
Hi, school holiday time again, and that's half the year gone!! The years definitely seem to go faster the older you get!! Never mind, as long as you make each day a good one that's the main thing. A big thank you to Kerry Durrington who photocopied the June Newslink for us. There's no doubt that many hands make light work and extra help is always welcome. Hope everyone who's on school holidays enjoys them. 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.**

Delungra Public School News.

Half our school year is finished already – time seems to go so quickly!

Last weekend we played soccer in the Inverell All Schools Carnival as part of the Bundlegum team, comprising students from Delungra, Gum Flat, Gilgai and Bundarra. This is an excellent opportunity for our small schools to participate in team sports. The weather was wonderful and we all had a terrific day – our Opens looked as though they may have been in the finals, right up until the last game.

Emily Savage, our reporter in the field has filed the following report.

On Saturday, 7 Delungra students travelled to Inverell to play in the Open and Under 10's Bundlegum soccer teams at the Inverell Carnival.

Both teams played really well, the results were:-

Open Team drew all their games which were against Gravesend, Holy Trinity 2 and St. Joseph's Warialda.

The Under 10's team also played well winning their first 3 games against Holy Trinity 1, Holy Trinity 2 and St. Joseph's Warialda. They must have worn themselves out in the morning because they lost their last 4 games against Ross Hill 1, Ross Hill 2, Inverell Public and Barraba.

Well done to Teegan Shearing, Jordan Shearing, Michael Durrington, Adam Marshall, Emily Savage, Patrick Smith and Troy Townsend who all played really well, showed great sportsmanship, didn't care who won or lost and put it all under the name of **FUN.**

We wish all students and parents a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday, 19th July** as Monday is a Pupil Free Day. On the Monday, staff will be planning activities for Semester Two and, along with teachers from Gilgai and Gum Flat will be meeting with guest speakers from Inverell community agencies to ensure that schools have a sound understanding of the processes needed to best provide support for all students.

Belinda Eddy.

Delungra CWA News.

We held our June meeting at the Sapphire Gardens and Tea Rooms on the Copeton Dam road. They provided us with a tasty meal at a very reasonable price, which was a great way to get us in the mood for our meeting! Our next meeting on July 20th will be held at the CWA hall in Burnett St. and we will be meeting at 9 am and sewing some "breast pillows" after lunch. Apparently these little pillows are used by women who have had a mastectomy to make them more comfortable when sleeping etc. (We all hope we never get to use one!!). Anyone interested in coming along to our meetings would be very welcome. We make having fun a priority. For more details Ph Lynne Rainger (President) on 67222830. Remember the library is open on Saturday mornings 10.00 to 11.00, at the CWA hall Burnett St, so come along and borrow a book to read on these cold damp afternoons.

Ainslie Savage.

Sapphire City Floral Festival

Queen & Princess Competition



**Delungra's Entrants - Michelle Campagner (Queen), Brooke Cutmore (Princess),
Kristen Farragher (Princess) & Grace Cole (Princess)**

Over the coming months our entrants will be holding a number of fundraising activities to raise money for the Delungra community. Monies raised during their fundraising quest (apart from a % which the floral festival committee retains) will be injected back into this community.

Upcoming & Confirmed Events:

Christmas in July - Sunday 24th July 2005

Golf Day & Social Function - Saturday 13th August 2005

Dance/Ball (Cold Beer Band) - Friday 23rd September 2005

Thanks for the following donations received to date; Tarcoola Park \$100, Castle Family \$50,
Hobday Transport \$100, Ted McGrath Painting \$50, Delungra Truck Stop \$50,
Delungra Bowling Club \$50 & Delungra Branch NSW Farmers Association \$50

CRIME REPORT

I need to start this months report by quelling rumours which are circulating. Rumour has it that I am leaving and being replaced with an officer from Barraba. I wish to advise that I will be remaining in Delungra for at least the next 12 – 18 months.

There was some truth to that rumour as follows; there were moves to transfer me back to Inverell. I was considering it however it was under the proviso that my position be filled prior to me leaving. I did not think it was fair on this community to leave them without a police officer if I went suddenly. A police officer from Barraba had showed interest and was going to come and have a look at the town. A move to Inverell or anywhere else is now on hold. Guess your stuck with me for a while yet.

