

I've started a Community Calendar on the back page of the Newslink so you can see at a glance what's on when. If you would like your meeting/function, included in this list just drop me a note. I've collected them from the articles handed in this month & hopefully haven't missed any. 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.

The term is rapidly drawing to a close and there are still many activities to complete before the holidays.

The Zone Athletics Carnival was on in Inverell last Friday and several students from Delungra participated. All our students tried hard and did their best even though they didn't get a place in their events. Congratulations to Jasmine Grant, Pete Halloran, Amy Barnes, Daniel Simula, Troy Townsend, Michael Durrington, Tasma Stewart, Emily Savage, Adam Marshall and Krystle Rowley for representing Delungra school.

Our mini-fete and car boot sale will soon be here. We do hope the Delungra community will support the school on the day and come along and see what's happening, bring a car load of goods to sell and listen to the students perform their short concert.

This week we are commencing a four week Friday sport activity in Inverell with Gilgai and Gum Flat schools. Each Friday we will be playing a different team sport, developing skills and increasing fitness. This will also be a great opportunity to get to know the other students better and form friendship networks for high school.

The school grounds are looking good, despite the dry weather - Bobby McGrath does a great job keeping them neat and tidy. Those people who drive or walk past the school will notice that we have had our Keys to Success painted on the walls, on the footpath and the verandas. These keys; persistence, resilience, getting along, confidence and organisation underpin all that

happens at school. They are known as the keys to success and happiness, and this is true not only for school but also for life. If the students have a strong grasp of what these concepts mean and 'practise the practice' of using them, success and happiness will certainly be within their reach.

Last week was a busy week for all our students. We were fortunate to attend the launch of Mr Peter McCarthy's digital book at The Tourist Centre in Inverell. The students were all keen to watch and listen to the tale of "The Three Wallaroos of Green Swamp". Following the launch we went to the Pioneer Village where we spent the afternoon exploring all the exhibits, getting a feel for all the 'old things', in preparation for our work on the olden days to support the centenary later in the year.

The next day was a hands-on science day at Gum Flat where we met with Gilgai and Gum Flat students to participate in a series of experiments designed to increase our awareness of saving water and keeping our waterways clean

We are excited that this term the pre-school are visiting us on a regular basis to have a play and get used to the school. Next term they will start their orientation program proper - we're looking forward to this as it's good fun having the preschoolers join us.

In the last week of term Delungra will be hosting a Small School's Fun Day where students from local small schools will be getting together for an activity day based on the International Year of the Desert. We'll have about 200 students with us for the day and are looking forward to lots of games and challenges.

We will be celebrating book Week on the 19th of September. This is always a great day - the children get dressed up as a book character and participate in a parade and a series of activities based on the books selected as the best children's books for 2006. If you have a grandchild or friend participating, or would like an outing, come along and watch the parade - approximately 9.30 on the 19th. We'd love to see you.

Belinda Eddy. Principal.

DELUNGRA HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE NEWS LETTER

36 Hope Street, Warialda NSW 2402

Phone / Fax: 67291889

Hi once again

Dates for the Calendar

Delungra day centre meets at the Delungra Bowling Club every Wednesday.

- Start time 9.30am
- Morning tea 9.45am
- Bingo till lunch and lunch 12.15pm

Services that HACC provides our clients:

- The bus goes to Inverell every second Thursday of the month this coincides with pension week.
Ring Amanda or Linda on 67291889, and book your seat.
- The bus goes to Bingara on the second Tuesday of the month to play Bingo and have Lunch. Ring and book your seat.
- Home and Community Care can also supply Meals on Wheels for any clients that may need this service. Meals are \$5 each and are delivered to your home twice a week.
- Transport is also available for any client who may need to get to an appointment and have no way of getting there so ring the office and talk to one of us about it

Regards,

Amanda Maitland

Delungra Historic Motor Club Inc.

The winner of our crochet rug is A Clark.

Thank you to all who bought tickets and to Jan Kohen who made and donated the rug.

The run to Ashford Rd model aircraft display for morning tea and then on to Nullamanna for lunch at the fossicking site, with four cars, was a great day enjoyed by all. The Orange festival in Bingara was attended by some of our members. About fifty cars attended the annual gathering of the nine clubs in the New England area, held in the park at Bingara.

