

Hi everyone. Having four children who have received a very good education at Delungra Public School I must say I can only agree with everything Geoff has said in his article. I too fail to understand why parents would send their children all the way to Inverell on the bus when all the things considered highly desirable, e.g. low teacher/pupil ratios are available at Delungra Public.

Contributions for Newslink are due the last Tuesday of the month and can be left at the Post Office in the Newslink box, or emailed to me at [rockvale@northnet.com.au](mailto:rockvale@northnet.com.au) or faxed to 67248395.

*Ainslie Savage*

## **Delungra Public School News.**

### **I DON'T UNDERSTAND**

I have been teaching for 21 years in Sydney, Townsville, Wilcannia, Broken Hill, Brisbane, England, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, India, Nepal and in Northern N.S.W. You may think I'm biased but I can honestly say that Delungra Public School has developed into one of the best schools I have seen.

Our school offers excellent educational opportunities in all Key Learning Areas. The kids are displaying all the benefits of the lowest teacher/student ratio that I have ever been associated with. Their behaviour is excellent, their academic progress is very pleasing, their ability to stay on task is exceptional and their happiness in this caring, firm but fair environment is clearly apparent.

Our school's level of funding through National Partnerships, Priority School Funding and the Country Areas Program makes Delungra Public the envy of many schools. Each classroom is particularly well resourced. The computer/student ratio is almost 1:1. Our well maintained and spacious classroom buildings facilitate quality small group teaching and tuition to a highly effective degree.

Our large and well equipped outdoor areas offer optimum physical, environmental and recreational opportunity. Our newly resurfaced football field and tennis court as well as our playgym and extensive range of sporting equipment (thanks to the support of our P & C) is being thoroughly utilised and enjoyed by our students.

Educational officials and extra curricular guests are always amazed and highly complementary at the fantastic behaviour of our kids and how effectively our wide range of educational resources are being used.

In most other rural areas of N.S.W. small schools outside of regional towns/cities are being absolutely inundated by parents who drive their children considerable distances out of town so that their children can experience all the benefits of a small school primary education.

Here is what I don't understand. In contrast to all the above mentioned, the enrolment numbers at Delungra Public are actually and inexplicably decreasing!!! Why are so many Delungra/Gragin/Myall Creek primary age students being bussed in and out of Inverell each day when there is a top class school on their doorstep? Unfortunately I don't know the answer. Is it possible that some members of the community may hold preconceived ideas about our school that are well and truly outdated? When a new family with young children arrives in a new area, one of the first questions they are bound to ask is; "What is the local school like? Should I send my children there?"

What if the response is outdated and therefore misleading? Is it possible that some community members could benefit by taking a fresh look at their local school so that they can provide an accurate and current analysis of Delungra Public if called upon to do so.

I am told that there are families in and around Mt Russell who would like to attend Delungra Public but are unable to do so as the only school bus goes to Inverell instead of providing families with the option of delivering students to their local school. This is an issue I am willing to take up with the Department of Transport. However this does not explain why so many children go into Inverell.

I believe the best form of advertisement for any school is well informed word of mouth. I invite any parent/community member to visit our school to receive an up to date perspective on what their local school has to offer. I sincerely look forward to seeing you and listening to your thoughts.

Many thanks

Geoff Coghlan

P.S. Small schools are great schools.

PPS Support your local school

**Delungra Public School**

**Enrol Now for 2011.**

### Delungra Senior Citizen's News.

The next meeting will be on the 19/8/10.

Trading Table.

Bingo in the morning, Meeting at 1pm.

Everyone Welcome.

In CWA Rooms, Burnett St Delungra.

Our AGM was held on the 15/7/10 with all positions filled.

President – Jan Kohen

Secretary – Cynthia Kent

Treasurer – Muriel Woodward

Vice President – Claire Kent

Friendship Officer – Ann McNaughton

Publicity Officer – Jan Kohen

Patroness – Girlie Thomson

Meat tray won by Claire Kent.