I need to address an important issue in relation to Authorised areas in licensed premises. The reason for bringing this to your attention is due to a licensing enforcement which will be taking place throughout this area. There have been times when minors (person under the age of 18) have been detected in authorised areas of licensed premises whilst not in the immediate company of a responsible adult. If an offence of this nature is detected, Licensee's will be fined \$550, parents or guardians in charge of the minor will be \$250 poorer and the minor themselves can receive a fine. It could turn out to be an expensive night for everyone. So everyone is clear on this subject, I provide the following definitions;

Minors –

A person who has not attained the age of 18 years.

Authorised Area –

An authorised area is an area authorised by the Court for use of that area by a minor who is in the **company** and **immediate presence** of a responsible adult.

Responsible Adult –

A person who is of or above the age of 18 years and who, in relation to the minor, belongs to one of the following classes of people:

- * A parent, step parent or guardian of the minor
- * the minors spouse or any person who although not legally married to the minor (defacto partner) ordinarily lives with the minor spouse on a permanent and domestic basis
- * A person who is for the time being in loco-parentis to the minor (not older brothers, sisters, boyfriend, girlfriend, cousins etc). Loco-parentis is assuming the role of a parent towards the minor.

I encourage you to do the right thing, not only for yourselves but for our Licensee's. An error of judgement on your part, resulting in our Licensee's receiving a hefty fine, would leave a sour taste in your mouth, not to mention causing friction between each other.

It is good to see that a group of enthusiastic people attended last months Australia Day meeting. There were a number of new faces amongst the group. A committee has been formed to co-ordinate and host the 2006 Australia Day celebrations in Delungra. This is great news. Fred Dobner will be in the 'chair', ably assisted by a group of keen workers. I am looking forward to working with this committee.

Last month our family fun night committee hosted another disco, raising money for SIDS. \$100.00 was raised from the night which has been donated to SIDS. There will be no scheduled activity in July with the next event planned for August. Our committee is looking at hosting a movie night however only preliminary inquiries at this stage have been made. Further information will be circulated in future editions of the Delungra Newslink.

On the 26th June the Police and Friends Charity Bowls Day was held, being the first official fundraiser for Delungra's entrants in this year Floral Festival Competition. I was a great day. I thank all sponsors, donations received and players for their support.

In other news;

On the 21st March 2005 five rams went missing from a rural property on the outskirts of town. 3 x Dorset rams and 2 x white Suffolk rams were last seen grazing on the Gwydir Highway, near the road which leads to the cemetery. The rams have ear tags and are identifiable. Local land owners have been spoken to by the victim however at this point in time the rams have failed to re-surface. The owner of the rams reported the incident to police.

About 12.45pm Friday 29th April 2005 a 27 year old Delungra female assaulted another female in Byron Street Inverell. The assault comprised of the victim being punched in the head through an open car window. The 27 year old female (Pal) was interviewed in relation to this matter and made full admissions to the offence. The pal in this matter was really the victim, she had suffered months of harassment by this other person until it reached the point where the pal could take no more and took the matter into her own hands. The pal is now facing court on an assault charge.

Between 4.00pm Monday 30th May and Tuesday morning 31st May, fuel was syphoned from a motor vehicle in Inverell Street Delungra. The motor vehicle was parked in a closed but unlocked garage at the time. About \$20.00 worth of unleaded fuel was stolen.

About 7.45pm on Tuesday 31st May 2005, a 26 year old Sydney male was located in Delungra. This male person was under a continuing community care order under the Mental Health Act. Inquiries revealed this male person had absconded from a mental health unit in Sydney. This male person was returned to that unit.

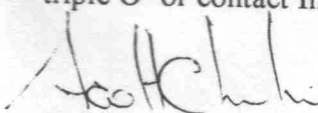
About 6.15pm Monday 6th June 2005 local residents had their roof and water tanks rocked with rocks and clods of dirt. Some minor damage was sustained to water tanks. An 11 year old and a 14 year old Delungra youth have been dealt with by police for this offence. In one breathe the young person's guardian express disappointment in the youths however in the next breath the young persons guardian thought the matter was trivial and accused the town's people and police of picking on

the youths. I wonder if this guardian would have the same attitude if their house was continually rocked?

About 3.30pm Tuesday 7th June 2005 a local resident was witness to a domestic between two visitors to this town. One of the persons involved in the domestic dispute began to abuse and swear at the witness. The local resident was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Obscenities of various descriptions were cast at the witness. The witness felt threatened by the words and actions of this person, constituting the offence of intimidation. The following day the person responsible for this barrage of abuse saw fit to apologise to the witness for his actions. This apology was accepted and police intervention was no longer sought in relation to this incident.