Sept. 3rd Moree Markets

24th Pindari Dam

Oct. 15th Pallamallawa Moree club is joining us there.

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Delungra Senior Citizen's News.

We had our Hoi party at 10am on 17th August, with a small roll up. We had our monthly meeting starting with the Senior Citizens Prayer, at 1.30pm. We have an invitation to Mt Russell on 21st September for their annual fete. That is our monthly meeting date and also our hoi day, so we decided to play hoi starting at 9.30am, have our lunch and meeting and be at Mt Russell by 1.30pm. Our Xmas party will be held on 7th December at Inverell East Bowling Club, 11.30am for 12 midday lunch. Cost will be \$20 per head. Names and money to Treasurer Muriel on or before 20th November for catering purposes. Ph 67248474. Senior Citizens week will be from 11th to 18th March 2007. We hope to have our day on the 8th March as so much is on on seniors' week. More later as the time gets closer. We had two distinguished guests this afternoon – Fred and Nancy Calderbank brought their Order of Australia Medals and the photos down to show us. They were lovely. It must have been a proud day for them. Delungra is proud of them. Our meeting closed at 2.45pm. Lovely days. Need rain here Huey!

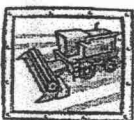
Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday – September 3rd – 5pm
Sunday – September 10th – 10 am
Sunday – September 17th – 5 pm
Sunday – September 24th – 8am

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Delungra Rural Fire Service News.

At our last monthly meeting, thanks to all who attended, the executive positions of your brigade were finalised as follows.

President Keith Brecht (67248155)
Deputies Michelle Simula
Dennis Lowe
Secretary Fred Dobner (67248316)
Treasurer Harry McNaughton

A snippet (snap shot) of myself.

I have been a resident of Delungra for a little over two years having moved from Brisbane. In Brisbane I worked for 15 years with the Redland Shire (Local Government) within their Finance and Administration Departments. The last year of my employment, before retiring, I was the Administrative Assistant to the Financial Services Manager.

In earlier years I have been NSW State President for the NSW Country Preschool Association.

I hope my association with the Delungra Brigade will be rewarding both for the brigade as well as myself.

To other matters:

On behalf of all brigade members I would like to thank Fred Dobner for his time and efforts as your president. As can be seen, Fred is still active having accepted the position of brigade secretary. – Thank you Fred!

Monthly Radio Call Register.

Michelle Simula & Fred Dobner --- September
Noel Humphreys & Dennis Lowe --- October

Members Please Note Your Calendars.

Next monthly meeting will be **Thursday 7th September at brigade H.Q. at 7pm.** And thereafter on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm. This change was initiated at our last meeting in an endeavour to increase members attendance (participation) at our meetings. This is a trial change and will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Fire hydrants in the township have been checked by members and repairs, where needed, are being sourced.

This past month your brigade attended three fires.

- Fire on the TSR 3kms from our township on the Bingara Rd.
- Fire on the Delungra by-pass.
- Fire on the TSR alongside the silos. This fire required backup from the Inverell Brigade.

To all members and others who attended these fire outbreaks the community's thanks

A request from brigade to all community members: - Should there be another fire outbreak near or in town **DO NOT** park your vehicle where there is a fire hydrant. Brigade members cannot help or contain the fire outbreak if they cannot get to the hydrants.

A gentle reminder: - Brigade members, when attending a fire outbreak have a job to do. Community members going for a 'look see' can and do hinder your volunteers. So if you want to look – why not join and volunteer your services to the community. Your community needs more hands, so why not think about it!!

From the 1st August fire permits were/are required. These are available from:

Mandy Hawke, Noel Simula, Barry Hobday and the Inverell Fire Control.

Next brigade meeting: **Thursday 7th September at 7pm at Brigade HQ.**

BE FIRE SAFE ALWAYS.

Keith Brecht President 67248155.

Delungra District Development Council Meeting 5th September '06 7.00pm.

Agenda.

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

Reports:

Australia Day & Centennial Celebrations
Garbage tip update.

General Business.

