

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Newslink readers a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2008. There will be no Newslink for January, so articles will be due the last Tuesday of January ready for the first Newslink edition for the year in February. 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.

The staff and students of Delungra Public School would like to thank the Delungra and Inverell Community for their support of our Inverell Times Supplement showcasing our school to the community. Our supplement was very well received and we have received many positive comments.

Students have been very busy this month with the Six Class girls attending their High School Orientation Days. The girls enjoyed the orientation and are now ready to move on to high school next year. The girls also attended the NSW Youth River Health Conference and dinner. Congratulations girls on your excellent behaviour and manners over the two days. The conference allowed the girls to integrate with over 200 students from around NSW and to share their knowledge.

This week Mrs. Eddy and students in years 3-6 are on an excursion to Lake Ainsworth. By all

reports, they are having a great time bike riding and doing lots of exciting activities. Thank you to the P&C for their financial support of the excursion.

Next year's Kindergarten class has been enjoying their orientation days. These days have been fantastic and all children are ready to make the big step to school next year.

The school will be holding Christmas Craft activities on the 10th, 11th & 12th December between 12.15 to 1.30pm each day. We would welcome any assistance with the craft days. This is a great fun activity for students and parents. Our students really enjoy having parents and grandparents help out.

Term Four Rewards day will be held at Copeton Dam on Friday, 21st December.

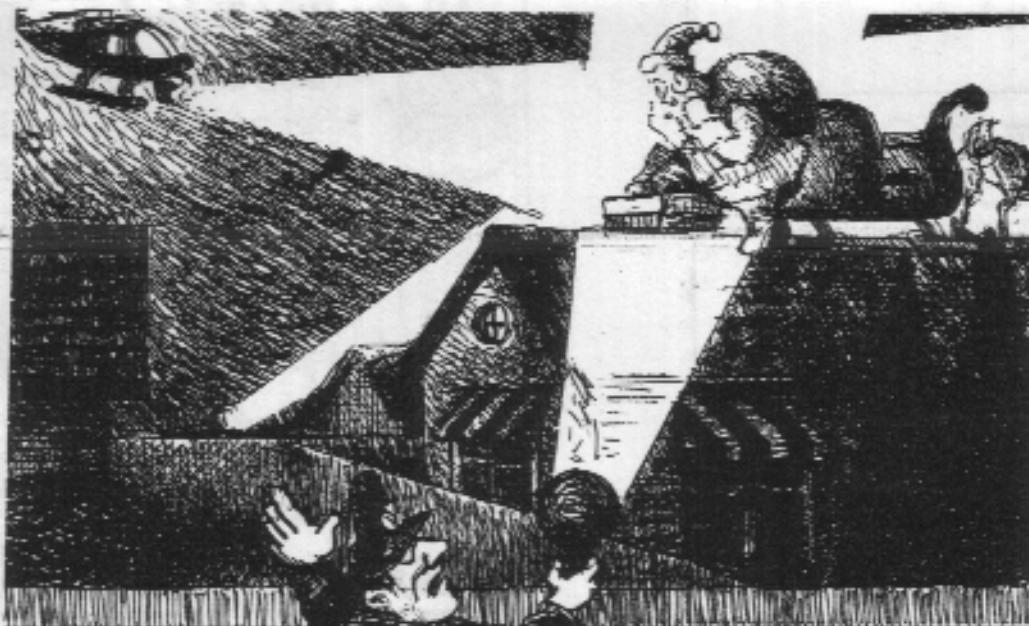
Our presentation night will be held on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30pm.

We would like to invite the community to attend our presentation night which will recognise students for their outstanding work and sportsmanship throughout the year.

We would like to thank the hardworking P&C Committee for their hard work and support of the school this year, you have done a wonderful job and your support is much appreciated by the students and staff.

The staff at Delungra Public School would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Have a great holiday.

Robyn Makim, School Administration Manager.



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Christmas Message.

"No-one has ever seen God, but God the unique Son (Jesus Christ) who is at the Father's side has made him known." John 1:18.

God is invisible. A long time ago He spoke and the Patriarchs heard his voice. Then the Prophets became His voice and they foretold that the Messiah was coming. Jesus is the promised Messiah. He spoke the Father's words. He is the unique Son (God himself) who showed us the Father. So in order to know what God is like we must look at Jesus. He is the image of the invisible God. God is Love. Jesus showed us what God's love is, by loving others, including the unlovable, the outcasts and the untouchables, even his enemies, by dying on the cross in their and our place (instead of us). How great is his Love for us! Come and join us at the Christmas Services as we celebrate the birth of Jesus (God Incarnate, Immanuel).

