

Delungra is the poorer with the death early last month of Mrs Eunice McGrath. Eunice was truly a 'quiet achiever' who was always busy working for the benefit of others. I'm sure lots of people will miss her lovely jam that she made to raise funds for her favourite charities. If there were more people who cared for others as she did the world would be a much better place. We extend our sincere sympathy to all her family.

Thank you to the Centenary Committee and the Playgroup for their donations of paper for the printing of the Newslink. Hope you're all well on the way with your Christmas shopping!! (I haven't started yet, so there'll be a last minute rush!)

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](mailto:rockvale@northnet.com.au)

### **Delungra School News.**

What a great combined school and community exercise our tree planting was! The students got such a buzz establishing the koala habitat, developing something special for the town and working with community members. We have organised the plaque to commemorate the activity and are now waiting for the Inverell Shire Council to deliver a rock so we can attach it securely. On behalf of the Delungra District Development Council we have applied for a grant to install a watering system for the trees and are waiting to hear if we were successful – let's hope we are as this will really help establish the trees.

Even though the school year is rapidly winding to a close we still have many activities on our calendar. Our school supplement will be published in the Inverell Times on Friday 10th November. This is always an exciting event as we are able to showcase the talents of our students to the wider Inverell district. In advance we would like to thank the generous sponsorship of local businesses – without your support the supplement would not be possible.

Students from the senior class will be attending an excursion to Lake Keepit Sport and

Recreation Camp on November 29, 30 and December 1. This will be a fun time for all students involved, participating in interesting and challenging activities organised by Lake Keepit staff.

We are really looking forward to the Kindergarten Orientation program which will commence on Tuesday next week, and run for another four weeks, five weeks in total. Mrs Griffin has lots of fun activities organised to help our new students settle in, ready for full time school next year. The school is still accepting enrolments, so if you know of anyone new to the village or any students who have not yet enrolled, please get them to call up and see us.

Our Christmas craft activity will run for three sessions, starting on Monday 27.11.06, the other two will be 5.12.06 and 11.12.06. We really welcome extra helpers for this activity – parents, friends and grandparents - so if you're free from 2.00 to 3.00 on these afternoons we would love to see you come along and help our students create some very special Christmas treats, decorations and surprises.

The school is beginning to fund raise for a large notice board to be placed outside the junior classroom in Wallangra St so we can inform parents of weekly events, special functions and student achievements. To begin our fundraising we are holding a dance-a-thon on Friday 15th December after we finish swimming. Students from our school will be seeking sponsorship from village residents to help achieve our goal. Sponsorship can be a straight donation or a set amount per minutes danced without stopping. We look forward to your help with this project.

As Remembrance Day falls on Saturday this year, the school will be holding their own ceremony at school on Friday.

As always, we welcome visitors from the village at your town's school – please call in and see us in action.

*Belinda Eddy. Principal.*

### Delungra Girl Guides.

I am pleased to report that our 5 girls had a fantastic time at Jamboree. They were involved with activities like tree planting, abseiling, rock climbing, rafting, crate stacking as well as lots of arts/crafts and different program items from all around the world. They made some great friends and learnt lots of new skills. It was certainly a challenge from a leadership point of view but the main thing is that the girls really enjoyed the whole experience. Spending 8 days with 500 girls plus another 100 or more adults is certainly an experience that I will not forget in a hurry. Congratulations to our girls though who were really fantastic. Good reports about them all round from their leaders.

Our Guides have been busy this last month with preparations for the recent Sapphire City Festival. Some of our families attended the James Morrison concert in Campbell Park which was a fantastic night out. We catered for the Inverell and District Collectors Club Annual Show that weekend and we all agreed that it was a great show and that the committee did a very good job of holding the event in Delungra. The hall certainly showcases the collections very well. Thank you to the committee for allowing Guides to cater for this event. Also thank you to all who helped on the weekend. Saturday afternoon we had 13 Guides march in the festival parade and this was wonderful support for our Princess entrant Emma Knight. She did a great job in representing both guides and our community in the festival. A huge thank you to Barry's Motors who provided and decorated a vehicle for Emma to ride in. Saturday night saw a big night in Campbell Park and many of our families stayed on to enjoy that event with the Queen/Princess crowning and fireworks. In all a very big weekend but a very good one for our Guiding Unit.

This week saw us enjoy Halloween with suitable food and festivities. We are looking forward to a great end of year term.

Our Guides certainly represent both themselves and their community in a very positive way and we again thank everyone who supports our unit. Our next support group meeting will be held at the hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm. All parents and any persons interested in supporting our group are welcome to attend.