The new PA system for the Multi-Purpose hall & Anzac park has been installed and the keys have been handed over to the hall committee. It is thanks to Beryl & Jim Townsend who asked the DDDC to look into the system needed to cover the area.

The October Meeting includes the A.G.M.

Judy Breen
a Sister of Mercy
working in Rural Ministry

I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself to the people of Inverell and District. For some years, I have been working in Rural Ministry in the Gunnedah area and I have recently transferred to Inverell.

About ten years ago, the Sisters of Mercy invited representatives from the towns in which we worked, to tell us about some needs of the people. The representatives suggested that we would care for Farming Families. It was at this time that my ministry began. I will not be asking for donations as the Sisters fund the Ministry.

I am looking forward to visiting ALL farming families in the District. At present, I am not sure of your needs but I would like to start by LISTENING to your story and SUPPORTING you. I will be taking information from various agencies and services. If you happen to be away when I call, I always leave a note with a contact number, so that you will know who made the tyre marks at your gate. You can contact me at breenmer@northnet.com.au or 0267 223050.

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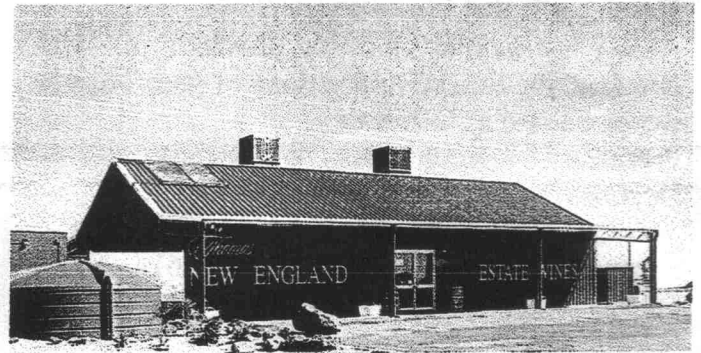
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~Delungra Multi-Purpose Community Hall~
Meeting

Thursday 21st September, 5pm in the hall kitchen.
Everybody welcome.

Gae Smith.

Delungra Catholic Ladies

~ Fashion Parade ~

Saturday 4th November
2pm at the Delungra Bowling Club

Fashions by Boutique Capri of Bingara, afternoon tea
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Further details to be given next Newslink.

Gae Smith.

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Delungra Women's Bowling Club News.

On 15th August, 56 bowlers helped President June celebrate our 40th birthday. President June, President Edna (East Gwydir) and Vice-President of the men's club, Ted Beaver, welcomed our bowlers, friends and visitors. We started with spiders and played 18 ends of bowls. We started our lunch, which was provided by our C.W.A. ladies, with President Edna saying grace, then we all sang our National Anthem. Dot Sheen, a visitor from Hexam, formally Bingara and Delungra, proposed the toast to the Delungra Club. President June replied on behalf of all members. Patron Girlie, who had her 86th birthday last Sunday, cut the cake, which was made and iced by East Gwydir President Edna. Lorna Ogilvie gave a short history on our club.

The winners of the day were:

1st Glen Innes No2

R/up RSM No2 Inverell

Lucky players drawn from hat

Lead Ann McNaughton

2nd Heather Forsyth

3rd J McInnes

Skip Daphne Hartley

Lucky door 1st J McInnes

2nd L Ogilvie.

Raffle 1st Brenda Rodgers

(donated by G Thomson)

2nd Ted Beaver

(donated by Emily Mephram)

Before President June wished all members a safe journey home, she thanked our bar staff, Clayton Rogers who worked hard to have our green playable, CWA ladies for our lovely meal and all the helpers who helped make the day a great success. I liked this little poem which was on our placemats:

Friendship is a precious gift

That can't be bought or sold

But to have a bowling friend,

Is worth far more than gold.

What a day!

Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra Women's Bowling Club History.

As presented at 40th birthday.

At a meeting in May 1966, the Delungra Women's Bowling Club was formed. The affiliation with New South Wales Women's Bowling Association took place on the 16th August 1966.

Ivy Kennedy was elected President, Secretary Joyce Brown and Treasurer Girlie Thomson, who is still with us today as Patron, Life Member and past President. Some 57 members were affiliated and numbers remained around that

number for many years. By 1999 membership had fallen to 37, but at the beginning of 2000 took a big tumble to today's 17 members, two of which are Foundation and Life members. Today we have with us 1 Foundation member, 6 Past Presidents, 2 Patrons and 4 First Affiliated members.