A Happy Christmas to everyone,
David Wiedemann. Vicar. 67224375.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2007

Graman

Community Church

Sunday 16th

December

Family Service of

Lessons and Carols

11.00 am

Myall Creek Hall

Sunday 16th

December

Family Service of

Lessons and Carols

7.30pm

St Columba's

Delungra

Christmas Day

25th December

Family Service of

Lessons and

Carols

8.30 am

Claiming the Date

Sunday 9th March 2008

For

A Centenary Thanksgiving

Celebration

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At

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9.45 Morning Tea

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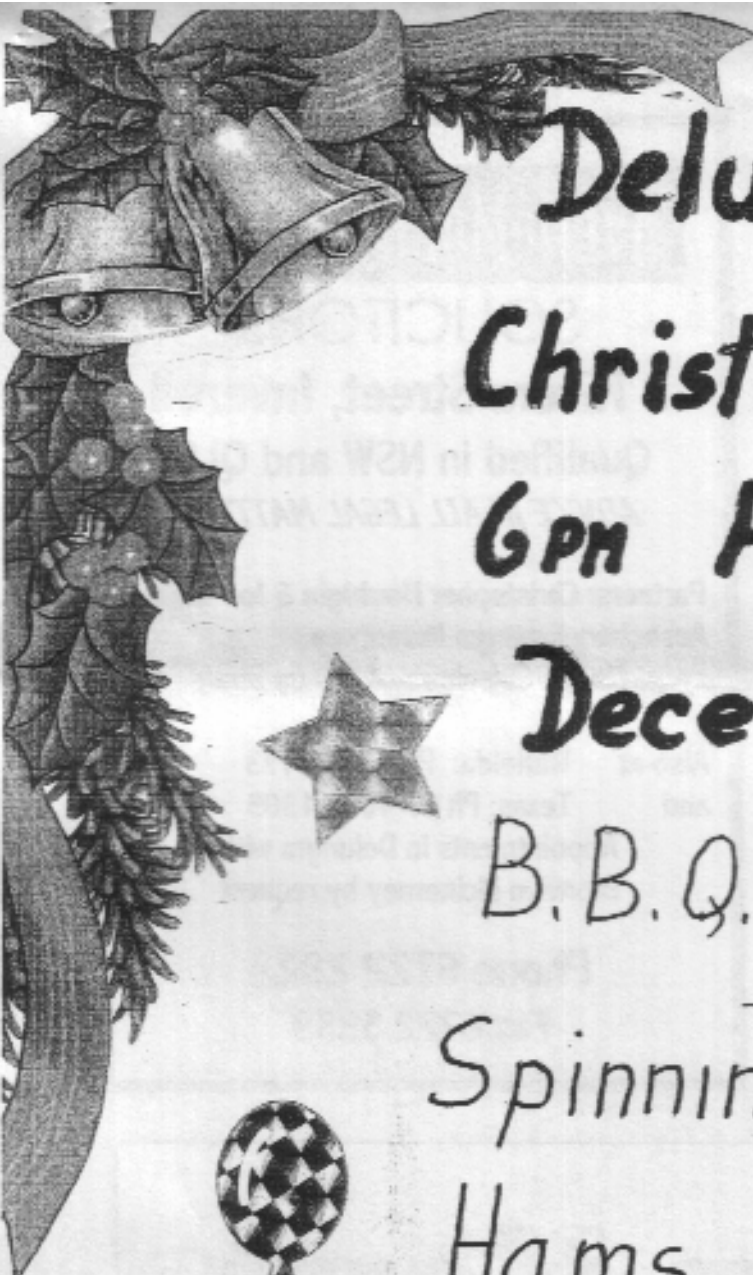
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Delungra's

Christmas Carnival

6pm Anzac Park

★ December 14th

B.B.Q. Drinks

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Hams, Xmas Cakes,

Chickens Fruit-Vegies

Carols By Candlelight

Santa may even Arrive



Delungra Senior Citizens News.

I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Christmas hamper will be drawn on the 14th December. I would like to thank Tanya Mills from New England Health, B Grafton, Continence Nurse and J Really, Aged Care for a very interesting morning. Ladies don't forget the trading table on Australia Day. A craft day for all members will be held on the 4th February 2008 at 10 am. Bring lunch. Next meeting will be 21/2/2008, with bingo at 10am and the meeting at 1pm. We are wondering if anyone has empty jars 5 1/4" x 9" round, 430gm or 400gm e.g. ETA Lemon Spread or Black & Gold Corn Relish jars. Please ring Jan 67248112.

Jan Kohen.

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Marlene Ballinger.

