

Hi everyone and welcome to May Newslink. This month we must thank the Delungra Senior Citizens for their kind donation towards our costs. Don't forget if you feel an urge to put pen to paper with something that may interest or amuse readers, please do so. 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.

Term two is here already, along with more than a hint of autumn – the early mornings are quite chilly and I'm sure the frosts are not too far off. If only it would rain.

The school community would like to welcome Miss Elissa Kennedy, a prac teacher from Newcastle University who will be joining us for a month. I'm sure many community members will know Elissa and along with the school, wish her well for her time at DPS. This is Elissa's first prac and Mrs Edmonds pointed out the other day that Elissa's mum Narelle, did her first prac at DPS too.

Delungra Public students commemorated ANZAC Day in two ceremonies last week. At the school ceremony, with special guests Mr Dudley Lewis and Joy Fairy, students saw, through a photographic display, just how dreadful the landscape and conditions were for soldiers at Gallipoli. The SRC and Mr Lewis laid a wreath in memory of all the Australian soldiers who gave their life or fought in battle. The 3,4,5 and 6 students also made Anzac biscuits and shared them with all the school.



Anzac biscuits to share!

Many of our students attended the community ANZAC service on Anzac Day, either with the school or as part of the Girl Guides. Thank you to the parents who organised for their children to come along – your support is appreciated.

Mr Lewis laying a wreath at school



Students at school observing a minutes silence.

A special thank you must go to all community members who helped with the organisation of the Delungra Anzac service – it was much appreciated.



The community service.

The staff development day in Tamworth at the beginning of term was very beneficial for Mrs Griffin, Miss Makim, Mrs Makim and me. Between the four of us we went to workshops on Literacy in the multi-stage class, take home maths packs, combined science and HSIE units and office administration and financial management. As well as the workshops the keynote address was delivered by Michael Grosse, a well known Australian writer and speaker who shared his extensive knowledge of children's personalities and actions and how their place in the family, i.e. first child, middle child etc, influences their behaviours.

Coming up in our school calendar is our annual cross country and Grandparent's Day. This will be held on Monday 14th May and community members are invited to come along. Our Cross Country will be held at the Golf Course in the morning, followed by morning tea (cooked by the senior students) at the school, followed by a concert and BBQ. We are hoping for a good roll up of visitors, grandparents and special 'old' friends.

Belinda Eddy Principal

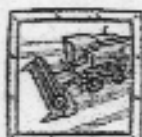
Delungra Australia Day Committee

There will be a meeting on Tuesday May 15th at the Bowling Club, at 7.30pm
There will be an election of Committee members, and we will be setting up the program for 2008.

Please come and join us for the meeting and supper afterwards. Please bring a plate.

Sam Dobner, Publicity Officer.

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Delungra Community Health News.

Hello Delungra residents: Footcare dates for the next 3 months are as follows: May 3, June 7, July 5.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH??? There is no such thing as a safe drinking level but the following guidelines suggest how to minimise harm. It is important to realise that these guidelines are for adults. Teenagers are smaller and physically less able to tolerate alcohol. Males: up to six standard drinks per day, no more than 3 days a week. On average no more than 4 standard drinks a day. Females: Up to 4 standard drinks per day, no more than 3 days a week. On average no more than 2 standard drinks a day.

WHAT IS A STANDARD DRINK??? According to the Australian Alcohol guidelines one standard drink contains 10g of pure alcohol .one glass of mixed drink(30 ml spirits and mixer) .one middy or pot (285 ml) of regular beer .a small glass (100 ml) of wine

Sometimes one drink isn't always one drink. DID YOU KNOW THAT?

.the average glass of wine served in a restaurant is 180 mls which is equal to 1.8 standard drinks.

.A can (375 mls) of full strength beer is 1.5 standard drinks.

. A 375 ml bottle or can of pre-mixed spirits is 1.5 standard drinks.

SO BE WISE AND DRINK ALCOHOL RESPONSIBLY

Source of information: National health Medical Research Council(NHMRC)

Have a good month. *JoAnne Campbell*

Inverell Community Health Phone: 67219600

Delungra Catholic Mass Times.

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Sunday May 6th Communion Service 8.00am

Wednesday May 16th - 6.00pm

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2007 Carp Muster at Bingara

Following the success of the 2006 Halls Creek Carp Muster the Bingara Local Landcare Group is expanding this year's muster. The 2007 Carp Muster will be occurring over two days on the first weekend in May (4th-6th) and will be branching out from Halls Creek into the Gwydir River, with over \$1,200 worth of prizes and live entertainment on Saturday night, Cunningham Park is definitely the place to be on this weekend.

The Carp Muster in Bingara began last year when the local Landcare group decided they wanted to do something about getting removing the European Carp in their local creek to improve the waterway. NSW DPI Fisheries state that:

"Carp are widely believed to have detrimental effects on native aquatic plants, animals and general river health, particularly through their destructive feeding habits."