*Jan Kohen, President.*

## Delungra & District Tennis Club

**Tennis** to commence **Saturday 1st May** starting at 1:00pm.

Saturday afternoon American Mixed Tennis will be held every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month, until the end of September.

Everyone welcome

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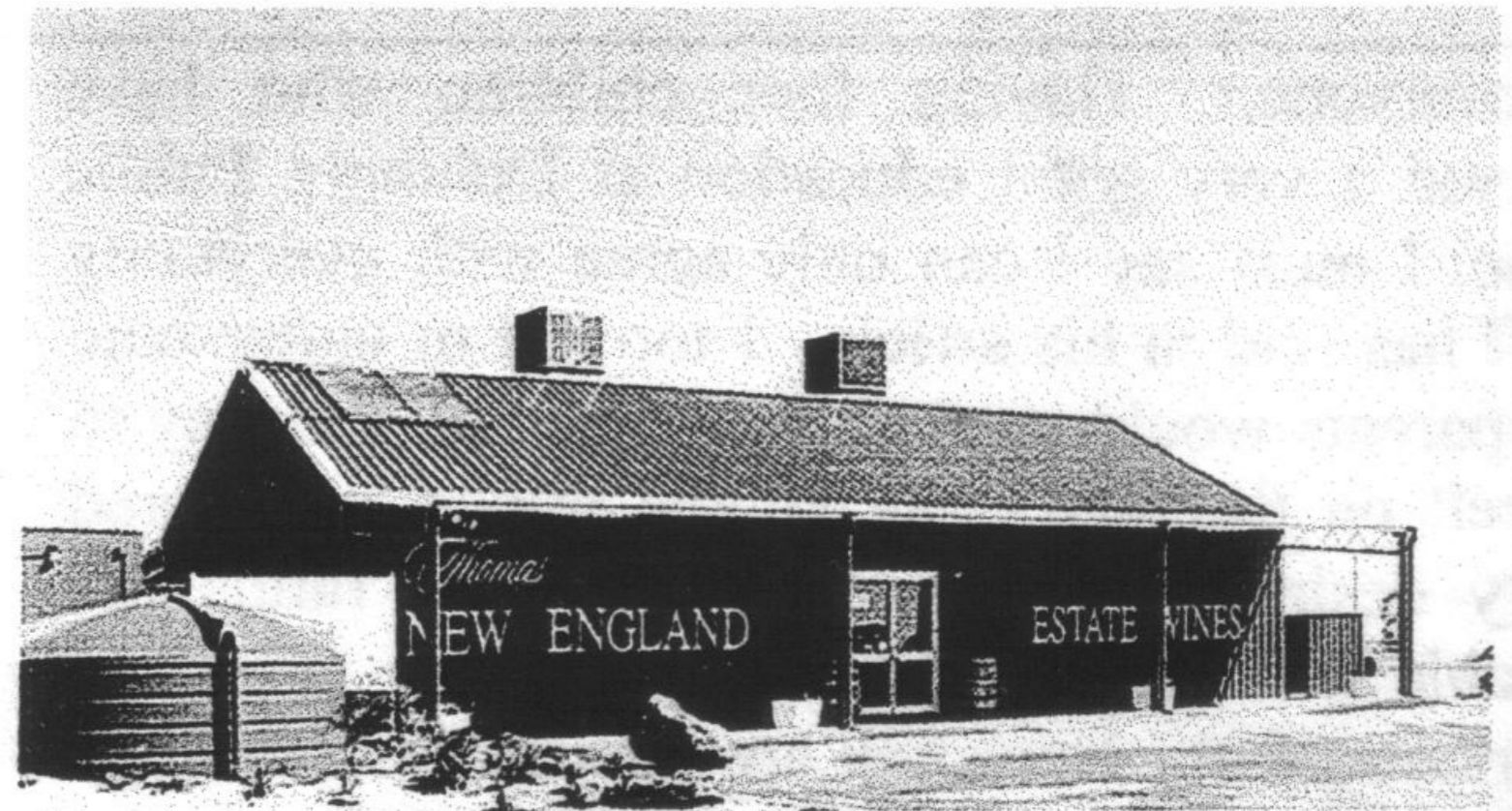
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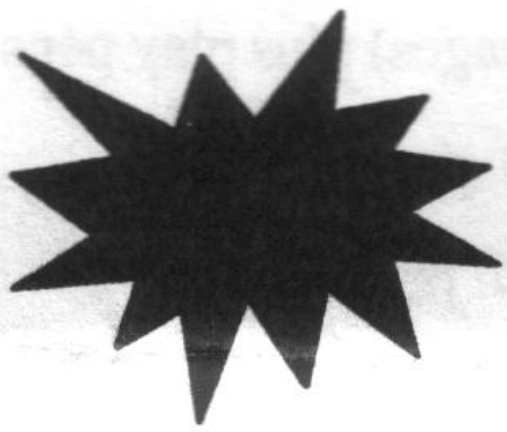
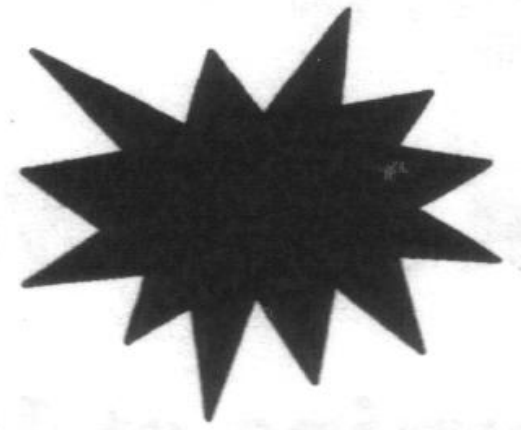
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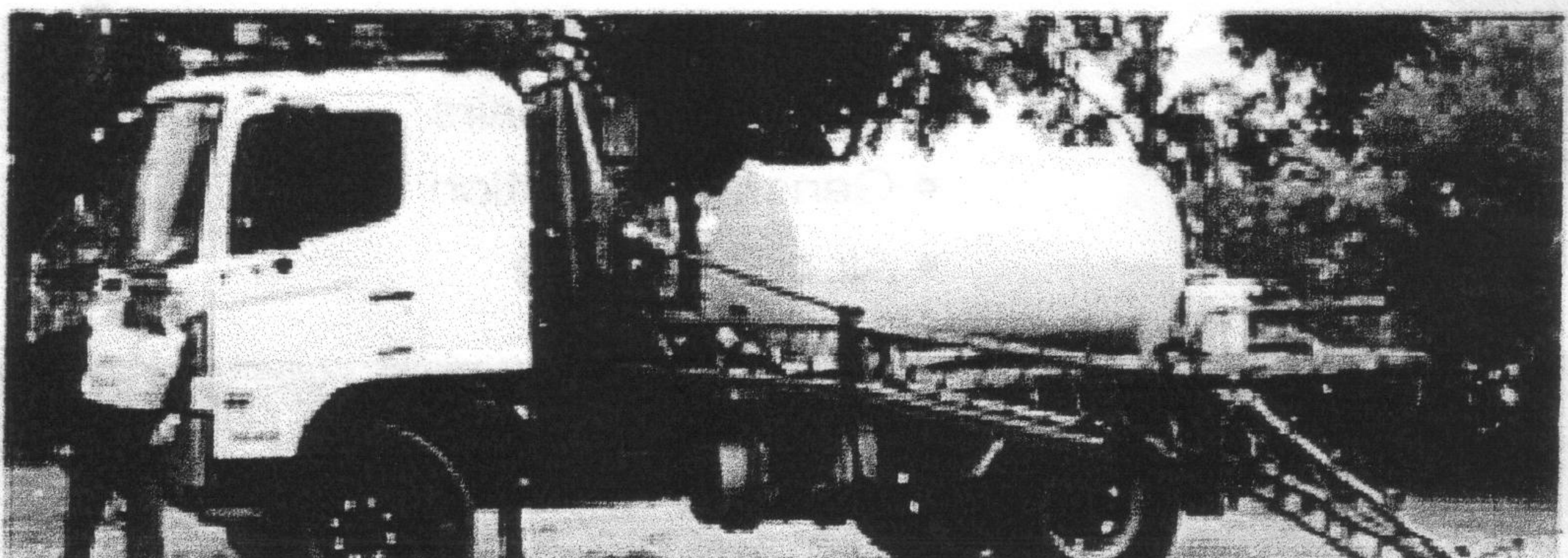
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- August 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Round Gobbell Jug  
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- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 11am Meeting – Flag Event
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Presidents Trophy
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Stableford – M/Mug
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – Stroke – Putt Score
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Final Gobbell Jug
- September 12<sup>th</sup> - 11am Meeting Par Putt Score
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Harris Seeds – Ambrose
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Flag Event – M/Mug

