

It seems Delungra has once again shown its community spirit with the successful hosting of the World Youth Day Cross. I have heard many good reports about the day, and Rev. Jean Bell from Inverell told me she had attended events in Inverell and Bingara as well as Delungra, and the Delungra day was the best of the lot because everyone joined in and there was a lovely atmosphere of sharing. Congratulations Madonna for your great organizing of the day. Following Lindsay's cartoon in last month's Newslink I had two people recount stories of their own poddy calves that had grown up and not realized they now belonged in the paddock! I think this month's cartoon tells us that Lindsay thought the school holidays were plenty long enough!!

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 them to: rockvale@northnet.com.au

Ainslie Savage

Delungra Public School News.

All our students have settled into their school routine very well. We have a total of 27 students currently enrolled at Delungra Public School, with 6 children in kindergarten.

Our primary students recently swam at the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival. Ridge Wilson was runner-up in the Junior Boys Division.

Congratulations Ridge. The teachers were very pleased with our student's participation and behaviour at the carnival.

On Wednesday, 27th February all students travelled to Gum Flat Public School to participate in the "Waste Watchers" Day. Gilgai School also participated. Students learnt all about recycling and the reduction of rubbish on our planet. Thank you to Nori Peters for her excellent presentation. Students also participated in a sporting event and a creative event.

A big thank you to all our P&C members who participated in the working bee to beautify our school grounds. They made the first step in clearing old garden beds of weeds etc. These gardens will be replanted with new native shrubs soon.

The tree doctor will also be attending to trees on the school grounds and cricket ground. Dead trees will be removed and other trees will be trimmed. This should happen within the next three weeks weather permitting.

Our P&C also ran a market stall at the recent Delungra Markets. Thank you to everyone who donated goods for sale and for supporting the stall. All money raised by the P&C will benefit all children at our school.

"Delungra Students are great kids". Please come and have a look at the work our students are doing.

Robyn Makim, School Administration Manager.
For Belinda Eddy, Principal.



Kim James, Summer Stewart, Paul O'Neil, Tasma Stewart, Cos Stewart, Shelley Marshall and Troy Townesend at the Delungra market stall on Sunday.

Delungra Newsletter – March 2008.

Well it's been a relatively quiet month in the Delungra area as far as policing goes. I was more than impressed with the way in which Delungra celebrates the Australia Day festivities and wish to congratulate the organisers. Basically this month I have been concentrating on getting around and meeting people and also getting to know the local area, particularly the rural roads and mapping out what properties are located on what roads.

On Thursday the 21 February 2008 an amount of stolen items was recovered by police from a property within Delungra. The offender is known and no longer resides within the Delungra area and further enquiries are being made to have this person interviewed and charges of Goods in Custody are expected to be laid shortly.

Between Sunday the 17 February 2008 and Wednesday the 20 February 2008 unknown persons have entered a machinery shed on a property located on the Lecoin Road and stolen some items. Anyone who may have seen anything of interest in that area during that time are asked to contact me.

This serves as a timely reminder for property owners to be vigilant in farm security, in particular their machinery sheds. Engraving your drivers licence on smaller items and tools is an excellent way in which to identify them. Engrave your licence number once in an area easily seen, and again in an area that is secreted on the item if possible. Photographs of your larger items are also handy for police investigating thefts. I have a number of Farm Security Assessment books put out by the NSW Police which are an excellent resource for farmers to look at ways that can improve their farm security. Anyone who may want a copy just contact me on 67248244 or leave a note on the front door of the police station and I will get one out to you.

On 20 February 2008 I visited the Delungra Public School and was pleased at the manners of the children there. I am attempting to organise a Bike Safety awareness day at the school and

information will be sent out via the school to all the families concerned at the school.

Just remember that there is a pad on the front door of the police station where you can leave your details and I will ring you back or come and see you. Just fill it out and slide it under the door and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Sunday 2nd March – Delungra 11am

Sunday 9th March – 8.30am

Harvest thanksgiving celebration.

Centenary of the Church. The Bishop will
be attending.

Morning tea & Auction to follow.

All Most Welcome

Sunday 16th March – Graman 11 am

Sunday 23rd March – Delungra 8.30am

Sunday 30th March – 5th Sunday Combined

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Meeting to be held:
Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm at the Club House.

The meeting agenda will consist of the upcoming 2008 Saturday afternoon competition, working bee & close of nomination date to enable a start in April, so we would welcome all interested players.

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Graeme Newnham



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Due to our relocation to QLD on 13th March, Ben and Maree Mitchell of BA & MA Mitchell Electrical Contracting, would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Delungra and surrounding areas for your support over the last 6 years.

For all your future electrical needs, we would like to recommend Peter Moodie Electrical. Phone 0412 914 240.

Delungra Girl Guides.