The WWF has identified the Murray Darling as been one of the top ten river systems in the world under threat, with the highest threat on this system been outlined as Invasive Species, with European Carp at the top of the list.

"In this river system, native fish populations have dropped 90% from their pre-European settlement levels. Nine of the 35 native fish species are nationally 'threatened', two are critically endangered, and 16 are threatened under state jurisdictions. In 30 years since its introduction, however, the European Carp has become the predominant biomass in the Murray-Darling river system. At many sites, carp account for an estimated 69-90% of the total fish biomass, with densities as high as one carp per square meter."

This year Bingara Local Landcare Group in conjunction with the Upper Gwydir Landcare

Association and the Bingara Anglers Club will be running a packed weekend. Thanks to sponsorship from the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority and the NSW Department of Primary Industry BBQ lunches will be included on the Saturday and Sunday as part of the entry fee. The Bingara Anglers club will be serving dinner on Saturday night with money raised going to the rehabilitation of Halls Creek.

The weekend of fun will start with **fishing competition registrations taken from 3pm Friday May 4th. Entry into the competition will cost \$5 for an individual or \$15 for a family and includes two lunches.** There will be information displays on Saturday with talks on such topics as Reptile Awareness, Fishing Regulations and Riparian Issues, as well as kid's activities.

The final carp weigh in will occur at 2:30pm on Sunday, May 6th which will be followed by presentation of prizes. Prizes will be up for grabs in both Adult and Junior categories which will include a secret weight and lucky entrant prizes. For further information or details please contact Debi Bancroft 0429 139 449, ah:67240151 or Rachel Gleeson 67242036, 0427291073.

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Reedy Creek Landcare Group News

As you may have noticed we haven't yet had the Roadshow. Do not despair, it will happen! It's just that it has taken more time to get things just perfect.

Our next meeting will be on May 14th at Delungra Bowling Club, 1pm. We will have a guest speaker, but can't tell you who yet.

For more information about Landcare in this area, please contact me on 6724 8316, or Fiona Adams on 6721 1241.

Sam Dobner 6724 8316

Delungra Anglican Church.

Sunday 6th May - 11.00am
Sunday 13th May - 8.30am
Sunday 20th May - 11.00am
Sunday 27th May - 8.30am
Sunday 3rd June - 11 am

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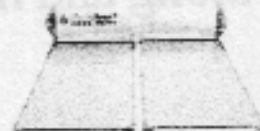
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Delungra Senior Citizens News

We had our monthly meeting on Thursday 29th March, starting with morning tea and bingo. Our roll up was a little disappointing at bingo. The meeting started at 1 pm with vice President Jan Kohen in the chair. Jan and Cynthia thanked everyone who helped celebrate our Senior Citizens day. Everyone had a good time. A bus trip away was discussed with a tentative date set for the 4th May. More news next month. Our meeting will be 19th April. Morning tea 10am, bingo 10.30am, meeting 1pm. Get well wishes to Jean Morrow.

Elaine Wenzel.

Delungra Community Multi-Purpose Hall Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 21st June 2007.
4 pm in the Hall Kitchen.
All Welcome.

Gae Smith.

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❖ **When** ~ 26th May 2007.

❖ **Where** ~ Presbyterian Church Delungra

❖ **Cost** ~ \$8.00 which includes afternoon tea. School children gold coin.

❖ **Time** ~ 2pm start

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More Rambling of an Old Truckie.

We took over the business on 1st May 1964 and found that approximately two thirds of our day was taken up by picking up from all Rail outlets for delivery to our various customers of which Waltons was by far the largest. Following on from this we would go to Waltons for pick up of various goods for delivery to customers all over the area. Waltons at this stage consisted of the Manager, Office Girl and salesman who doubled as the storeman. As he received a bonus for each sale and we couldn't load until he was available we usually found ourselves loading after trading had ceased in the store. Being winter time this meant delivering after dark. We also found that Waltons seldom put the full address on the delivery docket, so we may find ourselves proceeding along High St. (which was about two miles long) and pulling into houses to ask where Mrs Jones lived and if they knew what number. The normal reply to this was "Oh old Mary Jones, she lives next door to the Kelly's and everyone know where they live" Obviously we didn't number among everyone and I found myself doubting the old saying "The customer is always right". Took some months to change this, by which time we knew the town better, and this made it easier. The point of all this is that Waltons was a similar store then to Harvey Norman today, and the truck could be loaded with a full house of furniture plus a number of smaller parcels for any number of customers.

For out of town customers which could extend to Dorrigo, Nambucca Heads, Woolgoolga or a number of points West of Coffs Harbour, we usually loaded the evening before and left early the next morning, picking a day which we hoped would be quietest at Rail.

