

Welcome to the first Newslink edition for 2005. It seems everyone has been having a good break for January, and consequently this is not a very "newsy" Newslink. No doubt by next month everything will be in full swing again!! Thank you to Scott Chester and his Australia Day Committee for organizing such a great day of celebration for Delungra!! The winners of the P & C Australia Day Colouring Competition were: **Jessica Barnes, Joshua Chester, Tenieka Taylor and Rebecca Edwards**. Congratulations to you all. Please leave your notices in the Newslink box at the Post Office, or Fax them to 67 248395, or Email: rockvale@northnet.com.au. by the **last Tuesday of each month.**



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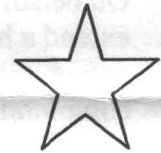
SCOTT CHESTER

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Delungra and District Australia Day Celebrations

On Wednesday 26th January 2005, Australia Day was celebrated in Anzac Park Delungra. The day commenced with a street parade, ending in Anzac Park where formalities and activities for the day were held.

On behalf of the Delungra Development Council Australia Day Sub-committee I extend a hearty thanks to the community of Delungra for supporting this day. The community turned out in force to witness and be part of this inaugural and wonderful community event.

A lot of time and effort went into the days preparation and a personal thankyou is extended to the committee who helped co-ordinate the day. This committee gave up their valuable time and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the community. The success of the day is a tribute to their efforts.

Delungra is a proud community and this was reflected with the enormous support received from various members of the community who turned up and offered their assistance with setting up prior and cleaning up following the days celebrations. These helpers ranged from school age children, farmers and retired persons. I was amazed with the generosity of these people.

A huge crowd were on hand for the formalities of the day and it was good to see that the day raised interest from people outside of our community with visitors from Newcastle, Inverell, Bingara and Warialda joining our festivities.

Congratulations to our Community Award Recipients for being recognized for outstanding achievements in and around the Delungra community. Homage was certainly worthy of these winners and I can only hope that this tradition will continue when award nominations are called for if the 2006 Australia Day celebrations go ahead.

For those who couldn't make the event, awards were presented to the following people;

Community Service -	Veronica Farragher, Elaine Wenzel, Eunice McGrath
Sporting Service -	John Martel, Harry McNaughton, George Wenzel
Sporting Achievement-	Douglas Cover, David Martel, Nicholas Edwards Rachael Kent, Casey Edwards, Jack Cole and Brendon Jones.

The Inverell Shire Australia Day Ambassador, Sandy Thorne provided constant laughter with her wacky push poetry and verses. She was a great ambassador to have for our inaugural event.

Glowing and praising comments have been received from our dignitaries, namely Federal member for New England Mr Tony Windsor, Mayor Barry Johnson and Deputy Mayor Peter Lloyd. Member for Northern Tablelands Mr Richard Torbay, even though he could not make the event, was full of praise and congratulations after receiving numerous favourable reports from members of the community. Our day was mentioned in high esteem during the Inverell Australia Day Celebrations.

The day was run on a shoe string budget and thanks to sponsorship from local Businesses and property owners all expenses were met. Other Organizations came on board with different activities ranging from colouring competitions to bike decorating. From a local point of view I thank the following for their support;

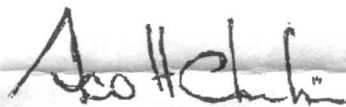
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A number of other Organizations, including the Inverell Shire, Inverell Times and radio station 2NZ/Gem FM (just to name a few) will also be approached and thanked for their support leading up to the day.

Like all things, every event organized can do with some fine tuning and following a post mortem of the event, I hope we can improve on things if a similar event is run next year. No doubt interested persons will be called upon to form a committee to run next years event at some stage during the year. Keep your eyes and ears posted for this information mid year and come along and join the committee if you would like to be part of the 2006 Australia Day organizing committee.

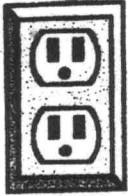
You should be very proud of your community and its achievements. I know am.
Long live the community spirit ever present throughout this wonderful community.



Scott Chester
Chairman
Delungra District Development Council
Australia Day Sub-committee.

Delungra Women's Bowling Club News.

Meeting was held at Delungra Bowling Club at 2pm on 19th January. President June welcomed all our members for our first meeting for 2005, and thanked us for our help at the Xmas party and special afternoon tea for Jim Townsend. We will be marching as a group for "Delungra Australia Day", as well as having a white elephant stall. Our next meeting will be held on 22nd February at 2pm. Pleased to see Emily back with us.
Elaine Wenzel.



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Delungra Men's Bowling Club News.

The men's bowling club committee meeting was held at 7pm 19th January. The new Pairs champions are Val Edwards and Trevor Cutmore, who defeated Edna Thomson and Tom Hamilton after a lot of false starts. Congratulations Val and Trevor. We are looking for a young person to help our greenkeepers with the upkeep of greens and surrounds. Anyone interested please contact: Harry McNaughton - 67248445, Geroge Wenzel - 67248282, Tom Hamilton - 67248200.

IMPORTANT NEWS, penants start in 17th April!! If interested a notice is on the board, please put your name down.

Entertainment:

12th February 8pm

Dave Graz.