Delungra Golf Championships were played in July.

Winners: Club Champion – Gordon Dean 217

Gross

B Grade winner: Kevin Ballinger 243

R/U Wayne Fairley 254

C Grade winner: Keith Savage 286

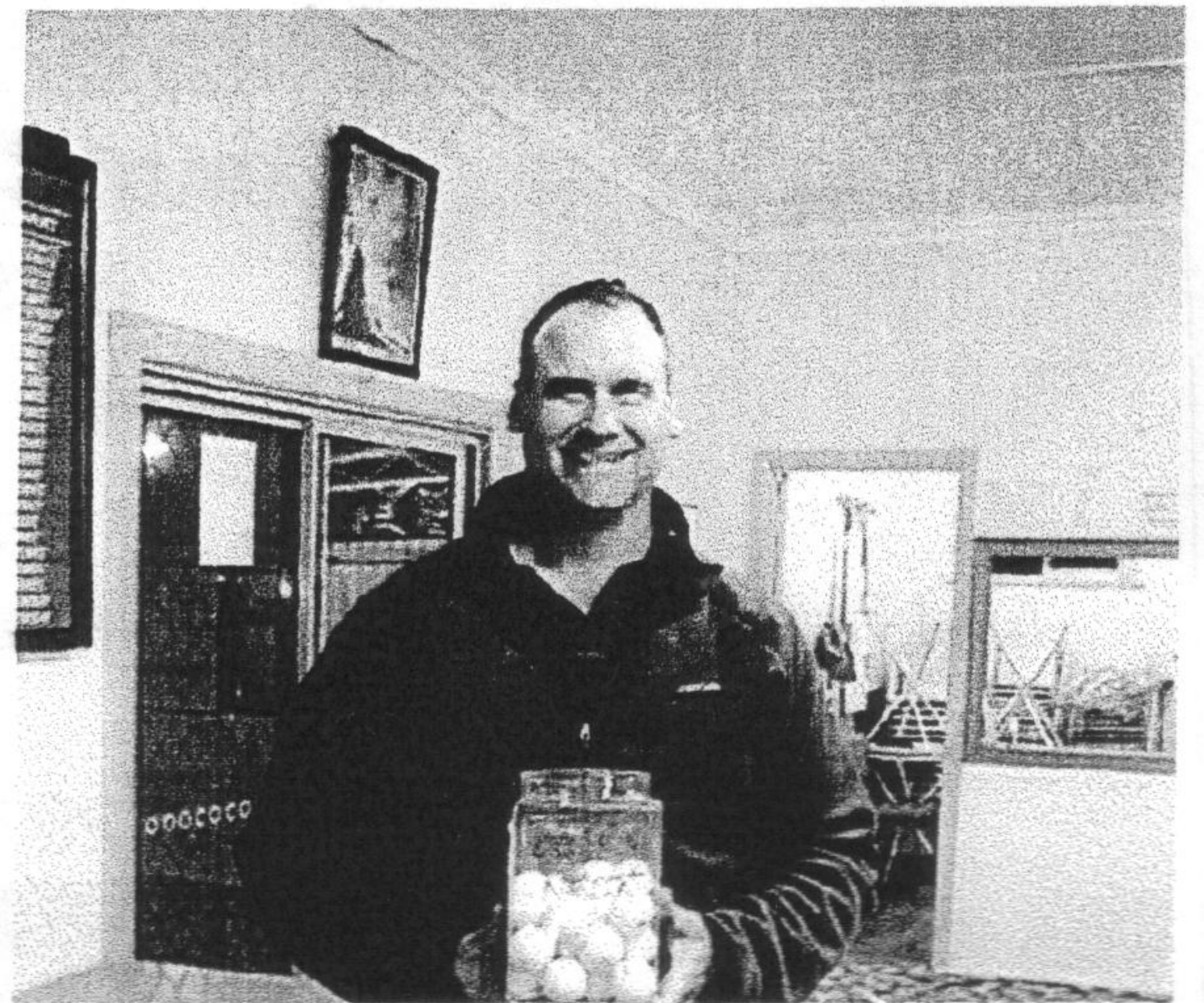
R/U Stewart Cole 287

Congratulations to Stewart Cole having an Eagle on the Par5 hole.

