

This month we're trying something new with the Newslink. Ann Kent gave me the idea when she suggested she and Gerry write some articles that might be of interest to people. After reading the article she sent me I thought maybe there are others of you out there who have an interesting tale to tell, which would make the Newslink more interesting. We might all find out lots about each other too!!! For instance I was unaware until reading Ann's article that Gerry and Ann are "returned locals" so there you are. Anyway, if you want to have a go and see your name in print, just drop your story (no longer than a typed A4 page) in the Newslink box, and I'll put one story in each month. Don't forget it must have your name on it. 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 Public School News.

Hasn't the rain been wonderful – and it takes such a short time for lawns and gardens to green up again. Our main play area, which was dry and brown early last week, now has a good coating of green grass. I hope the rain is in time to help the farmers – it doesn't matter where you go there are mobs of hungry cattle lining the roads. Let's hope there is still more rain to come.

The school is participating in the Clean Up Australia campaign this week. Our main focus is the oval and the immediate school area. This is an excellent community service activity for our students.

The school, and I'm sure everyone else in Delungra, is getting used to our new recycling system. The students are quickly getting used to our two bin system. Now the paper that we throw out, (and there seems to be so much of it, no matter how hard we try), will be recycled and not clutter up our garbage dumps.

The school focus for training and development for teachers this year is literacy. Staff have attended a course on visual literacy, learning how to help students make sense of the multitude of images that confront them in everyday life – tv, magazine, internet sites and web pages, advertising brochures and countless others. Mrs Griffin and I are also completing a year long

course to update our skills in the teaching of reading, writing and talking and listening.

Our students have been given the opportunity to attend a District Small School's Camp at Copeton Dam commencing at morning tea time on Wednesday, 28th March and finishing lunch time Friday, 30th of March. The main focus of this camp is a Drug Forum where senior students will be working with trained Year 10 students from Inverell High, and Drug Ed consultants to increase their awareness of the dangers of drugs and the types of drugs they may be exposed to and the effects of these drugs. There will also be a very strong focus on strategies students may use to resist peer pressure to be involved in drug use. This is a very important part of the school curriculum and is an excellent opportunity for our students. There is a quality drama performance and a series of workshops involving rock wall climbing, (very safe and highly supervised), archery coaching, gymnastics and drama - all in all a great three days. Students also have access to the water slide on one of the days. I'm hoping that all students from Years 3 to 6 will take the opportunity to attend this excellent camp to have fun with students from other schools, learn new skills and increase their awareness of the dangers of drugs and develop skills to protect them from drugs and drug pushers.

As always, visitors are welcome at our school. Please come and see the great things Delungra students are doing and learning.

Belinda Eddy, Principal.

Delungra Community Multi-Purpose Hall Meeting.

Thursday 15th March 2007.

5pm in the Hall kitchen.

All Welcome. Gae Smith

**HOMES FOR THE AGED
AGM meeting will be held on Monday 5th**

March 2007 at 7-30pm.

Anglican Church Hall.

All Welcome.

Marlene Ballinger Secretary.

Delungra Girl Guides.

We are off to a busy start this year. Last week we had a party and BBQ for thinking day. This was a fun week. We are also in the process of doing art projects for Inverell Show.

Our big event so far this term has been a canoeing camp held at Lake Keepit last weekend. Seven girls attended this 9+ camp. With 26 girls altogether it was a great weekend. We had lots of fun canoeing and the highlight I know for me was on Sunday morning when we were out on the lake and thousands upon thousands of birds flew past right in front of us about a metre off the water. It was truly spectacular and great to have it happen right in front of us. The girls really enjoyed the canoeing and swimming activities.

The girls will again be involved in Clean Up Australia Day this year which is a very worthwhile annual activity.

Our Annual General Meeting is going to be held on Tuesday 13th March at 6pm. We would really encourage all parents and friends of guides to attend. Support for our group is essential to ensure the successful operation of our Girl Guide unit.

Veronica Farragher Leader

Delungra Community Health.

Hello to Delungra residents,

Footcare dates for the next 3 months are as follows: April 5, May 3, June 7.

UP IN SMOKE- the choice you make about smoking is an important one. You might think smoking is no big deal and you will give it up when you are older. In reality, this could be a lot more difficult-and damaging- than you imagine. Smoking is the largest cause of preventable death in the western world. There are a number of side effects, both short term and long term, which should deter you from ever picking up a cigarette. You physical appearance will show the first signs of smoking with a number of short term symptoms such as smelly hands, hair, breath and stained teeth. Further short term effects include dry, yellow and wrinkled skin, reduced muscle tone and loss of taste and smell. After years of smoking long term effects will start to damage your health. Health risks include mouth, throat and bladder cancer as well as heart attacks and cardiovascular disease. Emphysema, stomach ulcers, impotence and infertility are also caused by smoking. So think seriously before taking it up or if you are already a smoker then **GIVE IT UP BEFORE YOU GO UP IN SMOKE!!!**

Have a good month.