One of these which was to Bellingen area actually being close to the Never Never and Promised Land from directions given, we actually arrived at a house which was obviously empty and had been for a considerable time and as this was a full house of furniture including a fridge, washing machine, even a hot water system and shower, plus bedroom, dining room, an lounge room suites, we didn't feel inclined to leave it, so took it back to the store. Three more times we tried this delivery, with the same result. By this time the store manager was getting a bit impatient, when a chap came in to tell them that his furniture etc. could now be delivered as they were ready to move into the house. Apparently this information had been given at the time of purchasing, but typical of Waltons had not been recorded. I think Waltons profit on this delivery was considerably reduced by the time of delivery as we were going to the correct address all the time. This incident did help as regards directions for delivery of goods.

During this time we had seen the signwriter recommended by the Inverell signwriter to have the two trucks signwritten as Coffs Harbour Taxi Trucks, which was the registered name of our company. The signwriter recommended that he paint the Ford the same colour as the Inter. which at this stage was about 12 months old, so it was all O.K., and the price was agreeable, so the two were signwritten and returned to us in matching livery with an offer to put a name on the bonnet of each truck at no extra charge. He suggested "Old Henry", but we couldn't think of anything suitable for the Inter. A wag who lived a few doors from us suggested "It'll Do", so then because of the smaller size the Inter became "Little Do".

Gerry and Ann Kent.

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Delungra District Development Council

At the last meeting there was a great deal of discussion about the Tip hours. Here are some of the questions were raised and the answers which were provided by Cr Peter Lloyd, Terry Kum, the Shire's Environment Officer, and the Committee.

1. **Why has the tip been locked up?**

Because of misuse by the public, including dumping toxic waste, and the lighting of fires.

2. **Why can't we have a key to the tip?**

Because there are too many people in Delungra for this option to work

3. **Can the tip be opened more hours?**

Yes, if more people volunteer to open the tip.

4. **What about contractors who need to use the facility?**

Unfortunately, they will need to use the tip during the scheduled hours, or else they will have to organise a skip for the rubbish.

On the positive side, the tip is cleaner pleasanter and has designated areas for each type of rubbish, including a pit for dead animals.

We have had 2 new volunteers, and they didn't have the best of starts. They had to pick up and put in the right places a load of rubbish that someone had dumped outside the tip. If you were a volunteer, how would YOU feel about this? Remember, these ladies and men don't get paid, and give up their free time for the benefit of the community. Obviously we would all like to see the tip open more, but without more volunteers, we can't do this. Will you volunteer to open the tip one day a week, or month?

Last month Janice and Dave Wilson and I went to Bingara to an information session about the Tidy Town contest. This was very interesting, and we came back with plenty of ideas on how to proceed.

The Council is looking at ways to provide activities and facilities for young people in Delungra. There is a Barbecue planned to kick things off, and we will be collecting your ideas on what can be done and how. Look out for the date.

I am in the process of asking local businesses and community groups for advertising to be put into the Community Notice Board in Railway Park. This should be no larger than A4 size, and should state what your business or service is, your address and meeting times if appropriate. This is free service for the community of Delungra so please take advantage of it.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th May in the Bowling Club at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join us and share your ideas and opinions.

1. 7.30 Meeting Opens
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Business arising from Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Accounts for payment
7. General Business
 - Tip hours
 - Tidy Town
 - Other Business

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Delungra Women's Bowling Club News.

Our monthly meeting was held on 27th March at 1.30pm. There were six ladies who played bowls in the morning. We have invitations to different clubs and also District games coming up. Our next meeting is on 24th April at 1pm. Lovely weather, but could do with some rain.

Elaine Wenzel.

Thanks

To Russell and Jan Kohen for the donation of trees from their garden to continue the beautification of the village. Thanks also to Harry McNaughton and Dave Wilson for transplanting them to Railway and Bottlebrush parks.

Fred Dobner (for Sam Dobner) Publicity Officer
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Delungra CWA News.

For our last meeting we travelled to Lake Inverell and took a picnic lunch. It was a perfect autumn day (except for the dry!) and it was a beautiful spot to have a meeting. Our next meeting will be on the 16th May, back at our CWA Hall in Delungra. The meeting will start at 9.30am and after the meeting we will have lunch and then get sewing and make a patchwork quilt for the palliative care unit in Inverell. Hopefully a little touch of something homely might be appreciated by the patients there. The Playgroup girls continue to tidy and help us make our rooms a more pleasant place to spend time. We thank them for being such thoughtful and proactive tenants! The Senior Citz have really made their room a comfy little haven too, and it is great to see the hall being put to such good use. Don't forget, the library is there for everyone to use - open Saturdays 10 to 11am.

Ainslie Savage.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May	3 rd Footcare Day 4 - 6 th Landcare Carp muster & fishing comp. 14 th Landcare meeting 15 th Aust Day C'tee Meeting 26 th Presbyterian Fashion Parade
April	19 th Senior Citz Meeting
June	7 th Footcare Day
July	21 st Hall AGM 5 th Footcare Day



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