

Welcome to May – Mother's Day month – so Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers out there! Hope you get plenty of HUGS.

Thank you to the Delungra Senior Citizens Club for their donation of \$50 towards Newlink costs. We really appreciate your support.

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Delungra Public School News.

Welcome back to yet another busy term at Delungra Public School.

Thank you to all our students who marched with the school and Girl Guides on Anzac Day. It was pleasing to see our students representing the school in such a positive way, supporting an important Aussie tradition. Alex Reynolds and Kylie Simula, as Captain and Vice Captain were excellent role models at the luncheon following the march. Alex spoke well when she addressed the gathering and shared her thoughts on "The A-Z of Anzac".

The P & C have done a wonderful job tidying up the school. The gardens have been replanted and in a few months time, will look terrific. They have also repainted all the outdoor furniture, which now looks fresh and new.

Good luck to Teegan Shearing who is playing in the District Girls Soccer team in Moree on Wednesday, 27th April. Teegan was chosen as a team member following the Zone Trials last term.

We have several training and development opportunities this term – a programming workshop, 'Habits of Mind' course, Musica Viva training and Boys Education Workshop. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a combined small schools drama workshop, visit the Taronga Zoomobile in Inverell, compete in the school's Cross Country run and perform for parents, friends and relatives on Open Day, 17th May during Education Week.

Please feel free to drop in and see our great school in action. Contact the school for an appointment if there are any matters you wish to discuss.

Belinda Eddy

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ANZAC Day 90th Anniversary 2005

ANZAC Day dawned bright and clear for the 90th Anniversary at Delungra, organized by R.S.L. Womens Auxiliary. Ceremonies began with Flag raising and Wreath laying at the Memorial Stone at R.S.L. Park, followed by the Cemetery Parade.

The march commenced at 12 noon led by Inverall Pipe Band R.S.L. & Ex-servicemen, Manchester Unity N.S.W. Guides, Students of Delungra Public, Inverall High & Ross Hill schools. Flag Bearers were Chaplain Ken Batterham RANR (a former Delungra lad), John Cameron & Fred Calderbank.

The service commenced with the laying of wreaths, the Prologue; prayers were read by Rev David Wiedemann, Mr George Bray, Chaplain Batterham & Fred Calderbank.

A very impressive oration on the theme of ANZAC was delivered by Mr George Bray of the Naval Association (a new Delungra resident). The hymns were led by Rev David Weidemann & Chaplain Batterham. To conclude the service the National Anthem was beautifully sung by Mrs Peta Blyth. ANZAC luncheon was held at Delungra Bowling Club, Auxiliary members serving approximately 70 guests.

To ensure the future preservation of the Spirit of ANZAC we warmly welcomed special guests, Delungra Public School Captain & Vice-captain Alex Reynolds & Kylie Simula, Guide Patrol Leaders Kristen Farragher & Emily Edwards, Grace Cole who sang 'God Bless Australia'. Alex recited an A to Z ANZAC poem.

A framed message from His Excellency Major-General Michael Jeffrey AC CUO MC (retired) Governor-General of Australia to the community of Delungra, and a plaque from Commander of HMAS HARMAN "To the people of Delungra on the 90th anniversary of ANZAC Landing" was presented to Fred & Nancy Calderbank for the people of Delungra in recognition of their support to the nation in times of peace and war, and to honour the home town of the presenter, Chaplain Ken Batterham RANR of HMAS HARMAN.

The guest speaker Chaplain Batterham – better known to the locals as 'Mac' - spoke of his early days in Delungra and many interesting times in the Public Service before becoming an Anglican minister 15 years ago, and a part-time Navy Chaplain for the past 10 years. He has been Chaplain HMAS HARMAN, Navy Communications Base, Canberra, looking after 1500 Royal Australian Navy members in the Canberra region along with their families. He spoke of the good times and the sad & tragic situations he has had to face; just the week before coming here he was involved with the burials of the four people from Bowral in his care who were killed in the tragic Sea-King naval helicopter accident. Mac expressed his joy at being able to come 'home' remembering Delungra when he was a lad and meeting many of his old friends.