JoAnne Campbell, Community Health Nurse
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Fred and Nancy Calderbank would like to thank the Delungra & District Community for all the wonderful friendship and support we have received over a very long time.

We would like to congratulate the Delungra & District Development Committee and the residents for the great Australia Day and Centenary Celebrations held last weekend. The entire three days were very impressive.

We were overwhelmed by the sincere and generous farewell and thank everyone involved. We wish Delungra residents much happiness.

Fred & Nancy.

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Thank You.

The family of Fred and Nancy Calderbank would like to congratulate the Delungra & District Development Committee and the Delungra residents for the magnificent three days of festivities.

We would like to thank the community for their friendship and generosity to our parents for the last 80 odd years.

We would also like to compliment the Combined Delungra Organisations and Churches for the Church service and the wonderful Farewell Morning Tea and the appropriate gift for our parents farewell.

Fred and Nancy will cherish the memories. *Kerry, Brian and Andrea Calderbank and Fred and Helen Kleydish and families.*

Anglican Church Times

Sunday 3rd March – 11 am

Sunday 11th March – 8.30 am. Harvest

Thanksgiving Service – auction to follow.

Sunday 18th March – 11 am

Sunday 25th March – 8-30 am

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Landcare Adventure Shapes Up

Approximately 80 landholders from the local area and across the New England North West will be converging on Inverell on the 21st and 22nd March for the annual Landcare Adventure. 2007 is the ninth year of the Adventure, following the inaugural event in Tenterfield in 1999.

The annual Adventure is an opportunity for landholders and Landcare members from all areas to come together to share ideas, experiences and make new contacts. It will also showcase Landcare projects and the diversity of the GWYMAC Landcare region.

"The Landcare Adventure has grown in popularity over the last eight years and this year's program offers more interesting and entertaining activities for all participants at an unbeatable price," said Landcare Coordinator, Fiona Adams.

For \$55 per person participants get all travel, meals and accommodation for the 2 day Adventure. This year's program includes the visits to properties practicing conservation farming, soil erosion rehabilitation sites, pasture demonstrations and a new 1,000 head feedlot focusing on the works undertaken to meet environmental requirements.

East Inverell Bowling Club will be the venue for the Adventure Dinner and the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority Regional Landcare Awards. The awards are being presented, in a range of categories, to Landcare members and others who have shown commitment and contribution to natural resource management across the region. The winners from each category at the regional level will then go on to contest the State Landcare Awards to be presented in Tamworth in October.

The Landcare Adventure is supported by the Border Rivers Gwydir CMA, Natural Resources Advisory Council Forging Partnerships, Exchange Incentive Fund as well as Wesfarmers Federation Insurance. Registrations for the 2 day Adventure and the Awards dinner are being taken until Friday 9th March so contact your local Landcare Office or host organisation GWYMAC on 02 67211241 or 67219210.

For more information please contact Jennie Coldham on 02 67363500 or email landcare@halenet.com.au.

Landcare Adventure crowd during a site visit on a previous Adventure.



What is Lent?

When I started school (a long time ago), the first term was called Lent Term. I suppose this is understandable since Australia was founded on Christian principles. All the school term names followed the church calendar year, because when schools began they were church schools.

Lent was the Spring season on the Northern Hemisphere. It is the period leading up to Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the New Life that is found in Him. It is a time of preparation for Easter; a time for self-examination, growing in awareness of our inability (without God's help) to do what we know to be right and a heightened appreciation of what it means to have a saviour from sin, Jesus.

Self-examination can be assisted by prayer and fasting. Traditionally people have given up all kinds of things for Lent.

The best preparation for Easter is to listen to Jesus and do what he says. For example, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul? Or what can you give in exchange for your soul? If any of you are ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38 TNIV)

Easter Services at St Columba's

6th April Good Friday Service 8:30 am

8th April Resurrection Sunday 8:30am Holy Communion.

