

Congratulations to Rachael Kent for being selected to play in the U-19 Girls Junior Series Team, which has just returned from 18 days in England, the winners of the Indoor Cricket World Cup 2007. What a fantastic experience!! It really is amazing the opportunities available to kids if they are willing to put in the hard work and dedication to hone their skills to develop their particular talent. Later this month, Grace Cole, Emily Savage and Kristen Farragher are included in a group from Inverell High who are off to Sydney to sing and dance at the Schools Spectacular 2007. This event is being held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre and involves 100's of students from all over NSW. Melanie Dyer from Mt Russell has been chosen as a feature artist for the event. All great life learning experiences. Thanks to the Australia Day Committee for their donation of paper.

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:
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Delungra School News.

National Chaplaincy Program

Last week we welcomed Mr David Weidemann to our school. David will be working one day a week as part of the National Chaplaincy program which is a Federal Government initiative. Most schools in the Inverell district have taken up this option. David will be assisting in a variety of ways -counselling assistance when requested, sport, games at lunch time, working with students who have finished set tasks and need an extra challenge, listening to students read, providing assistance to those students who are having difficulty understanding a work task and helping with research work. The National School Chaplaincy Program recognises that schools play a key role in providing support and assistance for all students as they cope with the challenges and stresses of life, and the school chaplain will be available to help schools provide this support and assistance. Students are not obliged to participate in individual counselling sessions with a chaplain.

Parents and students will be informed about the availability and non-compulsory nature of the chaplaincy services.

More detailed information is available at school and will be provided to parents in the next school Newsletter.

.Goodbye Mrs Edmonds.

On Tuesday, 6th November at 12.00 we say goodbye to Mrs Edmonds. Mrs Edmonds has been an integral part of Delungra Public School and the Delungra community for many years. The school is hosting a luncheon to formally say good bye and wish Pat and Ken a very happy retirement. We will commence with the formalities and then people will be free to catch up and chat with Pat about her Delungra Public experiences. All community members are welcome to attend - if you could please give the school a ring by Tuesday morning it would be appreciated.



Heroes.

The 3,4,5, 6 class is studying Australian Identity and part of their task is to research the life and successes of some Australian heroes. Some of the heroes studied so far are Simpson, of Simpson and his donkey fame, Flynn of the Outback, Sir Fred Hollows, Dr Victor Chan, Mum Shirl, Kath Walker, Nancy Wake, Sir Henry Parkes and Banjo Patterson. After researching the heroes, students then have to choose two who they feel are outstanding, design a \$200 note and use the heroes as part of the design. An interesting off shoot of their research is that the students very quickly realized that you don't have to have superpowers to do great deeds!

The Magic Flute.

Last week the students travelled to Bingara to watch a performance of Oz Opera's "The Magic Flute". The performance was organised by ConnectEd Arts Australia and was provided to our school free of charge. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience 'something different' and they certainly enjoyed the experience.

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Delungra Girl Guides.

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Veronica Farragher Guide Leader

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2007

Graman Community Church Sunday 16 th December Family Service of Lessons and Carols 11.00 am	St Columba's Delungra Christmas Day 25 th December Family Service of Lessons and Carols 8.30 am
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Myall Creek Hall
Sunday 16th
December
Family Service of
Lessons and Carols
3.30pm

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on Saturday 17th Nov
From 10am - 4pm

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do. Lucky draws and free samples.

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donations made.

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Veronica, Julie and Coral

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Delungra Senior Citizens News.

On the 15th November at 10 am Tania Mills from Community Health is going to talk to us about incontinence. Everyone welcome to attend in the CWA rooms Burnett St. Meeting starts 1pm.

Don't forget anyone going to the Christmas Luncheon ring Muriel 67248474.

Girley Thomson won the meat tray.

Jan Kohen.

Ladies Bowling Club

Next Meeting

Monday 26th November

1 pm.

Ann McNaughton

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Wednesday

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Friday

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Saturday

Meat Raffles & Members Draw start at 7 pm.

Sunday

Free Pool

Coming Attractions.

Saturday 17th November Tradesman's Bowls Day

Mixed 4's 10 am start.

\$500 Prizemoney.

Darren Clark Trio 8pm - 12am

Saturday 29th December

Billy J 8pm - 12am.

Further Ramblings of an old Truckie.

