

Firstly this month APOLOGIES APOLOGIES!! to those people whose articles and/or ads were left out of last months' Newslink. Somehow (because I was in a rush to visit our daughter & didn't check properly) two pages stayed safely on the computer and never made it to the printing stage!! Hopefully this month will be right! You'll notice that the format has changed to columns this month. Aforementioned journalist daughter assures me that columns are easier to read so we'll try it and see!

Congratulations to the D.D.D.C. on the opening of Railway Park. It really has revamped the southern entrance to town and even if tourists don't stop to use the BBQ I think we should all use it. It looks very flash! Please leave your notices in the Newslink box at the Post Office, or Email: rockvale@northnet.com.au.

Delungra School News.

Even though this has been a very short term we have managed to enjoy quality learning experiences, fun times and sporting activities. The primary class has been participating in an on-line research module on our solar system and celestial bodies. The students have worked well, discovering and sharing lots of very interesting information. They have also completed writing and art and craft activities based on the space theme. The K 1 2 students have been enjoying Fun Fridays - a new twist on learning. The Olde Lolly Shoppe provided great opportunities for learning about money, fractions and addition, all with a delicious end product!

The Small Schools Athletics day was also lots of good fun. We teamed up with students from 8 other small schools for a day of running, jumping and throwing. Even though we weren't the athletic champions we shone in the behaviour stakes and won an MP 3 player for our efforts. This will be raffled during Term 3 and our students will choose what we'll buy with the proceeds. Students are also able to receive free tickets in the raffle through displays of exemplary behaviour and attitude in all aspects of school life.

Our Term Three calendar is quickly filling up. We will be joining Gilgai and Gum Flat at the sporting complex in Inverell for team sports and

skill development in netball, touch footy and softball. This program will run for about eight weeks and transport is provided through the Country Areas Program.

A whole-school focus for next term is increasing the fitness levels of all students. We will start the term with the Beep Test, giving everyone a benchmark and then re-test again at the end of term. Our morning fitness program will have a focus on aerobic fitness and endurance to help all students improve their results. Students will also have a chance to show off their fitness when Gum Flat visits for our combined Athletics Carnival on 11th August. This is always a great day with lots of good fun rivalry - try and come along and join in the fun. Our P & C will be catering, so all you will need is a picnic blanket and a good strong cheering voice.

If you're holidaying away with your family and escaping our frosty mornings have a great time, if you're staying in Delungra, enjoy the opportunity to rest and relax with your children. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 18th July. Please remember that Monday 17th is a Pupil Free Day.

Belinda Eddy. Principal.

Reedy Creek Landcare Group

At our June meeting we were very pleased to welcome our new Community Support Officer, Alex Dudley, who told us a few very interesting facts about himself. We were also fortunate to have two really interesting guest speakers. First Bob McGufficke, who told us about a new pasture assessment kit, which looks both useful and practical. Copies can be obtained free from Laura McKinley at the Catchment Management Authority, 6721 9844.

Bob then told us that a heavily subsidised ProGraze course is available, but 12 participants are needed if it is to be run. If you are interested, please contact Bob at the Department of Primary Industry, or myself.

Bob completed his hat trick with a presentation on tropical grasses. Despite their name, many of these grasses grow well in temperate zones, and Bob was involved in trials which enabled him to develop a list of recommended species for

various soil types, including our area. If you are interested, please contact Bob.

Our second speaker was Steve McLane a soil specialist with the Catchment Management Authority. He talked about the role of organic matter in soil structure and fertility. He also talked about the importance of the nitrogen cycle in the soil, and the importance of organic matter. He spoke about the remarkable results of zero tillage experiments, and the importance of timing tillage to minimize the exposure of soil to very hot or very wet weather conditions. He handed out a CDROM on soil health to everyone present. If you would like a copy please ring Steve on the phone number for the CMA (above).

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th August, at Delungra Bowling Club. Please ring me on 6724 8316 or email sam.dobner @bigpond.com if you would like any information about the meeting, or about Landcare
Sam Dobner,

Delungra Women's Bowls News.

For our Rose Bowl Day held in lovely winter weather, we had 7 rinks of bowlers from as far away as Guyra and Warialda. We were warmly welcomed by President June (Delungra Women's Club), President Edna (East Gwydir Club), and President Tom (Delungra Men's Club). We played 14 ends in the morning and had a break for a picnic lunch and played another 14 ends before coming in for high tea. This was arranged nicely by our lady bowlers and helpers in the kitchen. We started proceedings with grace and singing the National Anthem. The roses were absolutely lovely. Presidents June, Edna and Tom thanked all the ladies present, also the bar staff, kitchen ladies, match committee and greens staff. Winners of the day were Inverell East No2 : Maureen Cutler, Rita Slattery, Jane Anderson and Pat Campbell. Runners up were Glen Innes. The raffle was drawn by Rita Slattery and won by Jan Moss. Our lovely day was finished by President June wishing one and all a safe trip home. What a lovely day. I really enjoyed it.