Thank you to all those who help with our recycling programs. We are no longer collecting bras as this program in our area has finished. We are still collecting postage stamps, corks and also magazines for Inverell hospital.

We will hold our Annual General Meeting for our support group on Tuesday 11th March at 6pm. We need as many people as possible to come to this very important meeting. We are losing our secretary due to work commitments and need someone to fill this position.

We have had a very busy start to the year. We had a day where we looked at the Netherlands, had Rev Bell come out and do a church service and present bibles to the girls and had a Thinking Day program. Our next day we are doing is a walk at Lake Inverell after school. Coming up we have Bandaged Bear Day, Clean Up Australia and Relay for Life as well as our 10+ Lake Keepit Camp.

Veronica Farragher Guide Leader

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World Youth Day Cross in Delungra

On Monday the 28th of January approximately 80 people gathered at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Delungra to welcome the much travelled World Youth Day Cross. After the cross was assembled the Aboriginal Message Stick was handed to Brooke Cutmore who read the Australian Aboriginal World Youth Day message, we then began our prayerful procession.

While at the Uniting Church we listened to Rev. Jean Bell, following on from there the young Girl Guides joined forces to assist in carrying the cross for the long stretch down to the Presbyterian Church. At the Presbyterian Church Albert Cooté & Bev Johnson spoke while we reflected upon the cross. The procession then continued up the highway and turned down to the Anglican Church where Rev. David Wiedemann addressed the large group of cross supporters.

Finally we moved across the road to Anzac Park where the cross was placed in a secure stand allowing for people to have their own personal reflection time.

The 'Icon' (very large picture of Mary) was also displayed along with the Aboriginal Message



Stick which Brooke and Ian Cutmore assisted in carrying throughout the procession.

After the great efforts of carrying the cross everyone enjoyed icy poles and morning tea. We then listened to Father Chris Ryan & Bernadette from the WYD Team raise our awareness of World Youth Day 2008.

We concluded with hymns lead by 'Country Comforts' the very talented Con & Gail Murcau. As the Cross was being packed away we all then enjoyed a sausage sizzle kindly donated by the Delungra District Development Council and cooked by the very talented Nigel & Kevin Ballinger.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the many people who helped out on the day TOO MANY to list. Photos taken by Russell Blanch are included on the back of the Newslink.

Madonna Ballinger.

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Delungra P & C

Delungra P&C would like to thank
Scott & Therese Cole for
the use of their motorbike and
Darrell Stewart for the
spraying of the school grounds.

We would also like to say a very
BIG THANK YOU to the mums
and kids who helped with the
working bee on the weekend.
We think the gardens look great.

We would like to thank the P&C mums, kids and
anyone who contributed and helped to make our
stall at the markets a success.

We held a Raffle on the day of \$100 worth of
vouchers (\$50 from Ritchies & \$50 from Sapphire
City Meats)
This was won by Robyn Makim.

We also had a Guessing Competition with a jar
full of lollies. The winner was Robbie Watson
with a guess of 234.
There were 233 lollies in the jar. Well Done.

Congratulations to Jill & Terry Brown and the
Sports Committee
for such a successful market day.
See you next month.

Don't forget our Easter Raffle which will be
drawn on
Thursday 20th March.
Tickets are available from the School.

Thank you everybody for your support
Regards Delungra P & C.

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Further Ramblings of an Old Truckie.

1968 found us with the little International (Little DO) with over 100,000 miles on the clock, and a bit expensive to keep on the road, and not big enough to do the job. We then purchased a 4 ton D Series D400 Ford. This doubled our carrying capacity both in weight and cubic capacity, and at the same time almost halved our fuel bill. This proved very beneficial for carting from the rail and from Waltons, also a growing longer distance furniture removal which was available. At the same time Brooklands - a large Automotive Parts Business was rumoured to be opening in Coff's Harbour - and we wrote to them to try and secure their cartage from rail to store. This was answered by them stating that they had decided not to go ahead with an outlet in Coff's Harbour, but advising us that Comet Overnight Transport was planning to commence a nightly run from Sydney to Brisbane via North Coast, and we should approach them as regards to becoming their local agent. We did this and they advised they would be commencing operations towards the end of the year and would be in touch closer to the commencement of the run. However, we will leave that for the moment, because about this time Waltons had started to get all their large items in by road transport, so the amount by rail was negligible

and at the same time had ordered a large number of Austin Panteck Trucks which were being built for them and all stores would do their own outward deliveries themselves. This operation proved to be very inefficient and costly for them, and they changed back to local contractors however by this time we had moved on to other things, so our association with Waltons came to an end. Pretty soon we were to find that all cartage from rail was to be changed over to freight into store, so that tenders had to be put into for same. As ridiculously low tenders had to be put in we opted not to get involved, however we did continue to cart for a number of customers for about another 18 months to 2 years. Comet Overnight General Manager arrived in Coff's Harbour about August 1969 and after interviewing a number of people around town we were appointed their Agents and the run commenced sometime in October. First weekly return from this venture was about \$7, but better things were to come - - and did. A new era.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jill Brown and helpers on the successful running of the inaugural Market Day, and hope it continues to go ahead.