Probably some time late 1965 or very early 1966 Waltons, who had in early 1965 moved in to a larger shop opposite the courthouse, approached us to see if we would be interested in leasing them a ute in which their newly appointed carpet salesman/layer could travel around measuring up, delivering & laying, so that the customer did not have to worry about storing the carpet while waiting for it to be laid. Agreeing to this we purchased an old FJ ute and the carpet layer (Ron) took this and used it, but then we found the engine was burning a lot of oil. At the same time an older model Holden car which was refused rego because of bad rust in the floor, but in which the engine and suspension etc had all been done up prior, became available for the princely sum of fifty pounds. The wag up the street said if we put the car and ute in his yard he would set to and do the switch over with me (Gerry) assisting where possible. On removing the engine out of the ute it was found that the sub frame was rusted and badly worn in places, so on the wags recommendation it was decided to transplant the sub frame and engine from the car to the ute. This he set about doing and the next evening came and saw me to say he had almost completed the sub frame transplant, and if I could come and give him a hand the next day, we could push the ute to the gantry where the engine could be transplanted. Owing to a hold up in being able to get freight from the rail I was able to go pretty early next morning and found the sub frame in position with just the wheels to go on. This we did and to save time simply screwed the wheel nuts up finger tight, pushed it into position and I went back to work. The next evening when I went up there, there proudly sat the FJ ute with even the front hubcaps in place and all ready to go to work for Waltons. We delivered the ute the next day and Ron proudly drove it around Coff's for about a week trouble free. He then had carpet to take to Dorrigo to lay early the next week. On his return from Dorrigo he went in the ute to measure up for a customer in Coff's, and early that afternoon I (Ann) took a call from a very disturbed Ron to say that the entire front suspension had fallen out of the ute. I (Gerry) came home shortly after, and immediately went to the address and upon entering the street could see the ute looking very sad with the front end on the ground. On arriving there I could see straight away it was only

the front wheels which had fallen off and on removing the hubcaps from both wheels I found that all 10 wheel nuts had been captured inside – immediately the finger tightening of the wheel nuts in the wags yard came to mind. I jacked the ute up and found the wheel studs had not been damaged, fitted the wheels and tightened with the wheel spanner, leaving the hubcaps off so that Ron could see that all was well and took the ute back to Waltons. On arriving at Waltons all Ron could say was “This could have happened on the Dorrigo Mountain in either direction” but he did insist the hubcaps be left off and I think he from then on checked the tightness of the wheel nuts a number of times each day. Obviously this could have been a very tragic accident, however, the luck of the Irish or something else, was obviously with us.

Gerry & Ann Kent.

Brian Kent – formerly of “Campsie Park” Delungra, Gilgai and Prince St Inverell, passed away in his sleep at his home at Ballina in the early hours of the morning of October 22nd 2007.
Ann Kent.

Delungra CWA News.

At our meeting in October, Chris Plumbe brought along five beautiful knitted rugs that had been made by members and friends. These are to be sent to Ethiopia, and will be given as a parting gift to women when they are discharged from the Addis Fistula Hospital. Much of the wool used had belonged to Eunice McGrath and had been donated to us by Gae Smith. I'm sure Eunice would have thought we put it to good use.

Our Christmas party will be held on the 5th December and we are to take along gifts suitable for residents at McLean. These will be distributed at Christmas to residents who have no family to give them gifts.

We must thank Peter the resident Delungra handyman who fixed our door lock for us. If you need someone to do repair jobs for you, you can contact Peter on 0428593511, or call at 33 Inverell St. Our AGM followed our monthly meeting and Ainslie Savage was elected President, with Anne Page and Chris Plumbe retaining their positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It was decided to return our meeting time to 1pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Ainslie Savage.

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Sunday 18th – 11 am

Sunday 25th – 8.30 am

December

Sunday 2nd – 11 am

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David Wiedemann Comments

Whether we like it or not, later this month there will be a Federal election. We will all, once again make our pilgrimage to the polling booth and cast our vote. The outcome will determine who will be responsible for the economic management of Australia and for other issues such as national security, distribution of funding to the States and changing policy. The church as a whole has usually taken a neutral stance at such times. Why? Because voting is an individual choice and that right is fully respected. It's as simple as that. People ought to be given the same respect when it comes to choosing a church to belong to. Sadly that is not always the case. Enough said about that.

In recent times there has been a resurgence in debate about the role of Christians in politics. The debate about stem cell research earlier this year stirred many members of the church to become active in this political issue. I know I did. No doubt we will see much more involvement by church members in political issues in the future and the church will be seen to be active in contributing to the debates.

Not everyone will always agree, but it is comforting to know that people still get passionate about issues and are prepared to stand up for what

they believe is right and true. We can thank God for that. If only more people were sure about where they stand. We can pray to God about that.

