson Street)

Sunday at 10 am

Church in the Shed (Deepwater School Of Arts Hall Tenterfield Street)

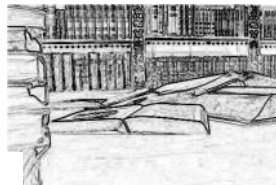
Sundays at 10 am

Deepwater Rubbish Tip Hours:

Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Saturday: 1:00 pm -3pm Sunday: 10am -12 noon

Library Service:

Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm and 1.30 pm - 4 pm
Home Library Service Deliveries 1 pm – 1 .30 pm



Preschool:

at the CWA Hall
Tuesday 9.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm



Progress Association Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 10th December 5:15 pm at the School of Arts Hall
(Code Of Conduct Rules will be followed)

Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

Meets Monday's at the School of Arts Hall
9am to 4pm - leave when you want to.



Tiny Tots Group

For Mums with little ones
Mondays 1pm—3 pm At the Anglican Church Deepwater
Refreshments provided.
Contact Trudy 0428 266 417 or Penny 0408 728 149



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Sudoku answer

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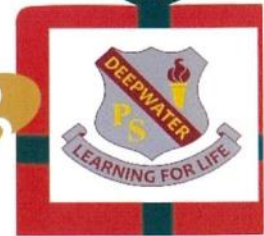
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