Members of the Auxiliary sincerely appreciate the help, support and assistance of all who participated in the March, attended Services and so many people who helped in any way to make ANZAC Day 2005 such a success and a fitting tribute to the memory of ANZAC and all service personnel who followed them.

Lest We Forget

Nancy Calderbank.

Delungra C.W.A. News.

Owing to an extra day of use being needed for pre-school, C.W.A. have changed their meeting day from Tuesday to the third Wednesday of the month at 1pm. For the May – Mothers Day meeting we are to come dressed up, or down (just not as we usually dress!) and bring a plate for lunch at 1pm, made from broccoli* or some other vegetable. Our Mothers Day raffle will be drawn on the 4th May.

Gwydir Group are holding a Deerfield Embroidery Workshop at the Delungra C.W.A. Hall on Friday 27th May, 9am morning tea – 9.30 prompt start. Morning tea, lunch and a starter's kit will be supplied in the \$23 fee. R.S.V.P. Mrs Gwen Hallam, Ph:0746753232 or c/- P.O. Yetman. 2410.

Anne Page.

* Editor says YUK!!

CRIME REPORT

Welcome to this months report.

This month report should be relatively small considering I have been working a number of shifts in Inverell and been absent on leave during this reportable period. Until staffing levels increase in Inverell, I will be required to work the occasional shift there, however on every other opportunity that arises, I will be rostered to work in Delungra. Despite working some shifts in Inverell, I am still available to attend to jobs and complaints as received. Sometimes though, if the jobs are of a non urgent nature, I may not be able to deal with your concern of complaint straight away if rostered in Inverell. I assure you though that every complaint received will be dealt with to finality. Lets keep working together to make our town a fun and safe place to live and visit.

Anzac Day has come and gone. I was overwhelmed with the tremendous community support shown at this years ceremony. It was wonderful to see the community rally in memory of those who gave their lives for our country. I am sure organisers of this years event were blown away with the response. The street march, services and ceremony luncheon were packed with guest, supporters and on-lookers. Once again the community can stand proud. Well done to Nancy & Fred Calderbank for the behind the scene work, the ladies auxiliary and all those who helped make this day special and memorable. We certainly do live in a lucky country, more importantly a lucky town.

Last month I reported that police conducted bicycle education talks at the school during March (23rd March). All students from Kindergarten to 6th class were explained rules and regulations in relation to bicycle issues. Unfortunately this information appears to have fallen on deaf ears for some school students. Repeatedly during the school holiday period a number of students were caught riding their bicycles without helmets on. Thankfully it was only a small majority of the students who abused these laws however a few to many as far as I am concerned. I will keep onto this and will address each issue/person as detected. Please wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, it could protect you from serious injury if a freak accident happens.

Seat belt wearing is also lapsing. Some people enjoy flirting with danger. Of particular concern was the Anzac Day Long weekend period when double demerit points were in force. I was amazed to see the number of people driving around Delungra without wearing a seatbelt. Perhaps these people are happy to donate their hard earned cash to state revenue. Perhaps these people are happy to loose their licence for extended periods. Fortunately for these people, I was on annual leave at the time and therefore not in a position to make them pay. Had I been working though, some hefty fines would have been experienced for many locals. The enforcement was well publicised so there should be no excuses. Who knows when we might get a visit from the highway patrol, don't let yourself become one of their statistics. Remember to wear a belt or be prepared to wear a fine. Seat belts are compulsory, life saving and have to be worn regardless of how long the trip in your motor vehicle may be. Remember the saying - Click clack front and back.

Don't forget to keep Tuesday night 21st June free. On this night, at 7.00pm, a community meeting will be held at the Delungra Bowling Club to form a committee to co-ordinate and run the 2006 Delungra Australia Day Celebrations. I hope you attend this meeting and join the committee. If interested in being on this committee, to help our community celebrate this wonderful day and event, please attend and make yourself known and available when a committee is formed. Firstly it will be gauged whether Australia Day in 2006 should be held however going on the feed back received following this years event, I think most will be in favour of continuing. Once this is decided, a committee will be formed and we go from there.