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DELUNGRA GIRL GUIDES

The last day of guides for 2007 will be on Tuesday 11th December. This will be our 60's rock'n'roll break up party with a promise ceremony and badge presentation.

Welcome to Maddy Stewart & Whitney Wood who have joined our guide group.

On Saturday 15th December Guides will be catering a clearance sale at "Swinton" Delungra. We know that this is a very busy time of year but if anyone can help by cooking cakes or slices or helping us for an hour or two on the day it would be really appreciated.

Australia Day will be another great day in Delungra. Guides are having a float and stall etc. on the day so please make sure your guides have outfits etc. ready for this. We will meet at the Guide Room at the Hall to decorate the float at 9am on the day.

Our first day back in 2008 will be Tuesday 5th February.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped our Guide Unit throughout the year. We cannot do what we do without community and family support. We are

looking forward to a fantastic year in 2008.

Have a happy, safe and wonderful Christmas.

Veronica, Coral, Julie and Delungra Girl Guides
Kristen, Grace, Emily, Emma, Gabi, Kate, Sam,
Alex, Marnie, Karlee, Chloe, Tessa, Whitney &
Maddy

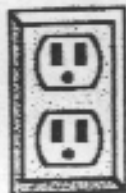
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1st	Gold Coast Holiday	Maria Swain
2nd	Sapphire	Brian Halloran
3rd	Musical Activity Centre	Kylie Harris
4th	Portable CD MP3 Player	Paul O'Neill
5th	Jumbo Folding Chair	Doug Bates
6th	Home Spa Kit	Kay McDaniel
7th	Picnic Bag	Di Logan
8th	New England Estate Wines	Kay McDaniel
9th	Weather Station	Pam Worgan
10th	Vase	Terry Smith
11th	Binoculars	Lehman Family
12th	Set of Coffee Mugs	Lisa Halloran
13th	Dinner for 4 at RSM Club	Sean Ballinger
14th	Pair Stubby Coolers	Jill Brown
15th	Bottle of Shiraz Rose	Brian Halloran
16th	Small Cask Cabernet Merlot	Kelly Wilson
17th	XXXX Gold Cap	Gareth Thomas
18th	Old Black Ale Cooler Bag	Lehman Family
19th	Kahlua T-Shirt	Barry Taylor
20th	Slab 600ml Coke	Elaine Little

The P & C would like to thank all sponsors who donated prizes for the raffle.

Mrs Eddy and students would like to thank the P & C for organising the raffle and their continued support and dedication to our school.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners and thank you for supporting our school.

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Lorna Ogilvie.

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Delungra Ladies Bowling Club.

June Hobday, Tom Hamilton, Allan Clark and Lorna Ogilvie won the Tradesman Day on the 17th November at Delungra Bowling Green. Two teams are going to Guyra on the 27th November. Hope it's not too cool!
Next Meeting 22nd January 2008, 2pm.
Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all Bowlers.

Ann McNaughton.

Delungra Catholic Ladies would like to thank all those who supported their recent fashion parade. Prize winners of the raffle were 1st. Marj Stewart, 2nd Maree Rowan, and 3rd Christine Plumbe. Lucky door ticket 63.

Gae Smith.



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"Take up his cross and follow me"

Mark 8

World Youth Day Cross in Delungra Monday 28th January 2008 8.30am – 12.30pm

During the November meeting of the Delungra District Development Council with representatives from each of the churches it was decided that the theme for our communities visit of the WYD Cross will be – "Take up his cross and follow me" from Mark 8:32.

Everyone in Delungra, young and old are all encouraged to be involved in this history making community event.

As mentioned in the previous Newslink the WYD Cross has visited many places of both historical and spiritual significance. We are very fortunate to have the WYD Cross visiting our little community.

At the Delungra District Development Council meeting it was also agreed that the Cross would be taken to each church in town where a short prayer service would be shared from the representatives of that church. Starting with the Catholic Church then the Uniting Church, Presbyterian Church, Anglican Church and then finally arriving in Anzac Park.

After arriving in the park there will be a Morning Tea for all to share in. The Cross and Icon of Mary will be displayed for all to see up close.

The WYD Representatives that travel with the Cross will then lead an Ecumenical Service for our community.

Following the service there will be a FREE Sausage Sizzle Provided by the DDD Council.

The WYD Cross requires 6-8 people to be carrying it at one time so we encourage as many people as possible to come along on Monday the 28th to share in this memorable event. This invitation goes out to all – young and old who ever might be interested in taking part.

The Aboriginal Message Stick that is accompanying the Cross will only be handed over to our community with the Cross if there is an Aboriginal Representative from Delungra present.