*Veronica Farragher*  
Guide Leader

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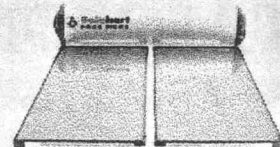
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### **Delungra District Development Committee.**

Congratulations to the Collectors Club for the wonderful event they organised at the weekend. There was something there for everyone, and everything was so relaxed and interesting that it was obvious that all the work had been done beforehand to make sure it all went smoothly. Here's to next year!

The AGM and elections were held at the last meeting, and the following committee was elected:

President: Jim Townsend  
Vice President: Harry McNaughton  
Secretary/Treasurer: Lorna Ogilvie  
Publicity: Sam Dobner

Congratulations to the School, Landcare and everyone involved in planting the Koala Habitat. That was a really excellent day, and everyone had a ball. We not only planted the trees, but enjoyed a tasty Barbecue, thanks to Mrs Eddy and her fellow workers. The trees are white and yellow box, much favoured by koalas. One happy omen was that when Harry McNaughton was watering the area the Sunday before, a koala was sitting outside the fire shed. Hopefully, he will be the first of many to enjoy the habitat.

Work has commenced on the fence around the rubbish dump, so be aware that the changes to the hours it is open will soon be in effect.

Thanks are due to Dave Wilson for all the work he has done in front of the silos. He has prepared the ground, marked out and dug out the holes, and planted the two palms that weren't suitable for the Highway plantings, and 14 bottlebrush trees, which will provide habitat for the birds. I am sure that everyone appreciates your effort, Dave, and that Delungra will be a more attractive place as a result of your efforts.

The next meeting of the Delungra Development Council will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome, so we hope to see you there.

*Sam Dobner, Publicity Officer*

### **Delungra Anglican Church Times.**

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> – 11 am  
Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> – 8.30 am  
Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> – 11 am  
Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> – 8.30 am

**A big thank you to everyone who helped with the catering for the auction sale at Delungra Hall recently. The day was a big success.**

*Marlene Ballinger*

### **Delungra Senior Citizen's News.**

Had a lovely trip to Bingara on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Don't forget to let Cynthia, 67248260, Muriel, 67248474, or Shirley 67291270, know if you are going to our Christmas Party. It is on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Inverell East Bowling Club. 11.30am for 12 noon lunch. Names and money in at the next meeting. Delungra Women's Bowling Club Ladies will be joining us – what fun! Our party will cost \$26 per head.

Our next meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> November starting with morning tea at 9.30am and bingo at 10 am. We will have our meeting starting at 1pm, after a finger lunch.

It must be summer – the flies and Daylight Saving!

*Elaine Wenzel.*

### **Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.**

Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7.00 pm  
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## Delungra Centenary and Australia Day Committee.

Congratulations to the winners of our 100 Club, which was drawn at the Collectors Show.

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Berthe Reeves, of Guyra, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beryl Townsend, Delungra, and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kerrie Dettman, Delungra.

*Do you know someone who deserves a community award on Australia Day? If so, please put in a nomination as soon as possible. Forms are available at the Post Office, from me, or Summerlea Stewart (6724 8240). This is a fantastic opportunity to recognize the achievements of our local community, and we are waiting for your nomination now.*

We will be having market stalls on Australia Day, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please give them my number so that they can get the information they need.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 10th November  
Delungra Bowling Club,  
7.30pm

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If you are planning to have a family or sporting reunion for our Centenary Celebration, can you please let us know what you are planning so that we can publicise it for you on our website and elsewhere. We need to know where the reunion is, where it is taking place, and when.

*The program for the weekend is now up on our website, and is looking great. Friday will see the Street parade, awards ceremony, entertainment, markets and children's activities, Showcase Agriculture Food, during the day. The Centenary Celebration kicks off at 5pm with children's races, stew and damper competition, fireworks, entertainment and food.*

*Saturday, 10 am the School Bell will ring, and we will have our Birthday Cake and Morning tea at the school which will remain open all day with displays. There will be reunions; memorabilia*

*displays at the CWA Hall, Senior Citizens, and Church Halls; Town Walk; Sporting competitions; Winery tours, and in the evening, the P&C Dinner Dance. Time to buy your tickets NOW!*

Have you looked at the raffle prizes in the Post Office? The saw blades are real works of art, and tickets are only \$1 each, so don't forget to call in and look at the prizes and buy a ticket.

Thanks to those who have contacted us re scarifier and Roberts Seed boxes. We are lucky to have some in our parade now.