I thank the community for their persistence and assistance in trying to combat the problem of rock throwing. Since the Easter long weekend, I have had no reports or complaints relating to this type of behaviour. This is very pleasing and I can only thank those who have been responsible for this type of behaviour for ceasing this type of activity and realising community expectations. I hope we never have to experience another period like we did.

In other news;

A set of keys have been found. 2 x large keys on a home made key ring were located in the Delungra town ship. If you think the keys belong to you, give me a call.

Sometime during the week preceding the 30th March a window to the Shire shed in Anzac Park, which was partially broken, was completely smashed. During this same period unknown persons have used rocks, bricks and other items to damage the shade cloth above the play equipment in the same park. The shade cloth over head is very expensive and this heartless act by some people has placed this shade cloth in jeopardy of not being replaced once the damage exceeds repair.

On the 30th March a pair of live rats (brown and white) together with a cage was located on the side of the roadway between Delungra and Warialda. An extensive media campaign was launched through the Inverell and Moree shires in an effort to locate the owner of these rats. You may have heard it. Comments about rats being held in the cells etc donned the radio station for some days. Despite repeated requests for an owner to come forward, none did. The rats were returned to the finder, who surprisingly elected to keep the rats if an owner was not found.

Over the Easter long weekend, whilst a family were away camping, a shed on a rural property, situated on the Bingara by-pass road, was broken into. A 12 litre portable fuel tank (to a boat) was stolen

Between 10.00pm and 10.30pm on the 5th April a prowler was disturbed at the rear of a premise in Inverell Street. The prowler was chased by the occupants and caught in the rear laneway. This incident was reported to Inverell Police who passed it onto Delungra Police for follow up. A 14 year old youth was responsible for this and the young person's guardians have been spoken to. The victim of this prowler activity requested this outcome.

On the 6th April an incident occurred near the intersection of Burnett Lane and MacIntyre Street. A 9 year old youth was spoken to by police after it was alleged he assaulted other youths and exposed himself to them.

Around 10.30pm on Saturday night 9th April a person was disturbed trying to enter a house in Burnett Street Delungra. Entry was via the rear door with access via the rear laneway. At the time the occupants were at home watching television however all the house lights were off apart from the television itself. Footsteps were heard on the rear porch before the rear screen door (unlocked) was opened. The occupants, thinking it was family members returning home called out, only to hear the door close and a person running from the scene.

Between 9.00am 13/4 and 3.00pm 16/4 unknown persons stole three sheets of green tongue timber flooring from the old Delungra produce site. The sheeting was stolen from the work shed at the rear of the store.

About 10.10pm on Sunday 17th April a 24 year old male was stopped on the Graman Road and subjected to a road side breath test. That test proved positive and the male was arrested and conveyed to the Inverell Police Station to undertake a breath analysis. The male driver returned a middle range reading (between .080 and .150). The male driver was charged with mid range PCA and had his drivers license suspended, pending the outcome of the Court matter.

During the school holidays some minor scuffles and complaints were received at the Inverell Police Station in relation to a number of local youths. The complaints stemmed from assault allegations to harassment. All persons involved have been spoken to by Inverell police bringing a suitable outcome to this local incident.

During the school holidays a basketball was found in the school grounds. The basketball was handed to police. The basketball belonged to the school and was returned once school returned.

Last month I reported a stalker running down Inverell Street. I provided some misleading information with that report. I initially reported that some females were seen following this male however as it turned out those persons were male. Just setting the records straight. I won't comment any further as to why males were following the stalker?

Some friendly advice before finishing. Obey the speed limits at the road works site between Delungra and Inverell. Numerous complaints have been received at the Highway patrol office in relation to cars and trucks speeding. Information has been provided that in coming days, weeks and months the area will be saturated with Highway Patrol police, in marked and un-marked vehicles. If caught speeding, you will pay the ultimate penalty (fine and or loss of licence). The road works will remain until approximately October and speed limits in and around that area will be in force between now and then.

Complaints have also been received in relation to the number of cars and trucks who speed through town. These complaints have been forwarded to the Highway patrol Police for their attention, they are the only trained officers who have the equipment to

deal with this problem. We can lobby for speed cameras however this will most likely fall on deaf ears.