Delungra Historic Motor Club News.

This month has been rather quiet, but we have an outing on Sunday 28th October, a run to Copeton Dam, and on Sunday 4th November a run to the Glen Innes Museum. Further particulars from the members listed below.

Anyone interested in the preservation & restoration of vehicles & machinery & small engines 30 years and older are welcome to join our small group of enthusiasts.

For further information contact Russel 67248112, Hedley 67248327, Harry 67248445, Gerry & Ann 67248522 or Mark 67248589.

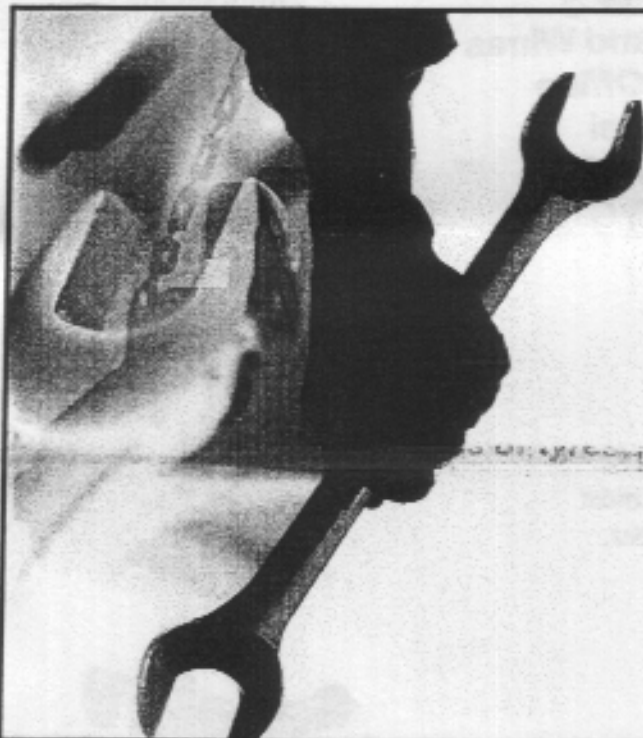
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World Youth Day Cross & Icon are coming to Delungra!

In 2008 World Youth Day which is a gathering for Christian Youth from all around the world will be held in Sydney from the 15th – 20th of July. The central theme of World Youth Day 2008 is: *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; And you will be my witnesses.* Acts 1:8

Traditionally World Youth Day may have been seen to be a 'Catholic' event, however it is really an opportunity for all Youth to gather and celebrate Christianity.

In 1983 during Holy Year a 3.8 metre high wooden cross was built and following the celebrations with it in Rome it was then presented to the Youth of the World as a gift from Pope John Paul II.

Since 1984 the WYD Cross has made its way around the world, throughout Europe, behind the Iron Curtain, and to parts of the Americas, Asia, Africa and briefly to Australia, being present at each international celebration of World Youth Day along the way. The communities in many of these places have been inspired to live in peace and harmony.

Heralding these international celebrations of young people, the Cross is now best known as "the World Youth Day Cross". The media have often called the Cross the "Olympic Torch" of the World Youth Day. It is a useful comparison. In each country that the Cross visits, it travels from cities to towns, parishes to prayer groups. Young people take charge of it, spend time in prayer with it, and encourage their peers to do the same.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave young people a second symbol of faith to be carried in the world, accompanying the WYD Cross - the Icon of Our Lady, 'Salus Populi Romani', a contemporary copy of a sacred and ancient icon housed in the first and greatest basilica to Mary the Mother of God in the West, St Mary Major.

The World Youth Day Cross & Icon arrived in Australia on 1st July and are currently making their journey around Australia. An Indigenous Message Stick is accompanying the Cross in Australia. The Message Stick is an invitation to the indigenous youth of Australia to come to World Youth Day in July 2008.

Like all crosses, the WYD Cross is the universal symbol of the Christian faith. Veneration of the Cross is an ancient act of reverence for Christ. To venerate the WYD Cross is a powerful expression of love for Christ and unity with the millions of other young

people from around the world who have also prayed before this Cross. Participants at events involving the WYD Cross and Icon may, for example, simply stand silently in prayer before the Cross and Icon. By venerating the cross, we are not worshipping this particular object, but rather worshipping the Son of God who was crucified upon a cross.

The WYD Cross will begin its journey in the Armidale Diocese on January 24th 2008. Delungra is very fortunate to be hosting the WYD Cross and Icon on January 28th. Even though this is called a 'Youth Day' the event is for all Christians regardless of age.