Our members have had success in District Championships and Singles, Pairs and Triples, and have played at State level in Sydney. They have also won Pennants in East Gwydir. We usually have a team attend all Special days at clubs in East Gwydir District as well as clubs outside the district.

We still cater for all men's days and do various catering for members of the public.

Our members took part in Delungra's first ever Australia Day Celebrations in 2005.

Ivy Kennedy's Rose Bowl is still played for each year, Inverell holding it this year, but Delungra had held it the most over the years. It is with regret that Cliff Kennedy no longer attends Rose Bowl Day.

Delungra now have only 6 senior players and 8 minor players who regularly play bowls, so we have not participated in pennants for the past three years, though we have competed in East Gwydir Championships, Jean McKinnon and A v B.

Since our beginning we have taken a very active part in Gwydir then East Gwydir Districts, with members holding every type of executive position. We have at this moment East Gwydir President Edna Thomson and Bowls Organiser Emily Mephram.

Lorna Ogilvie.

Reedy Creek Landcare Group

At our last meeting we had two really interesting speakers, Alex Dudley our Landcare Community Support Officer and Wendy Miller from the Catchment Management Authority. Alex gave a presentation on local frogs and snakes, and Wendy spoke on Best Management Practice. Unfortunately attendance was poor, not helped by my inability to attend, which is disappointing when speakers make the effort to come out to us. Our next meeting will be in October, and I will give you details in the next Newlink.

Meanwhile Jessica Harrison tells me that the Upper Bingara Landcare Association has its very own website. Well done Jess! The address is www.uppergwydirlandcare.com, so check it out.

Please contact me if you need any information
Sam Dobner 6724 8316

Graham Kent

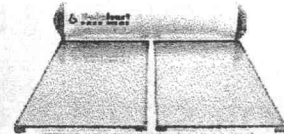
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Delungra Golf News.

Club championships were played in July with Champions for 2006 being: David Martel – Club Champion. Geoff Crawford – B Grade. Kevin Clarke – C Grade. Associates Club Champion – Marj Rogers. Congratulations to these champions for 2006. Final of the Gobbell Jug was played – Winners K Clarke & K Savage def. K Ballinger & R Rogers.

Marlene Ballinger.

DELUNGRA GOLF CLUB

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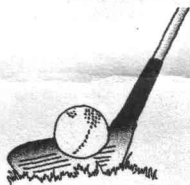
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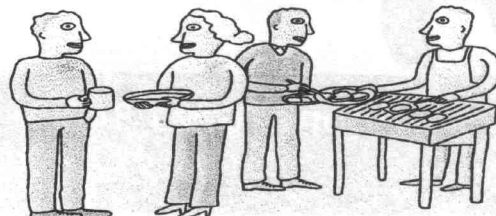
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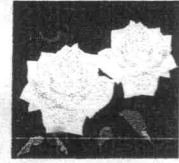


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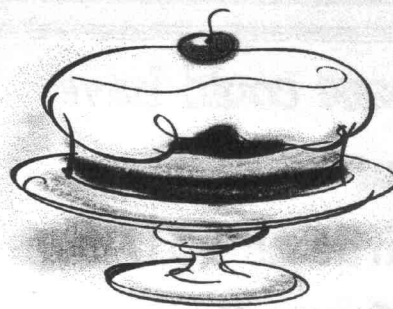
9.00 to 1.00 on 23rd of September 2006 -it has so many events like:

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- *Cake stall
- *Car boot sale (10 dollars per car)
- *Raffles
- *Student's concert show
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www.uppergwydirlandcare.com

Thanks to funding from the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority, the Upper Gwydir Landcare Association is now on the World Wide Web!

Log on to the website www.uppergwydirlandcare.com to find important information on what Landcare is doing in your catchment.