Before concluding it would be remiss of me if I failed to mention the passing of a well respected citizen of Delungra a few weeks ago. Sadly, Leo Cutmore passed away. Leo is a pioneering legend within our community; he lived here for most of his life. He will be sadly missed by many throughout our community. Many family members and members of the community attended his funeral, in celebration of the wonderful life he lived and shared. It was one of the largest funerals seen and a fitting gesture to see such wonderful support and friendship given to the respective families during these difficult times. In a fitting farewell and tribute, Leo can now rest in peace, knowing he has left behind his legacy on life.

Don't forget I have a notice board at the front of the Police Station. Should you attend and I am unavailable, providing your attendance is of a non-urgent matter, leave me a message and I will endeavour to contact you at the first available opportunity. For those who are unaware, some incidents can be reported to the Police Assistance Line by phoning 131444. The Police Assistance Line has been set up to take reports of minor offences including car theft, lost property, minor traffic accidents, burglary, damage to property and stealing. For all urgent matters phone 'triple O' or contact Inverell Police on 67220599.



Scott Chester
Senior Constable

Delungra Library.

The Delungra Library is open for business again after being painted. It has been relocated to the room at the front of the C.W.A. building in Burnett St, formally occupied by H.A.A.C., and access can be gained via the front silver doors, or around the back through the kitchen if you don't like the stairs. We are due for new books again and hopefully these will be delivered and installed by the middle of May. See you there soon!

Ainslie Savage.

Delungra R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.

Delungra R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary will meet at 2 pm at Delungra Bowling Club on **Wednesday 4th May.**

Nancy Calderbank.

Reedy Creek Landcare Group



The group recently received funding for a field day, to be held in September. We will join with other groups for a tour to look at ways that landholders have had success in controlling weeds, such as Coolatai grass. At our last meeting it was agreed that membership costs will be \$5 per family. This will help to cover minor costs, including secretarial, phone etc for our secretary Kerri, and other incidentals.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday May 9th**, and it will be followed by a **Cypress Pine Management Field Day** at 9.00 at "Vallyn" Gragin Peak Road, Delungra

Guest speakers include:

- **Melinda Harrison** from UNE to talk about her PhD topic - **Cypress Pine Management**
- **Bob McGufficke** (DPI) to talk about **groundcover, fertiliser and stock management** when dealing with **Cypress Pine**.

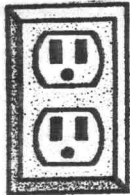
A BBQ lunch will follow. Please **BYO** sausages and salad.

All interested parties are welcome to attend

For more information, call the Tonkin's on 6724 8454 or Sam Dobner on 67248 316

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Further information contact Bev Johnson.Ph

67249121.

Delungra Girl Guides.

A big welcome to the girls who have recently joined our Guiding unit, Grace Cole, Emma-Lee Knight, Sam Knight, Alicia Gamper and Madison Gamper. They will be a great addition to our unit. We now have 15 Guides in our very active and wonderful group. Last week 10 of our girls together with myself, Megan Hough and Ainslie Savage went on a four day camp to Coffs Harbour. We had a fantastic few days with everyone we encountered in Coffs being very welcoming and helpful to our group. We went swimming, snow tubing, bushwalking, went to the movies, the Porpoise Pool, shopping and to the Botanical Gardens. A great time was had by all and a huge thank you to Megan and Ainslie who did a wonderful job in helping run the camp. There was another very special ANZAC day in Delungra this year and the Guides were out in force in full uniform for the day. We were very proud to again join the ANZAC march in our town. We are looking forward to a fantastic term 2 for 2005. We would really love it if more people could be involved in our support group. You do not need to be a parent of a current guide to help us in this. If you are interested or would like any information about it please contact me.
Veronica Farragher. (Guide Leader)

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DELUNGRA RURAL FIRE SERVICE NEWS

March was a month with no call outs for the brigade. We do seem to be a community that is able to minimise fire brigade activity – thank you all for that.