Exact arrangements are yet to be confirmed, however it is expected that the WYD Cross & Icon will proceed past each Church in Delungra and then arrive at the Anzac Park where the Liturgical Team traveling with the Cross & Icon will host an Ecumenical Service and share testimonies.

Please mark the 28th of January on your calendars & as the details are confirmed more information will be available in the Newslink.

If you are interested in any further information visit the World Youth Day Website at: www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en

Madonna Ballinger
(Coordinator)

WYD Cross & Icon with school children in Brisbane



Delungra District Development Council.

The A.G.M. was held on Thursday 4/10/07, with Jim Townsend returned as Chairperson. Lorna Ogilvie was also returned as Secretary/Treasurer, Harry McNaughton, Vice-Chair.

Inverell Shire representatives, Paul Henry, Terry Cumm and Peter Lloyd were present at the meeting.

Madonna Ballinger presented a talk on the World Youth Rally which will be in Delungra on 28th January 2008.

New Christmas banners are on order ready for the festive season. They should be much better than the previous one, as we picked them ourselves. Fire breaks are to be mowed in certain areas around the town.

Tip hours are to remain the same and we have 2 more volunteers.

Tidy Town results will be known towards the end of November, but "thank you" to the volunteers and residents for their effort for the judging.

Meetings are now held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Bowling Club at 7.30pm. Next meeting 1st November at 7.30pm.

Lorna Ogilvie (Acting publicity officer)

Myall Creek C.W.A.

Myall Creek CWA have held their Annual meeting, having had a most successful year with a lot of catering to add to the coffers. We maintain our rooms, support each other and the local community. Donations have been allocated.

Gay Holden "Rotherwood" Bingara.

Myall Creek CWA Office Bearers.

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	Isabelle Muir

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Delungra Rural Fire Brigade News.

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The brigade is currently undertaking a membership drive and encourages anyone interested in the community to become a member of your local RURAL FIRE BRIGADE. More hands make this voluntary job easier and safer. So if a member calls please take time to consider joining the brigade.

Meeting Dates : 6th December 2007 – 7pm
7th February 2008
3rd April 2008

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Australia Day Committee.

The last meeting of the Committee was held Thursday 11th October 2007, when we had a better attendance, Chairman Tim Lloyd welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Anyone wishing to help us make a display of memorabilia of photos etc. please let someone on the committee know. We still need displays for the park, hall and entries for the parade. Trucks or whatever most welcome. Marshalls for the parade are most important.

After much discussion we decided to give prizes for the Most Attractive Stall, Novelty Stall and Most Informative. Also don't forget to enter your decorated bike.

Nomination forms are included in the following:

- ❖ Delungra Citizen of the Year.
- ❖ Voluntary Service to the Community.
- ❖ Voluntary Service to Sport.
- ❖ Outstanding Sporting Achievement

The guideline sheet is also included. Support and help are needed to make the Australia Day 2008 happen.

The next meeting will be Thursday 8th November at Delungra Bowling Club at 7.30pm.

Committee Members Ph: Tim 67248572, Lorna 67232809, Beryl 67248432.

Beryl Townsend.

Counselling Service to continue free drought support.

The Anglican Counselling Service (ACS) will continue to provide emotional support to drought affected communities of the New England North West, courtesy of new funding from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSLA)

The Executive Director of the Anglican Counselling Service, Larry Apthorpe, says the funding will enable ACS to continue its work in those areas, which have been most severely affected by the prolonged drought.

'Long-term stress caused by natural events, such as drought, may expose issues including poor mental health, depression, relationship and family difficulties', Mr Apthorpe said.

'Many people are also unaware of where they can find much needed support in a time of need'.

'Now, courtesy of the Australian Government, drought affected farming communities can access support from competent, caring and professional staff at the Anglican Counselling Service at Moree, Wyallda, Narrabri,

North Star, Inverell, Glen Innes, Armidale, and Tamworth.'

Mr Apthorpe said he hoped the Service would be able to extend this support to other communities around the region as time and funds permitted.