Gerry and Ann Kent.



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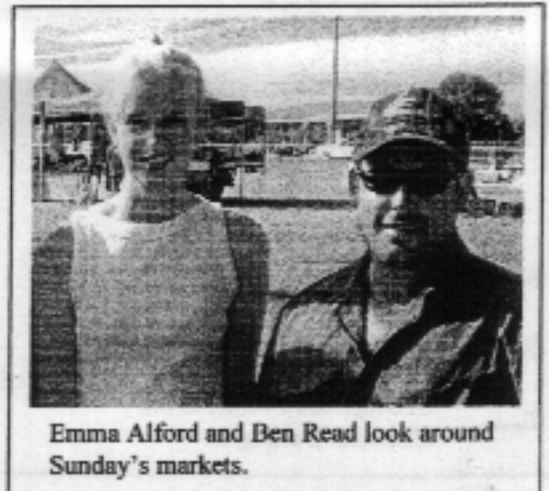


Delungra Recreation Ground Trust Markets.

Our first ever Delungra Markets were held on Sunday 24th February in beautiful weather with stall holders coming from Delungra, Inverell, Warialda, Glen Innes and Uralla. There was a wide range of stalls with a constant stream of visitors out to get a bargain. The trust committee barbeque was busy all morning with head cook Greg Stewart preparing bacon and egg burgers, sausage sandwiches and chicken kebabs for the hungry crowd. Six dollars a case special on tomatoes proved to be a crowd winner for Ken Turner from the Warialda vegetable stall. Corallie Stewart, president of the Delungra Public School P & C was delighted with the success of their stall and Lorna Ogilvie said that the Delungra Markets had been one of her most successful days as a stall holder.

The Trust committee would like to thank all the stallholders, Delungra Newslink, The Inverell Times, Gem FM Moree, Delungra Historic Motor Club and the visitors to our markets. Their support made our first market day extremely successful, and we would like to invite them all to our next market day which is 23rd March which is Easter Sunday.

Jill Brown. Market Organiser.



Senior Citizen's News.

Nancy Calderbank was a member of Delungra Senior Citizens who passed away on the 13th January. She will be sadly missed and our wishes go out to Fred and his family.

Gloria Anderson won the meat tray at the last meeting. Our next meeting will be on the 20th

March. Bingo - 10.30am, meeting - 1pm.

Please don't forget trading table next meeting.

Thank you to the members who helped on Australia Day. Australia Day raffle - first prize Claire Kent, second prize Libby Martel.

Senior Citizen's 50th Anniversary Luncheon will be held on the 7th April 2008. Anyone going please ring Muriel 67248474, Jan 67248112, Cynthia 67248260 by the 14th March.

Anyone is welcome at our meetings, held the third Thursday of the month in the C.W.A. Rooms. Burnett St.

Jan Kohen.

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Senior Citizen's Luncheon

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Delungra Historic Motor Club Inc.
From the Torque tube.

We have now settled into 2008 and everyone is talking about the rain. It was dry for so long and the rain was badly needed. Most of us knew it would eventually rain, as these things go in cycles - it was just a matter of time. Some members joined by some from the Moree Club went to Green Valley last Sunday, while a couple attended the Delungra Markets.

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 and Ann 67248522, Mark 67248589.

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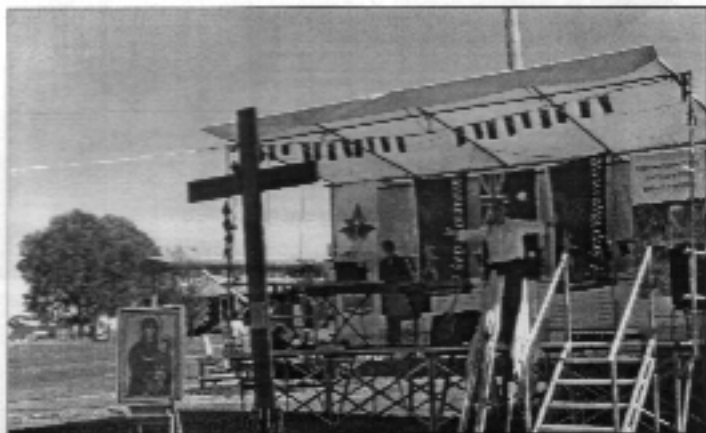
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World Youth Day Cross
visits Delungra
28th January 2008





All photos were taken by
Mr Russell Blanch