You may have heard on the radio various Rural Fire Service personnel highlighting the dangers arising from the current very dry and warm conditions. These are just as real in and around Delungra as anywhere else. Of course we recognise the difficulties for agriculture that face many of us every day. Please don't let that interfere with your care and attention with respect to fire. The lives and property that could be at risk are yours and your neighbours.

The brigade's administrative year will come to an end on Sunday June 5th. when we hold our Annual General Meeting. As in any organisation this will be the time we look back on the past year, think about what we did well and what we would like to do differently. We will elect the team to lead us in the coming year and make plans for 2005/06. I would like to see as many members of the brigade as possible at the meeting, it only takes an hour or so and it is the opportunity to have your say about who should lead the brigade and how you would like it to be run.

Anyone who would like to provide active support for the brigade is most welcome, you don't have to be a firefighter to make a contribution. There is a small but necessary administrative component of our activities which of course I have led this year, we have our fundraising and are willing to help in community activities.

Our 'core business' is what takes place on the fireground. In extreme situations those in charge take responsibility for lives and property. The Service is recognising the demands of this situation by gradually requiring more and more formal service training for those taking on the roles of Captain and Deputy Captain. Members and potential members wishing to take these roles in the future should be aware of this trend and plan their training accordingly. The service seems to be willing to make every effort to accommodate individual needs and wishes.

We have a real need for someone to take on a position as 'equipment officer', this person need not be a mechanic, repairs are generally done by the service or their contractors. What we need is someone who will check that equipment and property is in place and in good working order. Then if it isn't, ensure that losses are made good and repairs are carried out. Someone who is thorough, good at keeping records and has all the attributes of a terrier would be ideal.

We all fervently hope that May brings us a wet autumn and that everyone in the district can get on with the agricultural activity that we do so well and is the reason that Delungra exists.

Fred Dobner (Chairperson) 6724 8316

Legacy

Gallipoli is now beyond the reach of living memory, but we will not forget the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for God, King and our country. Last Sunday the Memorial Hall at Graman marked a 50th anniversary with a traditional Anzac Service. Our attention seems to naturally move to those who serviced in the Second World War. We are grateful to those who made the supreme sacrifice in this War for the freedom we continue to enjoy. This is my prayer for their legacy.

"Father of the fatherless, and Comforter of the comfortless draw near to those who are suffering and support them in your everlasting arms of love.

Heal, we pray, those who are sick in body, mind or soul. Comfort those who are bereaved. Support the widows and children, some of whom are serving in the armed forces today. Strengthen those whose privilege it is to accept the legacy of fallen comrades as they provide advice and practical assistance of many kinds and safeguard the interests of their children. Amen."

David Wiedmann.

Anglican Church Times.

May 1st – 11 am

May 8th – 8.30 am

May 15th – 11 am

May 22nd – 8.30am

May 29th – Combined Service 9 am.

Marlene Ballinger.

Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday May 1st – 5 pm

Sunday May 8th – 10 am

Sunday May 15th – 5 pm

Saturday May 21st – 5 pm

Sunday May 29th – 9 am 5th Sunday Combined Service at St. Columba's Anglican Church.

Bobby McGrath.

Community Health News.

Greetings to Delungra residents. Where is the rain??? Guess it will come when it is ready. In the mean time we are enjoying the gorgeous autumn weather.

Footcare dates for the next 3 months: May 19, June 16, July 21.

The Juice Explosion: there are juice bars on every street corner in the city, and sipping juice has become the latest thing. Fibre is removed in the juicing process. Fibre helps to fill you up as well as playing an important role in keeping your bowel healthy and regular. To be Cancer Smart, it is important to include a variety of fruit and vegies in your diet. Juice is a nutritious alternative as they still contain cancer fighting substances. Half a cup of fruit or vegetable juice can count as one of your daily serves but if the choice is available go for the whole fruits and vegies. Also watch the calorie intake - be aware of the serving size of your glass of juice. A regular size glass of fruit juice contains 1680 kilojoules(400 calories) and that is equivalent to more than 10 plain biscuits!!

Have a good month.

JoAnne Campbell. Inverell Community Health. Ph 6721 9600.

Senior Citizens News.

