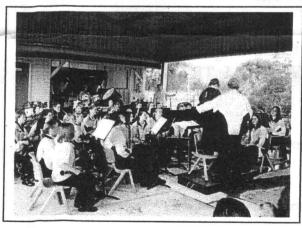
Welcome to August Newslink. We went to Blackwater in central Old for the school holidays and the greenest countryside we saw the whole way - north inland and south down the coast was back home at Delungra!! And we've had more rain since! The other thing that amazed me - we were staying in caravan parks and chatting to people, as you do, and the number of people who have sold up their homes and are traveling around with no home to go home to!! I love traveling around but I couldn't imagine having no home base where everyone knows you, warts and all! Articles for the Newslink are due the last Tuesday of each month. Please leave your notices in the Newslink box at the Post Office, or Email: rockvale@northnet.com.au

Delungra School News.

Welcome back to term 3 – the year has gone so quickly, and with the busy term we have, I'm sure it will be no time before we are talking about Christmas!

Already this term we have had some special visitors to school. The North West School's Orchestra visited on Monday and performed for about an hour. It was wonderful to listen to these talented students from the north west perform songs we knew and recognised, even though it was in the middle of a heavy storm and the concert was outside under the shelter.



Amy the conductor, doing a great job.

We had a successful working bee last Sunday, assembling the outdoor furniture bought through the Investing in Schools program. Thank you very much to the dedicated group of parents who turned up to help out. We will be holding another

working bee in the next few weeks and would love some extra hands to help out with a big painting job.

Our big news for this term is the mini fete and car boot sale we are planning for Saturday, 23rd of September.

We plan to start at 9.00am and finish by 1.00pm and are looking for support from the local community. We would like to have all the normal fete stalls - white elephant, pot plants, hidden treasure, guessing competitions, cakes and homemade goods - plus a yummy barbecue. also welcome other community organisations to come along and have a stall for a small charge. We will also have a short concert showcasing the talents of our students. The charge for the car boot sale will be \$10.00 per car. Please leave the Saturday free and come along and support the school, and tell all your friends to come along too. Also, start collecting all those odds and ends you don't need anymore and either donate them to the school for the white elephant stall or organise your own 'car boot'. We want this to be a great day for Delungra so please mark the date on your calendar and come along.



Adam, thanking Mrs Di Hall, orchestra leader conducting the band for a wonderful show.

God's Top Ten Chart

A unique series of ten sermons to be delivered in every parish across the Armidale Anglican Diocese commenced on Sunday 24 July.

Number one on the chart, "Only one God" began the series on 23 July.

When asked why all the ministers in the Diocese would have this focus for 10 weeks, Peter Brain, the Bishop of Armidale, said, "The 10 Commandments are a clear evidence to us that God wants us to know Him and love Him."

"Being the very foundation of our life together in community the Commandments help us know how to live happily in community.

"Having this series in every parish church would increase the opportunity for any members of the community to come on the Sunday to hear the sermon on any of the Commandments."

On subsequent weeks the sermon titles times are:

6/08/0 Right words about God3/10 at 8.45 am

 13/8/06 A day to remember
 4/10 at 11.00 am

 20/8/06 Parents and children
 5/10at 8.45 am

 27/8/06 Protecting life
 6/10 at 11.00 am

 03/9/06 Good sex
 7/10 at 8.45 am

 10/9/06 Respecting property
 8/10 at 11.00 am

17/9/06 Speaking truthfully 9/10 at 8.45 am 24/9/06 Living contentedly 10/10 at 11.00 am

God's ways are good ways. We need to affirm this by reminding ourselves of "God's top 10".

A 24-page work booklet that provides daily Bible readings, a place for sermon notes has been prepared to accompany the sermon series and is available from the church.

You are also invited to attend a Study Group which will look at the Commandments on Wednesday evenings at the hall at 7.30pm. This will help people be better prepared for the sermons on the following Sunday.