Our AGM will be held on 25th July, nominations in by 11th July. Usual meeting same day at 11 am. Picnic lunch.

Elaine Wenzel.

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DELUNGRA RURAL FIRE SERVICE NEWS

This has been another quiet month for the brigade, thank you all for the care you are obviously taking! Just one call out to a fire in Reserve Creek Road that seems not to have caused much grief.

I had expected that someone else would have taken over writing these notes after our recent AGM. Unfortunately some members were unable to attend and we will have to fill some vacant offices at our next meeting which will have been held by the time you read this. Please do not have any concerns as our key field positions have been filled as follows.

Captain: Noel Humphreys (re-elected)
Senior Deputy Captain: Barry Taylor
Deputy Captain: Mandy Hawke (re-elected)

For many of you your main contact with the Brigade will be through our Permit Officers who remain unchanged as follows:

Ken Edmonds Mandy Hawke
Barry Hobday Noel Simula

On the administrative side I have taken on the role of secretary and Harry McNaughton is our new Treasurer. Whilst the presidency is currently unfilled I confidently expect you will read what (s)he has to say next month.

Please offer your support to our Brigade. We are there for what we can so if we have to and be assured that we continue to meet all the requests made of us.

The Rural Fire Service continues to insist on higher levels of formal training, to upgrade equipment and to provide support to local Brigades. All this has an impact on our Brigade and in the long run means an improved service to you – our community.

Congratulations to the Australia Day/Centenary Committee on implementing their website www.Delungra.net. I am sure this will enhance their celebrations and should in the long term be an asset to the community, it will be all the better for your input so make your constructive suggestions to them.

As always – be careful!

Fred Dobner (Secretary) 6724 8316

Golf News.

Four mates were playing golf. One of them was bending over a putt, concentrating like mad, when a funeral procession passed by on a nearby road. He straightened up, removed his hat, held it over his breast and remained at silent attention until the cortege had passed. His three mates were amazed. They'd never known him to be a man of particular sensitivity and praised him for his respect for the dead. It's the least I could do" he said modestly, "we would have been married twenty-eight years tomorrow".

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Delungra C.W.A. News.

After our June meeting, we all adjourned to the New England Estate Winery for lunch....and some wine tasting of course! It was a great time to catch up with each others news – to learn of the expected grandchildren, children engaged, trips away etc. Friendship is after all one of the important reasons that the C.W.A. was started in the first place, along with trying to improve the conditions of women and children in rural areas. Unfortunately we are still facing the same problems today as 80 years ago – poor health facilities, bad roads etc. The C.W.A. has members on many consultative committees, lobbying government at all levels for better conditions in rural areas. We can only keep trying! Next month we are meeting at Ainslie's place and will all take along a dish for lunch after the meeting. Meeting starts at 10am after morning tea at 9.30am, 19th July. All welcome.
Ainslie Savage.

Delungra Senior Citizens.

A.G.M. , Thursday 20th July, 10 am.

Delungra C.W.A. Hall.

New members are very welcome.

Shirley Canham.

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Delungra Centenary and Australia Day Committee

It's Good News Week! And the news is so good I don't know which to tell you about first, but here goes.

You might have heard on the radio that we have received a grant of \$5000 from Inverell Shire Council to pay for the publication of Russell Blanch's book. This is a very much appreciated donation and a great relief for the committee, since we are trying very hard to find sponsorship for all manner of activities.

The book will be a centenary album: a photographic record of the development of Delungra and the surrounding district over the last 100 years. The book will include the Reedy Creek settlement, the Big Plain and the Dumboy. I was interested to hear that Dumboy is possibly a Welsh word, and that the creek might have been named by Welsh shepherds in the years before the railway came through.

The second piece of news is that the Delungra website has been published. This has taken some time, because we were looking for a sponsor. However, because of a donation, we have been able to "go it alone", and I have been through the process (with unlimited support from Fred) of setting it up. It is not yet finished, and probably never will be, because I will be updating it every week or 10 days, so keep on looking at it.

The address is: <http://www.delungra.net>
I have told some members of the committee about it, and they tell me that it is easy and quick to log on, so give it a go. You never know what you will see.