Senior Citizens held their April meeting on 21st. We have settled into the newly painted room, which looks great. Some extra furniture has been purchased and other plans are afoot. We had a very pleasant and informative meeting with Tanya Mills (N.E. Health) between Bingo and the meeting. Tanya will be out again on May 19th to organize a 'Walk & Talk' before lunch. Meet at the Senior Citizens Club at 10am sharp. The meeting will start at 1-30pm. Ann McNaughton was our raffle winner last meeting.
Cynthia Kent, for Elaine.

Graham Kent

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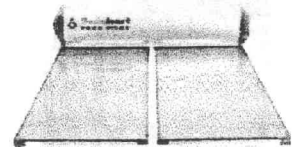
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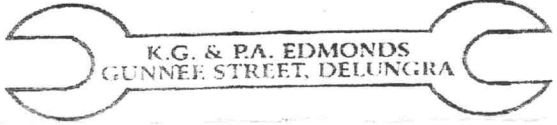
Delungra Women's Bowling Club News.

Our meeting was held at the Bowling Club on 26th April at 1.30 pm. President June welcomed all our members and thanked us all for our help with President Tom's Day. We have teams going to Ashford, Inverell RSM, Bingara, Glen Innes and Warialda, so we will be busy for May and June. Our Rose Bowl Day will be held on 7th June. Our Club 3 bowl pairs winners are June Hobday and Maureen Fenton. Well done girls. Our next meeting will be 24th May at 1-30 pm.

Elaine Wenzel.

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Time: 8:30am

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- Graham Price from Inverell Shire Council
- Andrew Phillips from the Northern Slopes RLPB

All interested parties are welcome to attend

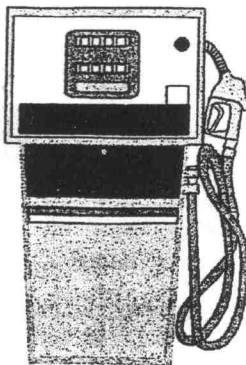
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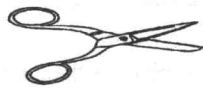
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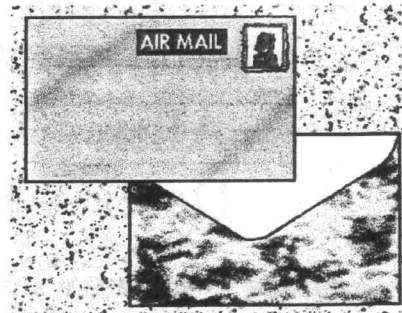
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Delungra Men's Bowling Club News.

We had a return visit from Warialda on Saturday 9th April for Penant Trials. Warialda had a nice win. Congratulations Warialda.

On Sunday 10th April Tom Hamilton held his President's Day. Helping him celebrate were teams from Inverell East, Inverell RSM, Tingha, Ashford, Warialda, Moree, Cropper Creek, Noel Anstee & team representing The Royal and 3 teams from Delungra. We played two games, 14 ends, with a break for a sit down hot lunch provided by the Delungra Women's Bowling Club.

Merit tie bars and badges were awarded to John Taber, Peter Holzagal, Lorna Ogilvie and Cynthia Kent. Winners of the day were Moree Services Club, Runners up – Inverell East. Winners of the raffle were Tom Hamilton and Cliff Cambell of Tingha. Congratulations Tom on a good day. The Delungra Ladies again supplied high tea. Tom's Day closed with Tom wishing everyone a safe journey home.

We have raffles every Saturday night and our Member's Lucky Number increases \$50 if not claimed on the night.

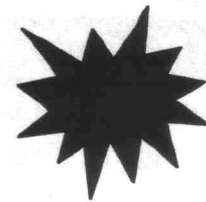
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Delungra District Development Council.

Our meeting was held at 7pm on 4/4/05, with average attendance. We are getting closer to our park at last. On 21st June at 7pm a community meeting will be held to discuss Australia Day 2006, and all will be most welcome. We hope to have new signs made for the four entrances to Delungra, thanks Lindsay. Virginia Boland from H.A.A.C. will be at our next meeting at 7pm on 3rd May. Don't forget our 100th birthday next year. I will be giving more information a little later.

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