(Vicar) David Wiedemann 67 224375

Harvest Festival

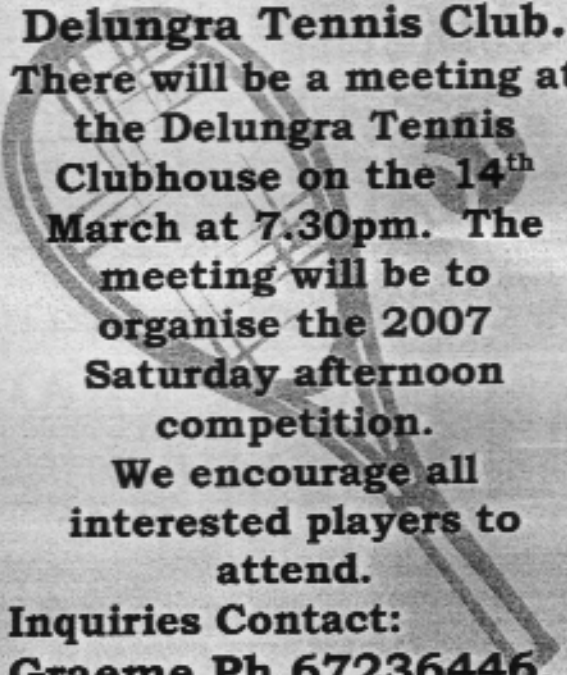
St Columba's Annual Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 11th March**. All welcome.

A service of Thanksgiving for Rain and Produce will be followed by an auction in the Hall. Donations of Vegetables, Jam and Cakes etc welcome.

E-book For Sale.

Copies of "A Short Account of the Delungra Anglican Church in History" are available from the Post office or Thomas's Winery for \$20. They can also be ordered from the author by sending an e-mail to wiedemannd@tpg.com.au.

This CD features colour photos and hyperlinks for ease of navigation around the document. Corrections or additional information to supplement the content is also welcome.



Delungra Tennis Club.
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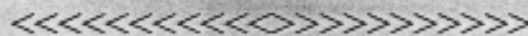


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Friday 23rd March 2007

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Children under 8 will require parental supervision

6.30pm for 7pm start Finishing 9pm

\$5.00 per nomination (includes 1 x soft drink and 1 packet of chips)
Nominations will be accepted now until 6.30pm on 23rd March 2007
Teams will be made up on the night.

Saturday 31st March 2007

Holden vs. Ford - Non Bowlers and Bowlers Mufti Day

Nominations in by 9.30am for 10am start. Cost is \$7.00 which includes BBQ lunch.
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Prize for Best Dressed Bowler.

Car Show

There will be a display of Holden & Ford customized motor vehicles at the Club.

Sausage sandwiches will be available for non players for \$2.00.

Entertainment - We R 2 - 8pm til midnight

Don't forget every Saturday Night we have Meat Raffles from 7.30pm and the Bistro is open.



**Delungra Historic Motor Club Inc.
from the Torque-Tube.**

On Sunday 25th Feb. twelve members, six cars, two guests and three kids departed Delungra enroute to Bingara to partake of a delicious lunch in the cool comfort of the R.S.L. Following lunch we adjourned to the auditorium where members and guests yarned and enjoyed the entertainment while waiting for the drawing of the raffles. We were fortunate enough to win a small meat try, first one yet.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 25th March to Glen Innes Museum, departing Delungra Post Office at 9am with morning tea at Sinclair Park Inverell at 9.45am.

Anyone interested in old vehicles, tractors, engines and/or machinery is quite welcome to join our little club on our runs, which are strictly for enjoyment. Modern vehicles O.K. For any further information please phone Russell 67248112, Hedley 67248327, Harry 67248445, Gerry & Ann 67248522.

Gerry & Ann Kent.

Delungra Australia Day Committee

We are still hearing from far and wide about how successful our celebrations were this year. Well Done Delungra.

However, we need to start planning next year's Celebration, so put on your thinking caps, and bring your ideas to the next meeting, which will be on May 8th next. Please ring me if you need more information

Sam Dobner, Publicity Officer

by the way...

Many aspects of human sexuality are very puzzling. Take celibacy. This can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental factors.

While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Tom and Mary listened to the instructor declare:

"It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

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Ramblings of an Old Truckie.

This article is supplied by Gerry and Ann Kent after requests from a couple of families for some interesting articles to be placed in the Newslink. If you enjoy it or not please let us know.

This is a brief history of a considerable life change that occurred for us when in 19664 we departed the property "Paxton" south of Delungra to take over a carrying business which we had purchased at Coffs Harbour, a town, which at the time comprised about seven and a half thousand people, and was actually two towns about one and a half miles apart, Top Town and the Jetty. This was for us certainly a "Seachange".

Ann would go with our three young daughters driving the Falcon car and I would go in the loaded Ford truck which we had owned since 1953, and which we were taking to supplement the Coffs Harbour fleet of one 2 ton Inter. Which came with the business. We also purchased the house belonging to Reg Carter the previous proprietor.