Find out about:

- The Landcare groups in the catchment
- What's on in the catchment (news)
- Projects and programs
- Funding opportunities
- Links to other informative websites
- Contact information
- Media releases
- Resources
- An interactive forum
- information on the Upper Gwydir Landcare Association



If you would like to promote information about your Landcare group or any Natural Resource Management activities coming up in your region, contact Jessica Harrison on 67242036 or jharrison@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

The UGLA thanks Naomi Adams for design, construction and maintenance of the website.

Anglican Church Times.

Sunday – September 3rd - 11 am

Sunday – September 10th - 8.30am H.C.

Sunday – September 17th - 11 am

Sunday – September 24th - 8.30am H.C.

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Marlene Ballinger.

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Delungra Homes For The Aged Unit

The Delungra Homes For The Aged Committee have recently purchased a two bedroom unit with a car port in Inverell. We are now calling for expressions of interest from Delungra /Delungra District seniors, as the unit will soon be ready for its' new tenant.

Expressions of Interest

The unit will be rented at a weekly rate to the successful applicant.

For an Inspection

An inspection of the unit can be arranged with either:-

Dianne Brown:- 6721 0007

Marlene Ballinger:- 6724 8379

Jill Brown:- 6724 8361

We look forward to hearing from any interested people.

Delungra Girl Guides are holding a lamington drive to help raise money for 6 Guides to attend Jamboree in Sydney in October. If you would like to order some lamingtons please complete the attached order form and drop it into the Newslink box at the Post Office, or Ph 67232959 or 67248365. Orders to be in by: 8/09/06. Thank you for your support.

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Community Calendar.



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| September | 5 | D.D.D.C. Meeting |
| | 5 | Girl Guide Support Group Meeting |
| | 7 | Fire Brigade Meeting |
| | 13 | Delungra P & C Meeting |
| | 14 | Delungra Golf Club Meeting |
| | 17 | Harris Seeds Golf Day |
| | 19 | Delungra P.S. Book Week |
| | 20 | Delungra CWA Meeting |
| | 21 | Multi-purpose Hall Meeting |
| | 21 | Senior Citz. Meeting |
| | 23 | Delungra P.S. Fete |
| October | 31 | Presbyterian Ladies Craft Day |
| November | 11 | Catholic Ladies Fashion Parade |
| December | 7 | Senior Citz. Christmas Party |

Delungra Newslink Extra.

Delungra Centenary and Australia Day Committee

We are delighted to announce that Peta Blyth feels very honoured to accept our invitation to be Patron of our festivities. We are very fortunate to have such a high profile person as Peta in our community, and we are very pleased that she is able to accept the position. She is also putting one of her gowns into our memorabilia display. I am sure that this will be very special, having seen her in Opera in the Paddock wearing some very lovely gowns. The Blyth Family is also putting together some memorabilia.

Remember that our Celebrations are for everyone who lives in, has lived in, or has worked or had sporting association with the district, not just the village. This includes Big Plain, Little Plain, Koloona, Graman, Gragin to name just a few, so it's time to start looking out the memories to share with us.

I am sure that you know by now that Inverell Shire Council has given us a grant of \$2500 to go towards putting on our celebration. The Committee is truly grateful for this, as it means that we can do even more to make the weekend great.

We have also received a \$2500 repayable loan to help with the publication and printing of a pictorial history of the district. I know that I have mentioned this before, but there has been some confusion (caused by myself), and I would like to make it clear that Russell will not be receiving any payment at all for all the work he is putting into the book. We all owe him a very big Thank You for his effort.

The One Hundred Club at the Bowling Club is moving along, and we need you to get your \$2 in as soon as possible. Remember, your \$2 could turn into \$50, \$30 or \$10 very soon indeed.

We have a really excellent raffle at the Post Office, of a hand painted saw, with two other round painted saws as second and third prizes.

I hope that you are getting together your tables for the Dinner Dance on Saturday 27th January. Tickets will be on a first come first served basis, and will be limited, so make sure you don't miss out.

Time is passing very quickly, and if you or your organisations are planning to do something for Australia Day or our Centenary, please let us know very soon. John Martel (6725 6447) is the Memorabilia Man, or you can ring me or Summerlea (6724 8240) for other things.

I am still looking out for interesting articles for publication, and photos too. Don't forget www.delungra.net!

The next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September at the Bowling Club, 7.30pm

Sam Dobner 6724 8316. Publicity Officer