The WYD Cross, Icon and Message Stick have to be packed up and ready to leave Delungra at 12.30pm as it is then being taken to the Myall Creek Memorial. From the Memorial site it will then be carried into Bingara for the major celebrations for the centre of the Armidale Diocese.

Don't miss out on being part of this history making event for our community of Delungra.

More information will be available at the Christmas Carols on the 14th of December.

Madonna Ballinger



Broken Bay Diocese

Delungra District Development Council News.

It was nice to see some new faces at the November meeting, when the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross was discussed. I am sure Madonna Ballinger will have more on that in this Newslink. Jill Brown advised that there will be a trial of Markets at the Rec. ground on the last Sunday in February, March and April. Bright new Christmas banners have been obtained for the Festive season. Some work has been done by Inverell Shire on the footpaths, but they are to be contacted about the dangerous state of some of the concrete ones. If your street light is not working please contact Countryenergy on 132080 and report it. They can't fix it if they don't know it is out. If you know of someone who would like a copy of the Centenary Book, please contact a D.D.D.C. member as if enough people require a copy we will look into getting the book reprinted. Everyone should get together at the Christmas Carnival to be held in Anzac Park on Friday 14th December commencing at 6pm with a B.B.Q. and chocolate wheel with hams, Christmas cakes, chooks and fruit and vegie trays as prizes. This will be followed by Carols by Candlelight. Santa may even make an appearance!

The weekend of 23-25th November, three DDDC members travelled to Leeton to attend the Tidy Towns judging. Even though we were unsuccessful, we had a big learning of what is actually required for a Tidy Town Entry. Nundle was the winner of the under 350 population and as you can see, Delungra did fairly well(see graphs).

We were only entered in the 'Overall Town Section' but individual sections could have been entered in especially our 'Waste & Environment Section'. Our thanks to Inverell Shire Council for assisting us in our trip. Better results next year. At the next D.D.D.C. meeting on Thursday 6th December at the Bowling Club at 7.30pm, Alison McIntosh, our Tidy Towns assessor will be in attendance, so come along and hear more about 'Tidy Towns'

Lorna Ogilvie, Secretary.

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Tidy Towns 2007

**Tidy Towns 2007
Overall Town Ranking**



Town	Delungra
Ranked against Population Category	A

The ranking process is in addition to the standard feedback from the assessors report, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is trialling a new system to rank towns which have entered the Overall Town Category. The following table allows the town to continue their strengths and address their weaknesses within each of the judging criteria. The winning town for population category A is Nundle and it is represented in Green. Delungra is represented in Red.

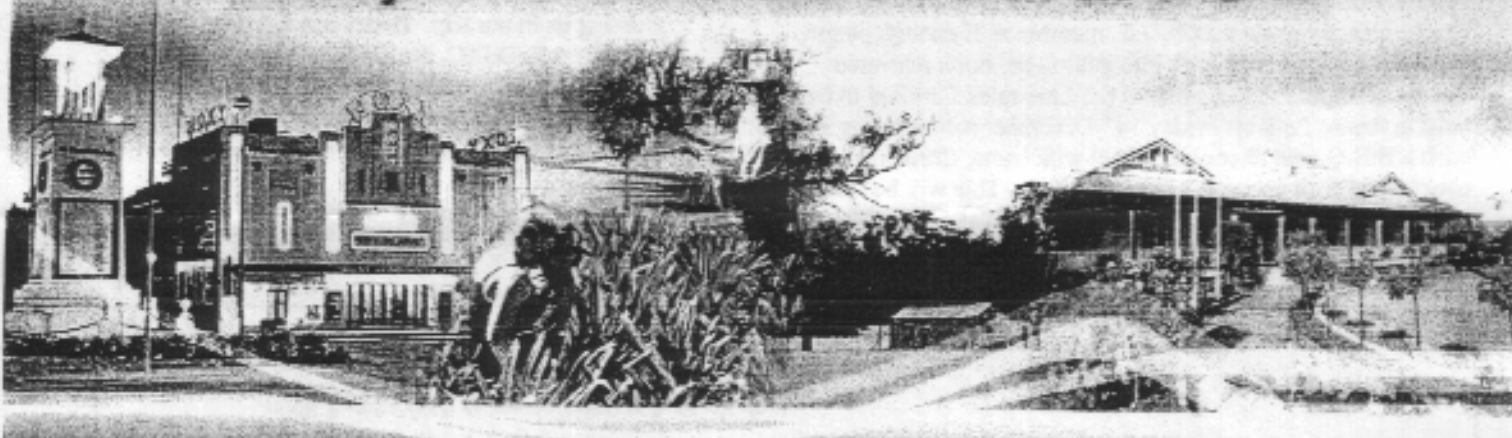
Judging Criteria	Percentile Bands									
	1-10 %	11-20 %	21-30 %	31-40 %	41-50 %	51-60 %	61-70 %	71-80 %	81-90 %	91-100 %
Beautification/ General Appearance (25%)										
Community Awareness (10%)										
Community Participation (20%)										
Environmental Initiatives Sub-Total (30%)										
Management of Volunteer Activities (15%)										
TOTAL SCORES (100%)										