About 10.00pm on the 7th June a minor domestic resulting in a minor assault occurred on a rural property north of Delungra.

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 AND DISTRICT UHF RADIO CHANNEL REGISTER

I am now in possession of a UHF radio in the police vehicle. For those who are interested, I would like to compile a UHF radio channel register. This UHF channel register will have huge benefits in the event of emergency situations etc. This register is completely voluntary however I am hoping that most land owners, business owners and emergency services throughout the Delungra district will support this register and provide their details.

If interested, you can leave your details at the Delungra Post Office, Harris Seeds or the Delungra Truck Stop. Alternatively you can fax the information to the Delungra Police Station on 67248564. Information sought includes; your name – property name - road or street you reside & UHF channel in which you operate on.

Delungra Playgroup

There will be no Playgroup barbeques for July due to school holidays and the "Christmas in July" function.

Barbeques will resume on the 3rd Saturday in August.

Sally Barnes.

Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday 3rd July - 5 pm

Sunday 10th July - 10 am

Sunday 17th July - 5 pm

Sunday 24th July - 8 am

Sunday 31st July - 9 am Combined Service.

Bobby McGrath.

Anglican Church Times.

Sunday 3rd July - 11 am

Sunday 10th July - 8.30 am H.C.

Sunday 17th July - 11 am

Sunday 24th July - 8.30 am H.C.

Sunday 31st July - 5th Sunday combined service - Catholic Church - 9 am.

Marlene Ballinger.

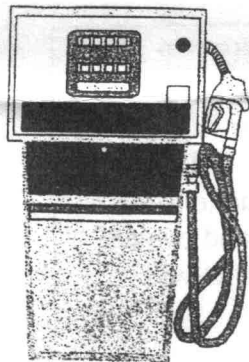
Confirmation Course

People are invited to enrol in a course in Basic Christianity with a view to being Confirmed into the Anglican Church of Australia. Applicants need to be 14 years of age or older. (Adults are welcome) Phone Rev David Wiedemann on 02 6722 4375 in the first instance for an Enrolment Form. Applications close Friday 29th July.

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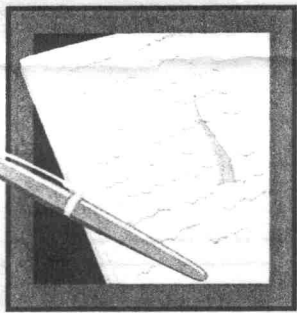
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DELUNGRA GIRL GUIDES

June was another busy month for Guides. We had a lovely promise ceremony for our newest guides which was combined with a badge presentation. Five girls made their promise plus one adult and two girls and one adult renewed their promise.

We particularly welcome to our group Coral Knight who is now a trained resource leader for our division and Jenny Gamper who is doing her guiding assistant training. It is great to have such a dedicated group of adults to run the group each week. I could not do it without their assistance.

We also had Terry Kitching come out and do some more first aid training with the girls. We try and get them some training once or twice a year on first aid and emergency situations. Terry has been a great ongoing trainer in this area for our guiding group.

The girls have also done some card making and fabric dolls this month.

Our last night was held with a bad taste theme and we had some singing, dancing and sport activities as well as pizza and ice cream. What more could you want!!!! A great night was had by all.

Til next term. Happy school holidays. Guides will resume on Tuesday 19th July.

Veronica Farragher Guide Leader.

Community Volunteer Needed.

Volunteer required for chemist deliveries from Mitchell O'Brien and O'Meara to Delungra Post Office, on an ad hoc basis.

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Harry McNaughton 67248445.

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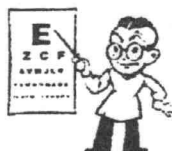
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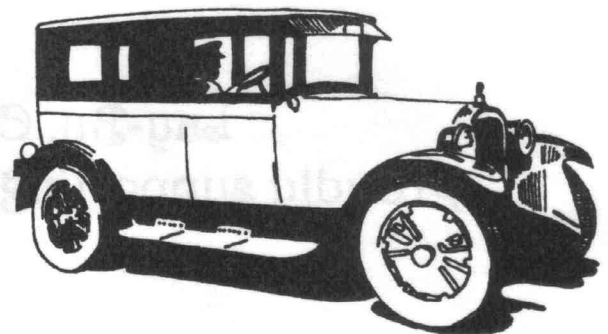
If anyone has anything they would like to display for "Our Day" please contact:

Fred Dobner - 67248316.

Elaine Wenzel - 67248282.