Adapted from a media release by Bishop Peter Brain. Rev David Wiedemann 67 22 4375

Reedy Creek Landcare Group.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th August, at Delungra Bowling Club at 12.30 for 1pm. Wendy Miller who is an expert on Best Management Practice from the CMA will give us a talk. Alex Dudley, our new Landcare Officer, will give a photographic presentation on local frogs and reptiles. Come along and enjoy this great presentation from an expert, and bring your questions with you.

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.

Cystic Fibrosis Raffle.

Drawn 13th July '06 – Crochet Rug.

Winner - Christine Plumbe.

Congratulations Christine.

Many thanks to all who bought tickets in the raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again. Eunice McGrath.

Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday – August 6th – 5pm

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Sunday – August 20th – 5 pm

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BUT AS YOU WOULD HAVE FOUND, IT DID CONTAIN A FEW PERSONAL EFFECTS THAT ARE OF GREAT SENTIMENTAL VALUE TO 'ME' AND NO ONE ELSE. THE CARDS ARE ALL USELESS NOW, BUT THE RETURN OF MY WALLET AND IT'S REMAINS WOULD BE 'GREATLY APPRIECIATED'.

Delungra District Development Council. Meeting 1ST August '06. 7pm. AGENDA.

Apologies

Minutes from last meeting.

Business Arising

Correspondence

Treasurer's statement & adoption

Payment of accounts.

Reports

Garbage tip update. The tender to fence the dump has been let and work should be started in the next week or so. More info will be coming soon by way of a letterbox drop.

Australia Day & Centennial Celebrations

General Business The new PA system for the Multi-purpose hall & Anzac park will be installed this week.

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Delungra Centenary and Australia Day Committee

The Committee has been very busy planning the celebrations, and also planning some fundraising activities to help us to get things moving.

First up, there is 100 club at the Bowling Club. This will be drawn as soon as we have filled it up, so be quick and get your tickets.

Next, we have a fantastic raffle at the Post Office. This is for a cross cut saw painted by Mrs Clarice Whittaker, and very generously donated by Harry McNaughton. There are also 3 circular saws, painted by regional artists Julie McLachlan and Jenny Morris. Please support this wonderful raffle by buying tickets.

We are also holding a raffle for a trailer load of firewood, and you will have more details later.

As an update on the Celebrations, we have received a donation of from Inverell Shire Council \$2500 towards the costs, and also a repayable loan for the publication of Russell Blanch's book, which took a lot of worry off the shoulders of the committee. We can now really get things moving.

We will be holding several demonstrations and competitions, and also displays.

We are looking for working hand tools and implements. Now is your chance to get out Granny's washboard or separator- you can even show us how to use them! We hope that there will be quite a few items that you will bring along.

We are holding a Single Furrow Plough competition. Here will be 3 categories: the best presented, the oldest, and the biggest, so get those old implements dusted off now! They will need to look their best for the Long Weekend in January.

We have booked the band Tickle Me Chook Skin for the Family Night on Australia Day. They are great entertainers for the whole family, so come along and enjoy yourselves.

Do you have any information for our historical walk? We are beginning to put things down on paper, so please ring me if you can help. Many thanks to the Senior Citizens and David Wiedeman for information on who the residents of Burnett St were in 1937!

Do you have any really old slides of Delungra? If you have please tell me or Summerlea, because we are thinking about a slide show of old Delungra.

We are a very orderly and law abiding community now, but we have a darker side to our past! Did you know that the Wesleyan Church at Little Plain disappeared one night long ago? It was loaded on to a wagon and removed to "Garfield" on the Bingara by-pass Road. Does anyone know if it is still standing?

There will be a Trivia Night at the Bowling Club on November 10th, so start thinking about the geniuses you will have on your table. More details next month.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 8th at 7.30 at the Bowling Club. You are very welcome to come, and to bring your ideas with you, or just to hear what is being planned.

If you need information, or have suggestions and can't come to the meeting, please ring me on 6724 8316, or Summerlea on 6724 8240.

And don't forget our website, www.Delungra.net, and please leave a message in our guest book. Sam Dobner

Delungra Catholic Ladies Fashion Parade.

Saturday early November, 2 pm at the Delungra Bowling Club.

Fashions by Boutique Capri of Bingara, trading table will be in operation.