Please Note: Each criteria account for different proportions of the total mark, therefore a town which scores highly in beautification/general appearance and environmental initiatives is more highly ranked than a town which scores highly in community awareness and management of volunteers.

N.B. Delungra is the bottom line on graph.



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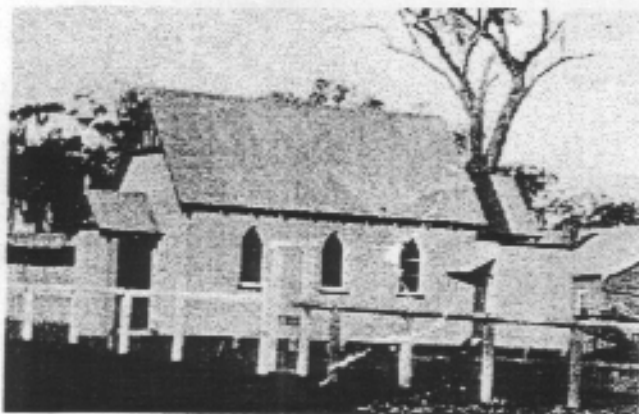
St Columba's Anglican Centenary Celebration

The Anglican Church in Delungra will be celebrating an historic occasion on Sunday 9th March 2008. On this day we mark both the centenary of the opening of the old church building (now Hall) and the silver jubilee of the new building with a Thanksgiving Service and Thanksgiving Harvest Festival.

The day will begin with a Thanksgiving Service at 8.30 am. The Right Reverend Peter Brain, Bishop of Armidale, will be the speaker. The Service will be followed by morning tea and viewing of a display of memorabilia. Then will come an auction of produce.

Anybody and everybody is welcome to attend and join us as we give thanks to God for the way he has and continues to graciously provide for us.

Rev David Wiedemann Vicar Ph 67224375



St Columba's as it was in 1925 after removal from its original site in Burnett St, Delungra.

Delungra Anglican Church Times.

Sunday December 2nd - 11 am

Sunday December 9th - 8.30am

Friday December 14th - Combined Church
Carols in Park.

Sunday 16th December - 11 am Graman
Christmas Service Carols

Sunday December 23rd - 8.30 am

Christmas Day December 25th - 8.30 am
Delungra.

Sunday 6th January '08 - 11 am

Sunday 13th January - 8.30am

Sunday 20th January - 11 am Graman

Sunday 27th January - 8.30 am

Sunday 3rd February - 11 am

Sunday 10th February - 8.30 am.



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Anyone interested in the preservation and restoration of vehicles and machinery and small engines 30 years and older are welcome to join us on our runs, which are strictly for fun. Modern vehicles O.K.

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

Gerry & Ann Kent.

Further ramblings of an old Truckie.

On another occasion in the earlier years, the "wag" up the street (Jack) came down one night to see us to say he was bored silly, and any time I had a run out of town to let him know and he would come with me for the day. Shortly after, Waltons had a full load to go to the Dorrigo area with more than half of this load going to a property west of Dorrigo off the Ebor Rd. We let Jack know and loaded the truck and tarped it down the night

before, ready to leave about 5.00am the next morning, with Jack agreeing to come.

We were through Dorrigo and at the place by 6.00am the next morning. On pulling up in front of the house I suggested that Jack go in and knock on the door to make sure we were at the right place, while I started untying the tarps and ropes. I noticed shortly after, a lady came to the door wearing a negligee, which as she talked with vigorous hand gestures opened regularly revealing a short nightie. After their conversation had gone on for a while I heard Jack say "I think you are playing winkee-pop with me." I feel sure that if I had said this I would have been flattened, however Jack being Jack, while the lady went rather red, she did not take any offence. We then unloaded all the gear, with said lady showing us where everything had to be put. This done I thanked her very much and started to walk out of the door. Jack, always the wag turned and said "And what time do you want to be called in the morning?" This was certainly received without any embarrassment and I think was much enjoyed by said lady. We then completed our deliveries and were back in Coffs for an early lunch.

Gerry & Ann.

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