Any "old" thing will be most appreciated.

Also old tractors, trucks etc for our parade.



Reedy Creek Landcare Group

Our next meeting will be on Monday July 11 at 9am. The venue will be "Terrona" on Gragin Rd. We will have an overview of current funding opportunities from Jessica Harrison, Chris Shands will be available to talk about drought issues, and Dick Walker, Chairman of Gwymac will give an overview of Gwymac's direction, and where the Reedy Creek Landcare group fits into Gwymac and the Catchment Management Authority. I look forward to seeing you there.

For further information, please ring me on 6724 8316, or the Johnson's on 6724 9100

Sam Dobner

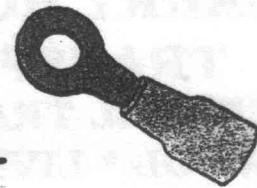
Delungra Women's Bowling Club News.

On the 7th June, a lovely winter's day, 48 bowlers helped us celebrate our Rose Bowl Day. President June welcomed all the ladies. We played 14 ends in the morning, had a picnic lunch, and started the afternoon games with a Ditch to Ditch, which was won by Marj Vickery, Ashford. A lovely high tea which was prepared by our band of lady bowlers, was started with Grace and the National Anthem. The clubs who came to our day were East Gwydir, Ashford, Bingara, Cropper Creek, Warialda, RSM Inverell, Glen Innes 2, and Inverell Women's 3. The winners were East Gwydir, Runners-up - Ashford, Lucky Team Inverell Womens No 2, Raffle - Nancy Worth - Glen Innes. President June thanked all the ladies for a lovely day and also the greenkeepers and bar staff. Delungra women bowlers went to Moree for their President's Day & birthday on 16th June, and had a lucky time. Delungra team won on the day and Val Edwards was the lucky third drawn from the hat. Our President June had a birthday on 14th June and was given a nice bottle of wine. We also went to Cropper Creek to help them celebrate their 40th birthday. They are a very small band of women and it was a credit to them all. We didn't win, but had a great time. We had our meeting on a lovely wet afternoon on the 28th June at 1.30 pm. President June welcomed our new member Ann McNaughton, and also welcomed all. We had a mixed bowls day for our Sapphire Princess's nominations. It was a good day with a good roll up. We were to have played the final of the club pairs today, 28th June, but was cancelled due to wet weather. We hope to play next Saturday, 2nd July at 1 pm. Our next meeting will be on 26th July at 11 am and then AGM at 1.30pm.

Elaine Wenzel.



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Delungra District Development Council News.

We had a small attendance for our monthly meeting held at Delungra Bowling Club at 7pm 7th June. All our applications are in for our work on Railway Park. Seems as though we have been trying to start this project for ages. All the red tape!! Delungra will be 100 years old next year and we will be holding a general meeting to discuss this on the 19th July at 7.30 pm at Delungra Bowling Club. We have a few events we are working on but could use more. Any information or old photos would be most welcome. Contact Harry McNaughton, President 67248445 or Lorna Ogilvie, Secretary 67232809. Our next meeting will be 5th July at 7pm at Delungra Bowling Club.

Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra Men's Bowling Club News.

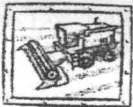
We had our meeting 15th June at 7pm, with the usual attendance. We will be having our AGM on 28th September at 7.30pm.

Our entertainment for the coming months are **Dave Craz** - 16th July, **Brock Colly** - 20th August.

We still have our raffles on Saturday nights and our members draw, if not won on Saturday night goes up by \$50. You have to be there to win. Our next meeting is 20th July at 7pm.

Elaine Wenzel.

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DELUNGRA RURAL FIRE SERVICE NEWS

We had our Annual General Meeting early in June and I have to report that I was re-elected as chairperson, so I will be continuing to contribute to Newslink (of course with the acceptance of my notes by our editor).

You will all have heard of the horrific toll caused by house fires in recent weeks and moves to have smoke alarms fitted in all houses. You may not be legally required to install them until you sell or rent your home but surely it makes sense to install now anyway and have the benefit for yourself. **After all the life you save may be your own!**

Noel Simula has moved on from the captaincy of the brigade to concentrate on his role as a Group Officer in the Inverell environment. On behalf of you all I congratulate Noel on eight years of service as our captain and thank him for an enormous contribution to the running of the brigade over that time. He is continuing to be an active member of the brigade and has taken on the roles of equipment officer and training officer so that the brigade will continue to have the benefit of his knowledge and experience. Before I tell you about the new officers please

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Our new captain is Noel Humphries, yes another Noel. His deputies are Wayne Durrington, Barry Taylor, Michelle Simula and Mandy Hawke. Permit Officers continue as before being Ken Edmonds, Mandy Hawke, Barry Hobday and Noel Simula. Working with me on the administrative side are Secretary, Michelle Simula and Treasurer, Michelle Snare.