For more details - Inverell

Ph: 02 6722 2766 Fax: 02 6722 4202

Delungra Australia Day Community Awards

Nominations are now being called for the Delungra Australia Day Community Awards in the following categories:

- ❖ Delungra Citizen of the Year
- ❖ Voluntary Community Service
- ❖ Outstanding Sporting Achievement
- ❖ Outstanding Service to Sport (e.g. Referees, umpires, groundskeepers, anyone who facilitated sports in the community)

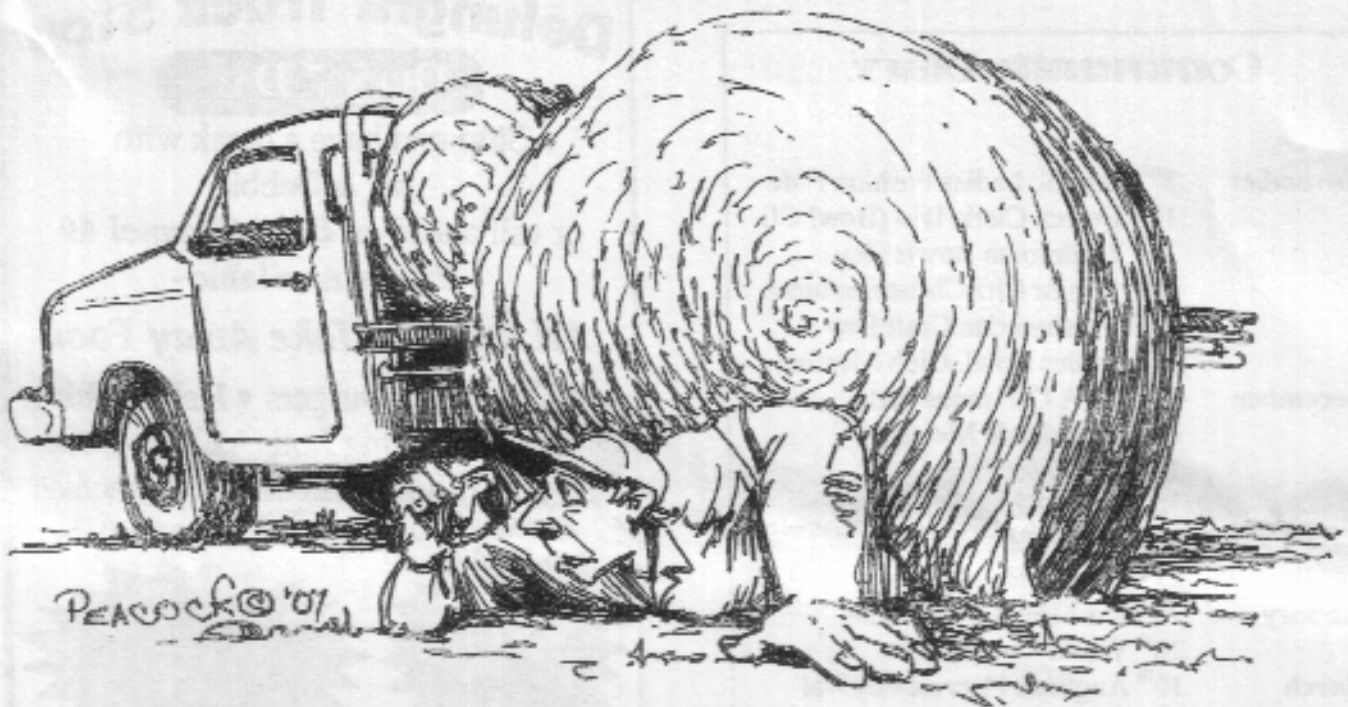
If you know of anyone who deserves an award, please nominate them for one of the above categories.

Application forms are included in this Newlink or are available from the Delungra Post Office

The following criteria will need to be addressed:

- ❖ The awards are for voluntary service
- ❖ The awards are for service on 2007
- ❖ Nominations should not be made by immediate family members

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Community Diary.

- November** 3rd Catholic Ladies Fashion P'de
17th Darren Clark Trio (Bowl Cl)
17th Tradesman Bowls Day
19th Senior Citz Christmas lunch
26th Presbyterian Craft Day
26th Ladies Bowl. Club Meeting
- December** 5th CWA Christmas party
6th Fire Brigade Meeting
13th Hall Meeting
16th Myall Creek Christmas Celebrations
29th Billy J (Bowl Cl)
- January** 26th Aust Day Celebrations
28th World Youth Day
- March** 10th Anglican Harvest Festival
- April 2008** 7th Senior Citz Luncheon
12th & 13th Quilt Show

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MYALL CREEK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

16TH DECEMBER 2007.



FROM 7.30PM



INCLUDING A CAROL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY

(Ladies please bring a plate.)

We would welcome support from anyone interested in playing a musical instrument and/or taking part in the service, including re-enactment of the Nativity Scene.

Non perishable gifts to place under the Christmas Tree for those facing a bleak Christmas would be most welcome.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL
AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT.**

Phone Margaret Davidson: 67236455 or Joyce Partridge: 67236486 if you would like to help us make this a great family night.