Thanks to Beryl Townsend, some of the missing sporting trophies may have been discovered, which is wonderful news. But we are still looking for others to include in our wonderful exhibition of memorabilia. We particularly would like to find the Bluebirds Hockey Trophy, which has not been seen for some time, so if you have any ideas, please get in touch.

The plans for the big weekend are beginning to fall into place, with plenty of ideas coming in from the village and round about, but we still need to hear from some groups. In particular we need to know what sporting activities you are planning, if you haven't already been in touch with the committee to let us know.

We are of course hoping that you will have lots more memorabilia and ideas for displays and events on Australia Day. This year's celebration

was wonderful, and we know that we can go on building on the great foundation that we have. Thank you to those of you who have contacted me re photos and ideas. The pictures will go on our website soon, and will be referred to John Martel, who will be taking care of that part of the program. Do you know that we have organized security for the displays for the weekend, so you can be sure that your precious memories will be safe?

Contact me if you have ideas, etc, or if I can give you any information.

Don't forget to check on our website!!!!

Sam Dobner Ph: 6724 8316, or email
sam.dobner@bigpond.com

Delungra Centenary and Australia Day Committee

The next meeting of the Delungra Australia Day and Centenary Committee will be on
Tuesday 11th July,
7.30pm
At Delungra Bowling Club.

Everyone is welcome, so bring your ideas, be ready to make suggestions!



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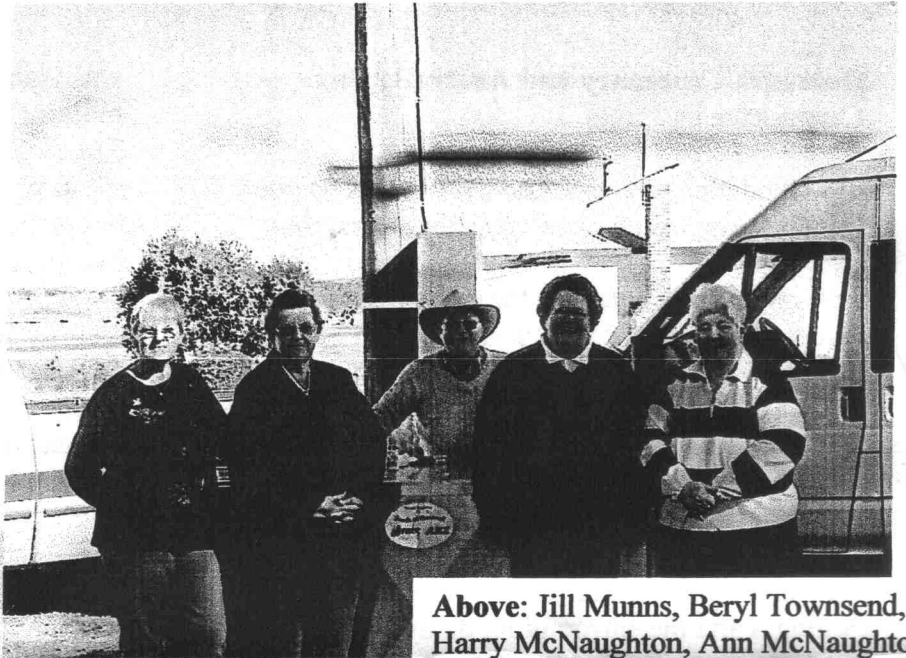
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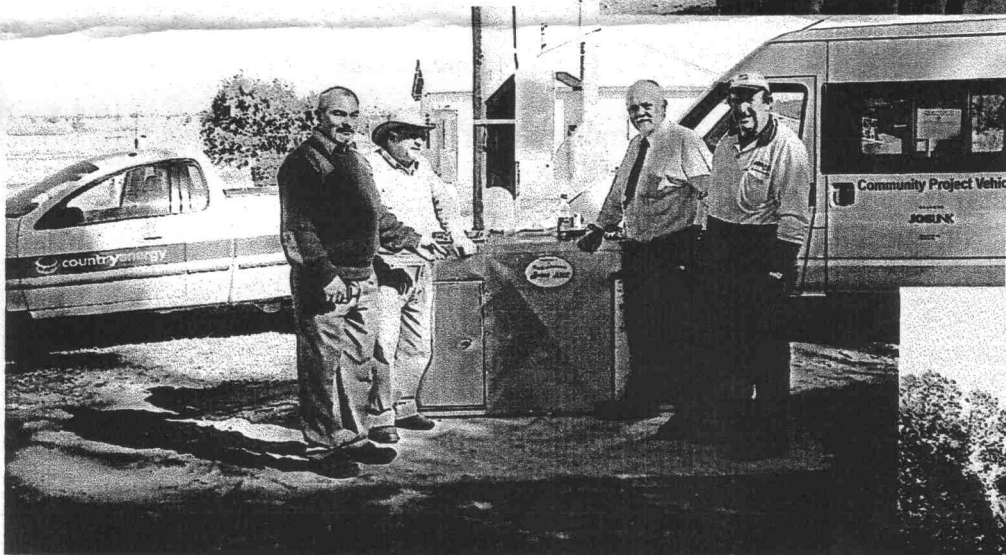
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On the eighth of June '06, members of the Delungra District Development Council enjoyed a BBQ in Railway Park to celebrate the installation of the new electric BBQ, and to thank the sponsors of the project, ANZ Bank Seeds of Renewal, Inverell Shire Council, Joblink Plus, and Community Project Workers. The community project workers have done all the installation of the shelters, tables & seats. We are lucky to have such a keen band of workers coming to Delungra to help in community projects.