Further details to be given closer to the date. *Gae Smith.*

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Inverell and District Collectors Club.

The AGM of the Inverell & District Collectors Club was held last week and the following election results occurred.

Pre sident -Harry McNaughton 67248445

Secretary/treasurer – Leah Humphreys 67248292

Vice – Presidents – George Wenzel 67248282

- Gordon Clay 67221659

- Elaine Wenzel 67248282 Show Secretary

Publicity Officer
Next meeting 15th August at Delungra Bowling Club at 7.00 pm. Everyone who is interested in collectables or learning about this obsession is wel come to attend.

It appeared that the annual show would not be going ahead, but the new committee has decided that the 22nd Collectors Show will be held 28th and 29th OCTOBER 2006 at the Delungra Multpurpose Hall.

Interested groups are invited to contact Leah Humphreys to supply catering for this 2 day show. This has been quite a good fund-raiser for those interested.

It is also planned to hold a market day in the park on Sunday 29th in conjunction with the show, and all interested groups/individuals/marketers are welcome to hold a stall at a cost of \$5.00 per stall.

Please contact Leah Humphreys or McNaughton for further details.

Everyone is most welcome to join the Inverell and District Collectors Club and enjoy collecting and showing their wares. We all seem to suffer from a disease called HOARDERS.

Angela Humphreys. Publicity Officer.

Delungra Ladies Bowling Club News.

We had our AGM 25/07/06 at 1.30pm with a nice roll up. Office bearers for 2006/07 are:

Patron Girlie Thomson

President June Hobday

Vice Presidents Val Edwards & Edna Thomson

Secretary/Treasurer Lorna Ogilvie.

Bowls Organizer Joy Fairy

Welfare/Publicity Officer Elaine Wenzel

We have had a very good and busy year, even though we are small in number. President June thanked us all for our work throughout the year. Remember "Many hands make light work.

Elaine Wenzel.



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Lay-By, Eftpos accepted. Proudly supporting Delungra Public School.

DELUNGRA RURAL FIRE SERVICE NEWS

This month the Brigade has spent two afternoons burning piles of rubbish timber for a landholder at Mt Russell. While this is not 'core business' we would far rather work with landholders in this way than be called after a fire has got away.

Thankfully there have been no other calls, which means that nobody has been hurt or damaged by fire. We continue to be a relatively 'firesafe' community, as long as we all keep thinking about preventing fire or where we use it managing it we can keep it that way.

Unfortunately some of our offices remain unfilled.

All members of the Brigade please make sure to attend our monthly meeting on Sunday 6th. August 2006 and we will complete our leadership team for the coming year.

We wish all local farmers and gardeners well after the recent rain, hopefully we can look forward to a good season to come.

Members please note that the Sunday radio roster is as follows

August

- Barry Taylor/Lorraine Pollock

September

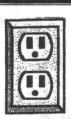
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Delungra Senior Citizens News.

We opened our ordinary monthly meeting, which was held on 20th July 2006 at 10 am, with the Senior Citizen's Prayer. We discussed a few trips away to different places and (wait for it!) our Xmas party. Hasn't the year gone quickly? We also said farewell to Joyce Hutchings who is going to Coinda in Inverell. We presented her with a gift card and all our good wishes. We have no one on the sick list. All our folk are up and about again. Lovely days, cold nights Keep Warm. Next meeting 17th August, 1.30pm.

Senior Citizens AGM.

Our AGM was well attended. We held it on 20th July at 11.30am. Our office bearers for 2006-07:

Patron Girlie Thomson
President Cynthia Kent
Vice-President Beryl Townsend

Jan Kohen

Secretary Shirley Canham
Treasurer Muriel Woodward
Good Fellowship Ann McNaughton

<u>Publicity</u> Elaine Wenzel <u>Auditor</u> Fred Calderbank

All elected people were pleased to fill their positions. Beryl Townsend thanked our President, Secretary & Treasurer. We all acknowledged our positions with a round of applause. Do hope we have another good year. Thanks, *Elaine Wenzel*.

Delungra Historic Motor Club Inc.