Bistro open every Saturday night 5.30 to 6.30.

Great tucker.

Lucky winners of our Xmas raffles were: Holiday - J Larken, Hamper - J Hobday, Refreshments - G Hunt, Ham - L Spinks.

Congratulations to you all, do hope you enjoyed them.

Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra Rural Fire Service News.

We in the brigade hope that everyone in the community had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year. I am delighted to let you know that brigade members were able to go about their plans with only a motor vehicle accident on the Gwydir Highway towards Inverell causing the brigade to be called out over the last two months.

From an agricultural point of view the rain we have had recently has been great, and of course has minimised our current fire risk. Please be aware though that all the growth we have had could easily turn to fuel if weather conditions become hot, dry and windy.

We will be resuming our spit nights at the pub on Saturday the 5th. February. If it suits you to go out for a meal sometimes please think about supporting us and enabling the brigade to continue to serve our community as well as possible.

By the time you read this Australia Day will have been and gone. We trust it proved a success and you all enjoyed yourselves at Delungra's celebrations.

Fred Dobner Chairperson. 67248316.

LOST.

In Delungra between Christmas & New Year. A green watch with GoGoGo written on the face. Was a Christmas present. Anyone with information can contact Michelle Simula on 67248224 or return it to 35 Railway St Delungra, no questions asked.

DISCO, DISCO, DISCO.

No sports night in February.

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Community Health Footcare Date
February 24th. Joanne Campbell
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For Sale: Dux Forte 50 litre hot water system.
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Anglican Church Times.

Sunday February 6th – 11 am
Sunday February 13th – 8.30 am Harvest Festival.
Sunday February 20th - 11 am
Sunday February 27th - 8.30am H.C.
Sunday January 16th - 11 am
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Sunday February 6th – 7 pm
Sunday February 13th – 10 am
Sunday February 20th - 7 pm
Sunday February 27th – 8 am

Bobby McGrath

Delungra Girl Guides.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Christmas Raffle.

1st Prize - George Foreman Grill – Marie Lute, Inverell. 2nd Prize – Christmas Hamper – Gai Single, Inverell, 3rd Prize – Bathpack – Steve Conroy, Delungra

2004 was an extremely busy year for our Guiding group, and we are looking forward to another fantastic year in 2005. Our Christmas Concert was a great success and I congratulate the girls on their lovely performance. A number of people in our community plus parents and friends were invited to say thankyou to them for their support during the year. They all commented what a great afternoon it was.

On Saturday 12th February we are having a working bee at "Cara" to try to get some more work done on our camp ground.. We need as many volunteers as we can get to try and get this site operational. If anyone can help on the day please contact me for details. All members of our community are invited to help us with this project.

Guides will again be involved with Clean Up Australia this year. Please mark this day on your calendar – SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 8AM – 12 NOON. Meet at Anzac Park. This day really makes a difference to our community so please come along and give an hour or two of your time to help.

Results of the Guessing Competition Weight of bull –

1st Prize Noel Wadley \$40 open order Wade St Meats.

2nd Prize Josh Watson Wallet

3rd Prize J Hough Travel clock.

Thanks to Wade St meats and Heitiki Droughtmaster Stud for their donation of prizes.

Money raised from our White Elephant Stall, and Guessing Competition totalled \$251.85. This money will be donated to the Tsunami Appeal.

Veronica Farragher. Guide Leader and Clean Up Australia Co-ordinator.

Delungra Senior Citizen's News .

We held our first meeting for 2005 at 1pm on the 13th January. Matters of interest for February – Bingo on 17th February, 9.30 start, finger food lunch starting at 12 noon. Meeting to start at 1pm. Senior Citizen's Week will be held from the 13th to 20th March. Delungra Seniors Day will be held on the 15th March at the Bowling Club at 10 am. Lunch will be smorgasboard, starting at 12.30. Cost will be \$10.00. Could you please have names in by 28th February for catering purposes. Ph: Shirley Canham 67 291270 or Cynthia Kent 67 248260. I hope you all had a Happy Xmas & New Year. I know I did!!

Elaine Wenzel.

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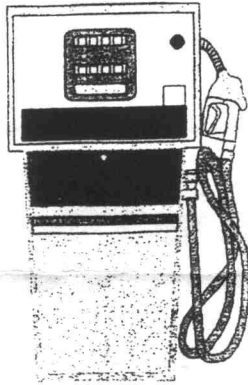
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STOLEN.

Anyone with any information on the theft of a Samsung VP-W90 Camcorder could you please contact the police or Natalie Simula. The camera has Bundaberg Rum stickers on it. In the camera bag is the charger for CDMA phone which would be useful to no-one but Natalie. The return of the charger, video & tapes would be appreciated. Please contact us on 67248224.

Delungra Fishing Club.

**Congratulations to Gatty from Tarcoola
who won the 68cm TV & DVD in the
Fishing Club Raffle.
Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.**

Lorraine Polock.

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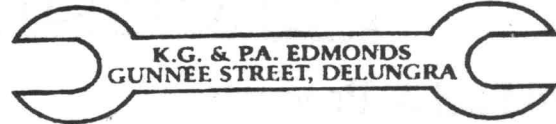


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