

# **DELUNGRA AND DISTRICT NEWSLINK**

## **JANUARY 2003 EDITION**

Welcome to the January 2003 edition of the Delungra Newslink.

I would like to notify all residents that this is my last NEWSLINK as Terry and I will be leaving the district so that I can take up a new position at Quirindi RSL Club.

I would like to thank all those who have helped with this productions over the past six years and hope that its reading has given those some enlightened entertainment and kept residents up to date with the News. It also gives everyone the opportunity not to double-book as clashes of this kind cannot be good for the community,

The Delungra Public School has accepted to continue this production and I wish them well for the future.

Once again MANY MANY thanks to everyone.

Margaret McGrath

### **Delungra Girl Guides**

Girl Guides will resume on Tuesday 4th February at 4.30 p.m. A very special thankyou this month to the Hughes family and the Delungra Hotel who generously met half the cost of a new small fridge for the Guide Room. This was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Libby Martel who came and did craft with the Guides. The girls were very happy with their creations. Also thankyou to Therese Cole for the donation of craft and musical items. Early in 2003 the Guides will be having a White Elephant stall. If you have anything that you could donate for the stall it can be left at the Police residence or 14 Reedy Street. If you would like items collected please contact Annette on 67248485. This year one of the main projects will be to get the Guide Campground at "Cara" operational. Listen out for how you can help us with the "Cara Challenge".

Veronica Farragher Leader

### **Delungra Community Health**

Footcare Dates: January 28 2003

This service will resume in January -Tuesday 28 2003 will be my first visit for the year.

Regards

J oanne Campbell Community Health Inverell 67 288 411

### **Delungra Bowling Club**

*For the information of members and their guests*

- ⇒ Congratulations to the winners of December Monthly Draw, **David McGrath** won the Meat Tray and **Dudley Lewis**, the carton of refreshments. The next members draw will be held on **25th January 2003** so keep placing your tickets in the barrel. **(with your members number on the back)**
- ⇒ **Bistro Operating on Saturdays evenings** - call in for a quick nibble after Sport or dine in for a **Meal of the Night for only \$6.50**
- ↔ **Saturday 11th January - Fricassee Chicken**
- ↔ **Saturday 18th January - Curried Prawns**
- ↔ **Saturday 25th January - Sweet and Sour**
- ↔ **Saturday 1st February - Cottage Pie**
- ↔ **Saturday 8th February - Roast of the Day**
- **Crackers and Cheese are served on the Bar now on Friday nights - join in the social atmosphere while you nibble.**

For and on behalf of the Publicity Officer

## Delungra Senior Citizens

Health and Happiness to everyone for 2003. Hope this year travels a little slower than 2002. In the last Newslink I know I said we would not be having a meeting until February, but after much thought I feel that this would be too close to our Seniors Day in March. There are still quite a few arrangements to be made as far as entertainment etc., so our next Meeting is the 16th January. The Club would like to see those people who intend joining to come along to this meeting so you will be able to join with all the fun and work. on Senior Citizens Day, Monday 17th March. Hope to see some new faces and new ideas. Don't forget our Next Meeting 16th January at 1.30 p.m.  
Beryl Townsend.

## Delungra District Development Council

The next Meeting of the Delungra Development Council will be held on **Tuesday 11th February 2003**. The Strategic Plan for Delungra and District for the Townlife Development program is attached to this Newslink. This will give the Council their planning for the future. Please come along to the next meeting and support the town and help Delungra grow with these plans. Margaret McGrath

## Calendar DECEMBER

FEBRUARY

11th Tuesday

Delungra District Development Council

## NEWSLINK PUBLIC NOTICE

As from February 2003, Delungra Public School P & C will continue the production of the NEWSLINK. All notices must be signed and can be left at 14 Reedy Street Delungra on or before Tuesday 28th January, 2003.  
Annette Watson 67 248 485