If you ever want to discuss anything about the Brigade whether you have any concerns or maybe we can help with community activities please contact me.

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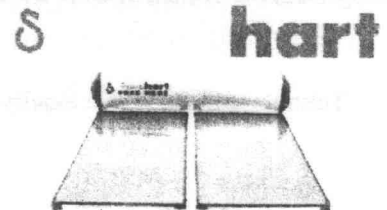
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The upgrade has been made possible thanks to local interest in the service expressed on Telstra's ADSL Demand Register, and help from the Australian Government's Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme (HiBIS).

Telstra has enabled more than 500 exchanges with broadband ADSL since the commencement of the scheme in April 2004, making broadband internet access available to more than 400,000 rural and regional telephone users across Australia.

Telstra has used the incentive offered by HiBIS to reduce the number of people required to express interest in the service on its ADSL Demand Register, making it easier for many smaller communities to have their exchange upgraded.

More than 45 individuals and businesses from Delungra expressed interest in getting broadband ADSL.

Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager for North West New South Wales, Ms Elise Munsie, thanked the people who registered, leading to the exchange upgrade.

"I am pleased that many of those in the community who value and rely on the internet, for study, business or keeping in contact with family and friends, now have a faster, convenient service in ADSL" Ms Munsie said.

"My team would be happy to explain more about Telstra's BigPond™ Broadband internet service. More information on a range of affordable plans is available at <http://www.bigpond.com/internet-plans/broadband/> or by calling your local Telstra Country Wide office on 1800 687 829."

There are network limitations on ADSL access, including the distance ADSL can reach from an exchange, so each application is subject to a service qualification process.

For people unable to access ADSL, higher speeds are also possible through BigPond Broadband Regional Connect, a service that combines 1-way satellite with an ISDN uplink, and BigPond 2-way Satellite. Prices for both products have been significantly reduced through HiBIS.

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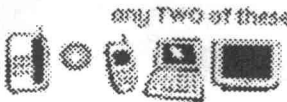
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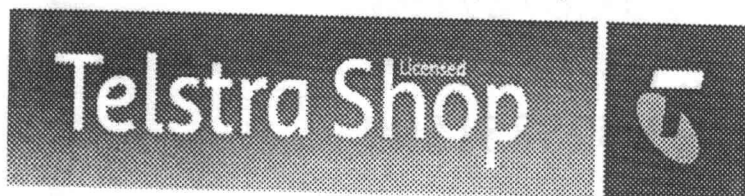
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Delungra Community Health News.

Greetings to Delungra residents, **Footcare dates** for the next 3 months are **July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15**. It is still not too late to have your flu vaccine and/or the pneumonia vaccine. Both are still available from your local GP's. The pneumonia vaccine needs to be repeated after 5 years with a booster. That will give you lifetime coverage.

Community Health Staff at Inverell have put together a new cookbook. It is called 'Winter Warmers' These are available at Community Health for \$10. If you would like one I am happy to deliver it to you. Just call me at Community Health- 67219600.

Sue Grant, **Child and Family Health Nurse, visits Delungra twice a month on a Tues** at the Church of England Hall. She sees mothers and children (0-5yrs) by appointment only. So if you would like an appointment call C/H on 67219600. She will visit on **July 12**.

Have a good month *JoAnne Campbell*. Community Health Nurse. Phone: 67219600.

Delungra Senior Citizens News.

Thank you Cynthia for taking my notes while I didn't feel well. We had our meeting on 21st May with guest speaker Tanya Mills, who spoke on "Walk & Talk" and a health check. We hope our Secretary Shirley will be back with us soon. We lost one of our most valuable and loving members, Thelma Scott. We extend our sympathy to Neville and family. We had our bingo morning on the 16th June with plenty of fun and laughter. Congratulations to the winners. Lucky door prize was won by Jan Kowan. After a finger lunch we held our meeting. President Cynthia opened the meeting with a minute's silence for our late member Thelma Scott, then with a prayer. Our membership, \$2 per person is to be paid by 30th September. Recipe books are for sale for \$6. **Our AGM will be 21st July at 1pm.**

Lovely rain.

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