On arriving in Coffs we put our furniture into storage and stayed in one of Knights Cabins at Park Beach, (down past the Hoey Mocy) in a bushland setting (hard to believe to-day) while awaiting the legal procedure of the transfer. Also over this period I (Gerry) accompanied Reg each day to learn the ins and outs of the business. It was while doing his, and only a week or two after arriving there that Reg informed me that he had been offered a run to Cascade (a sawmill village situated along with a lot of other similar villages in the Eastern Dorrigo). This was to take a small piece of machinery there and as he had to go to Woolgoolga that day for the regular load of bananas, if I liked to do the job I could do so with the Ford. He had already quoted on the job, and this was satisfactory, so I agreed. A quick look at the road map showed me that this village was only about thirty miles from Coffs, and as the machinery could be loaded on Thursday afternoon I could get away as early as I liked in the Friday morning. Ann asked if I needed to take lunch with me but as I intended to depart at 6am I assured her that even if there was a delay in unloading I could be back by 10am. (FAMOUS LAST WORDS)

Departed Coffs out through Coramba where I had already been and just on the western edge of Coramba swung off the reasonably good road on to the road which would (cont'd next pg)



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eventually lead me to Cascade. Within half a mile I realised this road was very rough, very steep and extremely narrow. Quite soon on meeting a car, had I had a passenger he would not have been able to step out on that side of the truck, as the next step from the footboard would be at least a hundred footer. Needless to say I eventually arrived at Cascade about the time I thought I would be back in Coffs, and found out that small store there sold very little except warm drinks and stale biscuits. I left Cascade after unloading and travelling some miles encountered a loaded timber jinker travelling towards Cascade. On a very sharp bend, the overhanging logs had driven about a foot into the cutting. Obviously he couldn't reverse and when he tried to pull out the prime mover had waltzed across towards the considerable drop on the other side, but he informed me I wouldn't have long to wait as he was waiting for a tractor to arrive from the nearby bush, so I sat in my truck with my drink and biscuits.

Probably an hour or more later I could hear the tractor coming, and actually on and off I could hear it for the next two or three hours. Tractor duly arrived, pulled the truck out and I proceeded to Coffs arriving about 6pm. FIRST LESSON LEARNED being if travelling more than fifteen miles in any direction from Coffs, to always carry a good supply of tucker and liquids. The next day when I saw Reg and told him he said "that's why I didn't arrange to do it before I had to go to Woolgoolga in the afternoon" so I obviously had been set up to get the experience, as the fruit had to be in Coffs on time to catch the train.

Gerry & Ann.

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Senior Citizen's News.

Welcome to 2007. Into our 2nd month already! We had our Bingo and meeting Thursday 15th February starting out with bingo in the morning and our meeting at 1pm. We had a nice roll up. Our Australia day display was very good. Senior Citizen's Day will be held on 8th March at the Delungra Bowling Club with morning tea at 9.30 am to 10 am then play hoi 'til we will be entertained by the pupils of Delungra public School. Lunch will be 1pm. If you are going to attend please let Cynthia (67248260) or Muriel (67248474) know on or before the 1st march for catering purposes. There will be a raffle with 3 prizes. Tickets will be \$1 on sale on the day. Do come and join us on our main big day of the year. You will be most welcome. Our meal will cost \$14 per person.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 29th March, starting with morning tea & bingo at 10am, our meeting to follow at 1pm. Please note change of date. A get well wish for Jean Morrow.

Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra District Development Council

It's a pleasure to go to the Tip!!! Who would have thought to hear these words, but they really were spoken to me today. Meanwhile, we need YOU to come to the next DDDC meeting to talk about the opening hours at the tip, and the place for this is at the meeting next week. **What do we need to do to make Delungra a Tidy Towns Winner?** Please bring your ideas to the meeting next week so that we can win this prestigious award.

Next meeting will be at the Bowling Club, on Tuesday 6th March, at 7.30 pm. Terry Cum will represent the Shire Council in place of Peter Lloyd. Please join us to share your ideas. For more information please contact me on 6724 8316.

Sam Dobner, Publicity Officer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March	4 th Clean up Australia Day
	5 th Home for Aged Meeting
	6 th DDDC Meeting
	8 th Senior Citz Lunch
	14 th Tennis Club Meeting
	15 th Hall C'tee Meeting
April	25 th Myall Creek Family Day
	31 st Golf Silver Open
April	1 st Golf Silver Open
	6 th Footcare Day.
May	3 rd Footcare Day

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