There has been no run for July when this report is going to print, but the restoration of Russell's Austin A40 Countryman is progressing well, with the front suspension and brakes rebuilt.

Also the clutch and welsh plugs have been replaced. It should be ready for registration in September.

Coming Events.

July 30th Aircraft disply Ashford Rd Invere.. August 5th Orange Festival Bingara

13th Inverell Antique Motor club has invited members from 9 motor clubs in the area to assemble in the park at Bingara River Bridge from 10.30 am.

27th Warialda Lookout & Cranky Rock. Any person interested in the preservation of vehicles and machinery 30yrs old are welcome to join our small group of enthusiasts.

Contacts: Russell 67248112, Hedley 67248327, Harry 67248445.

Unemployed numbers Increase.

There was an 80 year old wheat cocky who married a stunningly beautiful 23 year old blonde. After a month, his mate asked him how married life was 'Oh it's terrible, it's terrible,' he says. 'What do you mean?' says his mate 'Well I just can't keep my hands off her,' was the reply. A month later he saw the cocky again and asked how married life was. 'It's terrible, I just can't keep my hands off her.' Two months later he saw him again, 'How's married life now?' 'Fantastic' came the reply. 'What do you mean, what happened?' To this the cocky replied, 'Well I sacked all me hands, and bought meself a Combine Harvester!"

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Myall Creek C.W.A. News.

Myall Creek C.W.A. members and friends had a very productive sewing bee recently. Held in President Fay's home, members created a number of 'Trauma' dolls which were to be presented to Bingara S.E.S. A delightful walk around Fay's interesting garden, then lunch in Bingara, finished a good days work.

Knitted trauma teddies have been presented to Inverell Hospital as well as Warialda Hospital, by Thelma. Well done girls.

International Day was celebrated at the last meeting day with a Danish lunch cooked by some members. International Officer, Anne presented a display of Danish history and social conditions of our country of study, which gave us a wonderful insight to Denmark.

Members were kept busy catering for the huge crowd after the Myall Creek Memorial Service in June. They will also be kept busy when the Open Garden Scheme visits President Fay' garden in October, which members are looking forward to.

Members also held a morning tea 'Cuppa for Cancer' in May where a good donation was sent on to the Cancer Council. The next two meetings will have guest speakers on different aspects of health. Should be interesting.

Joyce Partridge.

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De lungra Tip to be Fenced and Opened During Restricted Hours.

After discussions with the community, the Inverell Council has decided to proceed with the fencing and restriction of opening hours at the Delungra Tip.

When the idea was first promoted by Council to address the issues of illegal lighting of fires and more sensible site management of the area, Council consulted with the Delungra District Development Council to ensure that the proposal could provide adequate continuing access to a tip facility for the people of Delungra and district.

As a result of those discussions, a discussion paper was forwarded to households within the service area of the tip, outlining the proposal. After reviewing the submissions, Council has modified the proposal to ensure that it meets the concerns raised as a result of the public consultation process.

Council has now resolved to proceed with the proposal and the main issues related to the proposal are set out below:

- 1. The tip will be fenced.
- 2. Access will only be allowed during restricted opening times.
- 3. When open the area will be manned with a supervisor at the gate.

4. The opening hours will be: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays

9.00 am to 12.00 midday EST 8.00 am to 11.00 am DST.

- 5. The manning of the gate will be undertaken by the Delungra District Development Council, which will be paid for the work. Those funds will be used for the benefit of Delungra.
- 6. Work will commence on the fencing this week.

The commencement date of the new operations will depend upon the completion of the fencing and associated works, but will be announced as soon as possible.

It is hoped that these changes will be accepted by the residents of Delungra as they are being implemented to ensure that the tip facility can continue to be provided to the town and district for many years to come.

The new arrangements should result in the elimination of illegal lighting of fires, better compliance with environmental guidelines, an improved recycling effort, reduced operating costs and an extended tip operating life.

The cooperation of Delungra residents is requested to ensure that the new arrangements are introduced effectively for the benefit of all residents.

David Pryor. Inverell Shire Council

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*Car boot sale (10 dollars per car)

*Raffles

*Student's concert show

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