The next meeting of the Centenary and Australia Day Committee will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at the Bowling Club.** Please come along and join us, so that we can share your ideas and your company.

Sam Dobner, Publicity Officer 6724 8316

### Delungra Catholic Church Mass Times.

Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7.00 pm  
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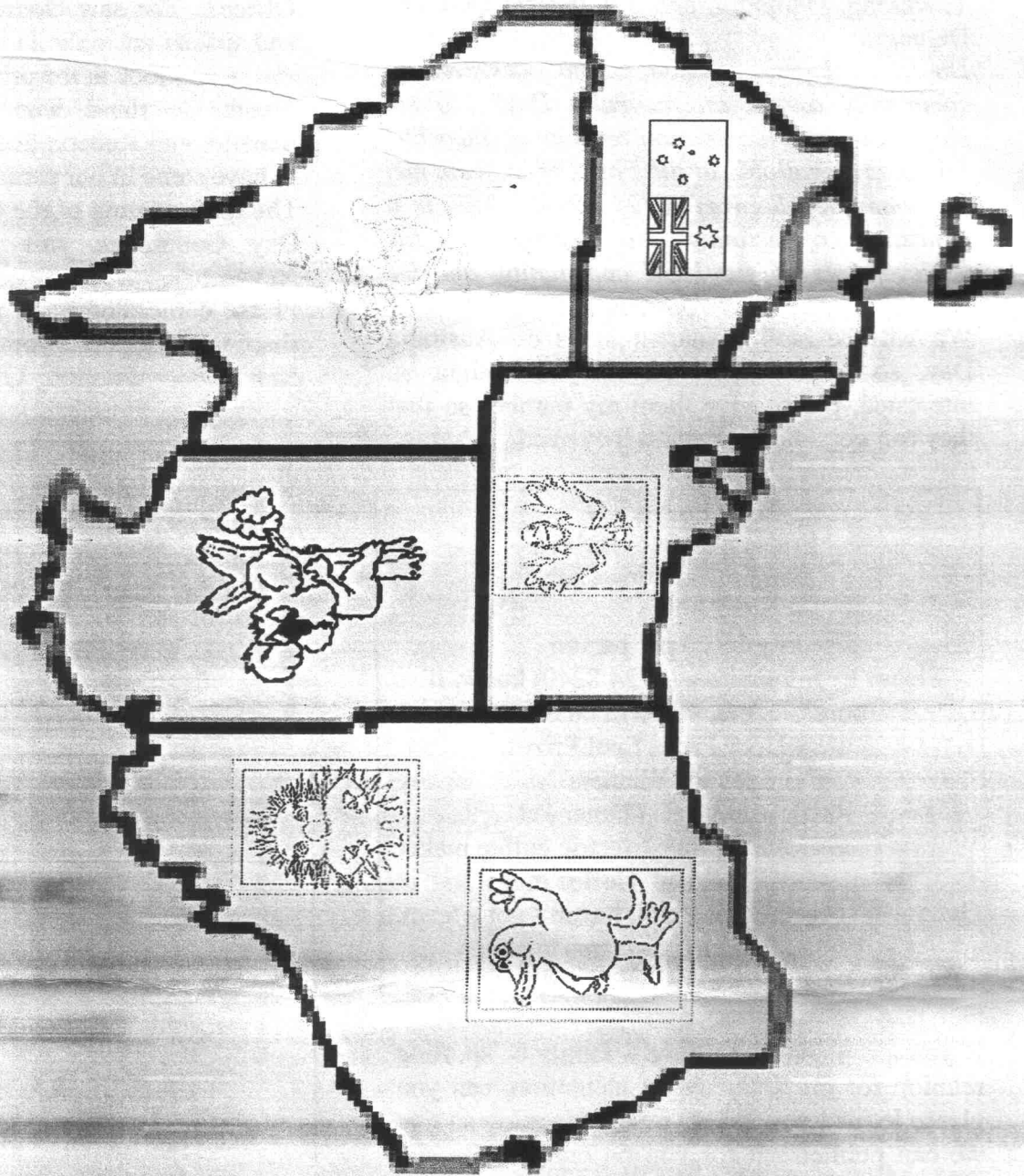
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### Delungra Women's Bowling Club news.