Above: Jill Munns, Beryl Townsend, Harry McNaughton, Ann McNaughton and Elaine Wenzel.



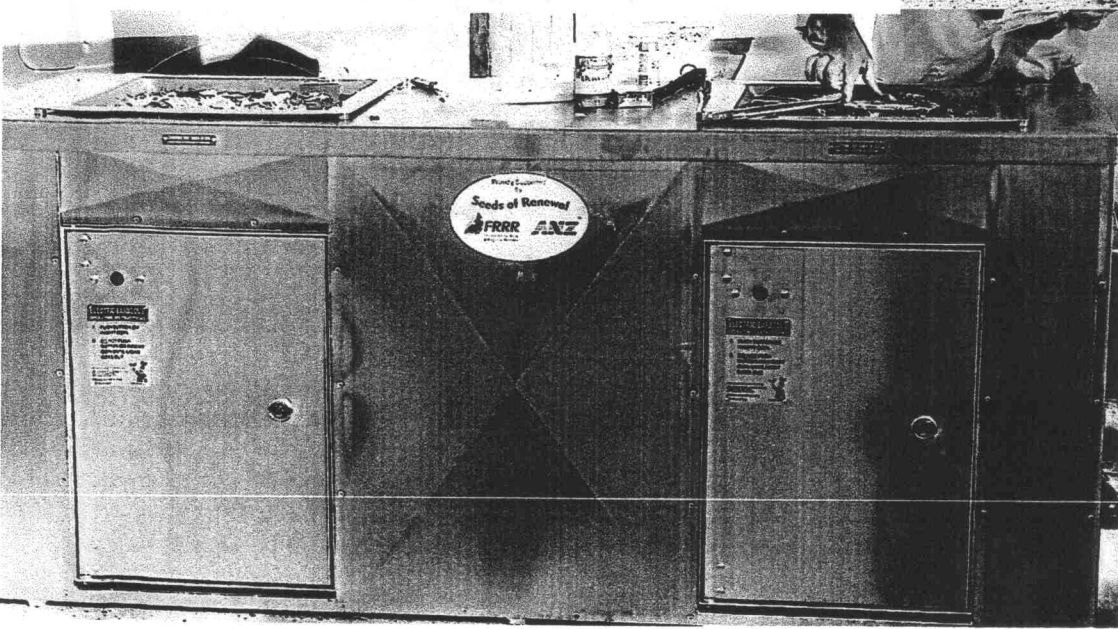
Left: Mick Kerr, Country Energy, Harry McNaughton, DDDC, Eric Bailey, Joblink Plus, Dennis Luxford, Community Project Supervisor.

Thank you to the following for their support:

Inverell Shire Council - roadwork.
ANZ Bank Seeds for Renewal - B.B.Q.
Country Energy - Power pole & light & 2 power outlets in Anzac Park.
Delungra District Development Council - shelters.



Above: Workers enjoy the new shelter.



Left: The new BBQ in Railway Park.

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Delungra District Development Council.

Meeting 4th July '06. 7pm.

Agenda:

Minutes from last meeting.
Business Arising
Correspondence
Treasurer's statement & adoption
Payment of accounts.