# Delungra Community Townlife Development Plan

## Key Result Areas

### Business and Economic Development

1. **Provide an opportunity to develop an outlet for Local produce, Supermarket and New business**
  - Supermarket to be commenced for Delungra (Major request from residents).
  - Caravan Park
  - Computerise Post Office
  - Home handyman Service
  - Local development such as Millable timber Machinery museum
2. **Provide Better Banking facilities**
  - Look into A T M for Delungra
  - Check out banking facilities eg Credit Union. In Store Banking and C T C.
3. **Provide an opportunity to develop outlets for Rural produce**
  - Develop and advertise one of our strengths Winery
  - Look into development of Whiskey distillery
4. **Locals to Support Local Business and Services**
  - To promote Local Business loyalty
5. **Provide opportunity for Govt Subsidised Services for Community**
  - Look into stocking of fish in waterways – Dept of Agriculture – problem with insurance and privacy.
  - Lack of pharmaceutical services this could be developed in Supermarket or C T C

## Marketing and Promotion

### **1. To promote and market Local produce**

- To identify Local Produce
- Formulate a list of services
- Complete a Local Directory
- Source out signage of Old railway sign

### **2. Develop Tourism product for Delungra.**

- Source out if anyone would like facilities in Delungra
- Source out funding for B & B – training is available
- Tourist brochures to assist in marketing Delungra
- Brochures to be available in tourist Office.
- Encourage business to advertise using the Internet.

### **3. Develop a marketing plan for Delungra**

- Beautify the Approaches signage
- Internet access – Inverell on line
- Booklet – come Newspaper Newslink to be extended to business to advertise so that this can be an economical enterprise
- Source out Prospective resident to nominate as a residing Councillor of Inverell Shire Council 2003

## Events, Festivals and Community Activities

### **1. Work with youth to establish youth events and activities**

- Blue Light Disco to be held to be organised 2003
- Look into Bike track establishment near bottom Tennis Courts
- Local Big Day Out to be held to be combined with Wine and Food Festival
- B & S Ball – to be delegated to younger residents.
- Look into the feasibility of new groups eg Tai Quon Do.

### **2. Establish a regular Community Market Day – Fair**

- Quilt Show – Held now – promote more on TV
- Garden day – now held in October each year and is growing each year.
- Rodeo -/ Equestrian events – Campdraft held twice yearly now needs to be supported.
- Opera in the paddock – now held and D D D C offered assistance with future events
- Local Show /Market Day or Food and Wine Festival. Combine all for one to held in town each year.

### **3. Establish Yearly “Signature Event” for Delungra**

- Yearly signature events :-
- Show Day
- Harvest Festival – held now with Anglican Church
- Community Fair – to be re-commenced and run again needs working committee for 2003

### **4. Establish a program youth / Sporting and Social clubs.**

- Dance to be held
- Blue Light discos to be arranged for primary age group
- Source out better use of Multipurpose Hall

## **Community and Social Development**

- 1. Establish Access to health and Community Services**
  - Source out availability for Community Centre for the town
  - Increase hours of nursing health administration
  - Re-start Gentle exercises for the elderly
  - List of details for the elderly
  - Drug Issues in Delungra
  - Source out Pharmacy supplier for Delungra.
- 2. Encourage Parents of Primary School Children to educate kids at Delungra**
  - Promote the local school by supplement in Inverell Times and notice in the local Newslink – positive profile
  - Object to the de-regulation of country schools
  - Maintain school bus services
- 3. Improve Local attitude**
  - By getting quick response for goals
  - Rewarding community members – awards scheme possibility to be held on Australia Day.
  - Promote availability of Community mower

## **Built and Natural Environment**

- 1. Town improvements with funding**
  - Look into Christmas Tree in the Town
  - More tree planting on roadsides into Township.
  - Work with Landcare for further beautification
- 2. Gardening / Greening Delungra**
  - Caravan parking
  - Signage for Parking and Public Toilets
  - General maintenance with footpaths roundabouts and gutters
  - Recreation Ground Trees to be maintained.
- 3. Town improvements without funding**
  - List Heritage buildings
  - Environmental Clean up days
  - Burn offs
  - Zebra Crossings at bus Stop.