Our meeting was held at the Bowling Club, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. The men's President Mr Ted Beaver gave us a run down on the condition of the club. It doesn't look good. We will be having a mufti bowls day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Names in by 9.30am - 10 am start. We will be having a BBQ lunch. All are welcome. Come and enjoy fun and laughter. We will be joining our Senior Citizens for a great Xmas party 7<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30am for 12 noon. Lunch cost will be \$26 per person. We have played some of our pairs, Leona & June defeated Joy & Gloria, a close game by all accounts. Our next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

### Note change of time.

*Elaine Wenzel.*

### Reedy Creek Landcare Group

Good news! We have received funding for our Landcare Bus tour. The bad news is that the September holiday has been and gone, so we need to fix a new date- probably in the Easter School Holidays. We'll let you know as soon as possible.

At our October meeting we met our new Landcare Support Officer, Fiona Adams. You may know her from when she worked at the RLPB. We are very lucky to have such an active and knowledgeable person to work with us. Our guest speaker was Vicki Higgins, Treasurer of MDU 2000, who told us about the history of the group, and about this year's award winners.

We are looking for ideas for future meetings, and would like to hear yours. Some ideas we have been given include speakers on salinity, pest animal control and baiting (e.g. pigs, foxes), field day on direct drill conversions, Field Day at McMaster Research Station, and a joint meeting with Delungra South to discuss common issues. We will have our next meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please watch Newslink for the time and venue. We will have interesting guest speakers, and a kick-off barbecue. We don't have long and boring business meetings!

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### **Inverell & District Collectors Club Inc.**

On behalf of the Inverell & District Collectors Club, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone involved in the Collectors Show held the last weekend in October. This was a first for Delungra and considering all the positive comments received it will most certainly be an annual event. The show has proved a great success and I am sure it has assisted monetarily to the economy of Delungra.

All those who exhibited in the hall were surprised to find such a great facility in our multi-purpose hall and many thanks to the Hall Committee for allowing us to prepare a day early.

Congratulations to the Lacemaking ladies, Delungra Girl Guides, Ken Edmonds and the Delungra Busy Bee Quilters for their support, time and catering for the show which proved a positive drawcard for the show.

Without the assistance from our great sponsors, Greg Kachel and staff from Radio 2NZ/GemFM, New England Credit Union staff, Inverell Retravision, the Sapphire City Floral Festival Committee and Les and Ann at the Inverell Tourist Centre and the Inverell Times editor, our show would not have been the success it has been.

I sincerely thank all the members of the Inverell & District Collectors Club for their time and hard working efforts throughout the weeks to prepare for the show and over the weekend.

Our next meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Delungra Bowling Club with new members and interested participants all welcome. Please bring along an item you collect or an item of interest for all to see and discuss.

Any further information please contact Leah Humphreys 67248292.

*Leah Humphreys Secretary.*

### **Community Health News.**

Dear Delungra Residents,

I apologize for the silence. I have been off for 9 weeks visiting family in Canada and holidaying in Alaska!! I have been back to work for 2 months and just didn't get around to this article, and

now I am going off on extended sick leave (elective surgery) from Oct 16. Tania Mills and Jo Storm will be covering my Delungra Thursdays in my absence. Footcare will continue as usual (monthly).

If you have any questions contact Inverell Community Health Phone 67219600.

*JoAnne Campbell, Inverell Community Health*

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Sunday 15th October saw members on a run to "Pally" where we met up with members from Moree Club, and enjoyed inspecting each others cars and sitting around having a chat, followed by an enjoyable BBQ lunch. On 29th October three cars enjoyed a run to Glen Innes where we went out to Beardy Waters Park for a friendly luncheon and then back to "The Standing Stones" which most of us hadn't seen before. Our next outing is to Gravesend on 26th November, and Moree Club will be joining us there. Once again we invite anyone interested in the old and interesting vehicles and machinery etc to join us on these runs. For further information contact Russell 67248112, Hedley 67248327, Harry 67248445, Gerry and Ann 67248522. *Ann Kent.*

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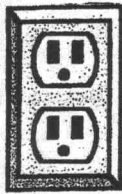
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|                 | 7  | Senior Citz Xmas Party.                |
|                 | 7  | D.D.D.C. Meeting                       |
|                 | 10 | Centenary/Aust Day Trivia Night        |
|                 | 12 | Mufti Bowls Day                        |
|                 | 14 | Centenary/Aust Day Meeting             |
|                 | 21 | Inverell & District Collectors Meeting |
|                 | 27 | Women's Bowling Club Meeting           |
| <b>December</b> | 7  | Senior Citz. Christmas Party           |
| <b>January</b>  | 26 | Australia Day Celebrations             |
|                 | 27 | Centenary Celebrations                 |
|                 | 27 | P & C Dinner Dance                     |
| <b>February</b> | 12 | Landcare Meeting                       |