Reports:

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Australia Day & Centennial Celebrations

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DELUNGRA GIRL GUIDES

We now have 17 registered guides and our unit is running very well. We have had a busy month with mothers day certificates and cards, tracking, compass, aerobics, world collage, dancing, mobiles and beading. The highlight this month was our camp held in the hall in Delungra. We had a very cold but great weekend. Saturday we spent the day at Cranky Rock which was a lovely day out. We had a promise ceremony for Gabi Bierling and Kate Wales and a big badge presentation. Congratulations to all girls who earned badges. Sunday it was a trip to the winery for ice cream. All the girls were fantastic over the weekend especially our new young girls who fitted in very well to camp routine. Thanks to Ainslie Savage for her supply of extra blankets and bedding for the Saturday night. It made all the difference.

Early next term we are again doing Operation Christmas Child. If you have anything that you can donate it would be greatly appreciated.

We need Christmas paper, standard size shoe boxes plus lots of things for kids ie. hair bands, hats, combs, wrapped soap, toys, writing pads, pens, toothbrushes, etc. Pretty much anything that is new and can fit in a shoe box. We are also doing some recycling with proceeds going to Cancer Research. Jupiters Casino will donate \$1-00 for each bra we collect. So don't throw them out get them to Guides as soon as possible. Go through your old ones now!!!!

Veronica Farragher Guide Leader

Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday – July 2nd - 5.00pm

Sunday – July 9th - 10.00am

Sunday – July 16th - 5.00pm

Sunday – July 23rd - 8.00am

Sunday – July 30th – Combined church service

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Who was Jesus? Was He Single or Married?

With the release of the movie, The da Vinci Code based on a novel by Dan Brown, people are faced with many questions which they haven't much considered before. It is good to face these questions.

The novel presents us with a very human Jesus and his historical existence is presented without question. When first mentioned he is a teacher of peace and love (rather like Gandhi). A little later he is presented as a saviour figure and giver of new birth. (We might compare him to Moses.) The overwhelming focus is on Jesus' humanity. This is also attested to in historically reliable documents which testify to Jesus and which together are the New Testament Gospel. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that Jesus was human. He talked, walked, slept and wept like any other human. There was also plenty of opportunity for the Gospel to record Jesus' marriage had it occurred. The absence of any reference to Jesus' marriage is not because it was edited out, but because it never occurred. References to Jesus in the Gnostic (so-called) gospels do not anywhere refer to him having a wife. Many of the names in these apocalyptic writings are symbolic in much the same way names are used in the Book of Revelation. They are presented as having been written by apostles (when they haven't) in an attempt to give them authenticity and to encourage (or persuade) people to read them. These Gnostic writings (the gospel of Judas is another one) have led to many speculations and The da Vinci Code popularises and spreads these. Some speculate that it is un-Jewish to be single, therefore it is very reasonable to suppose that Jesus married. There is nothing un-Jewish about being single and for him to be married would only add to the Gospel's testimony to his humanity, not take from it. In addition, the Gospels testify to the divinity of Jesus. They present him as being both human and divine, living Saviour and risen Lord. A careful reading of the Gospels shows this to be the case. So don't be confused by a novel which blends fact, fiction and supposition in such a way that leaves us wondering which is which.

Rev David Wiedemann 6722 4375

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Please send photos or newsheets (clearly labelled) or reminiscences to David Wiedemann 1 Leonard St Inverell 2360. Include self-addressed envelop for safe return of the same. It has been proposed that a 'Short History " of their parish be written and due for publication in January 2007.

David Wiedemann.

Delungra Anglican Church Times.

Sunday - July 2nd - 11 am

Sunday - July 9th - 8.30 am

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Sunday the 25th June '06. Three cars and one truck left Delungra at 10am for a run down through Keera to Bingara. Along the way we met another car. Morning tea was had at the water resources lookout on Copeton Dam wall. A pleasant run down the mountain for a BBQ lunch at the park in Bingara, before going to the museum, where we spent a pleasant time with Robert Kirk as guide.

COMING EVENTS

July 16th Bundara
30th Model Aircraft display

Ashford Rd Inverell

August 5th Orange Festival Bingara

Any person interested in the preservation & restoration of vehicles and machinery 30yrs old is welcome to join our small group of enthusiasts.

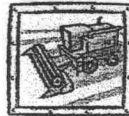
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Delungra Senior Citizens News.

We had a well attended meeting on 15th June. Our visitor Tania Mills gave us a really good talk on health matters. We will be having our AGM at 10am (**Note time change**) on 20th July at the Senior Citizen's rooms in Burnett St. All Welcome. There will be people going to Mt Russell after our AGM for their 17th anniversary. Do hope Audrey, Jean and Rainee will soon be able to join us. Don't forget our **AGM 20th July at 10am.**

Elaine Wenzel.

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