Associates Champion – Marlene Ballinger 269

R/U Margaret Hewat 279

Marlene Ballinger also won the 54 hole nett with 204.



Stewart Cole with his 'Eagle' prize.

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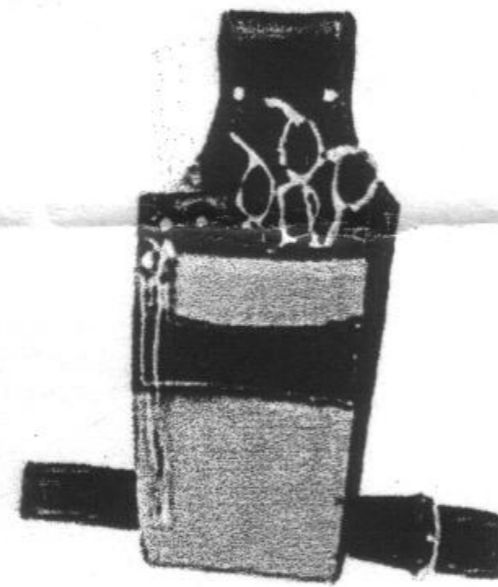
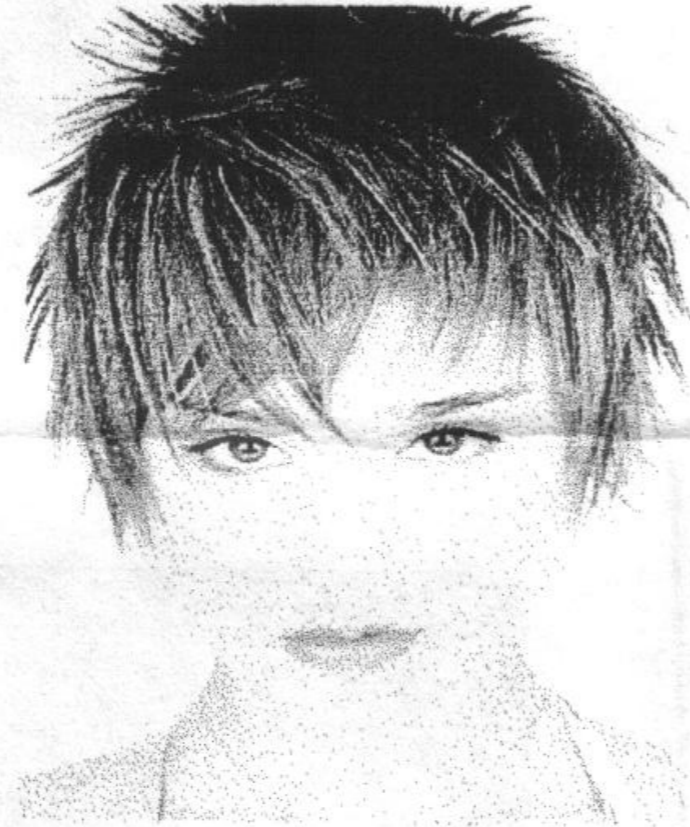
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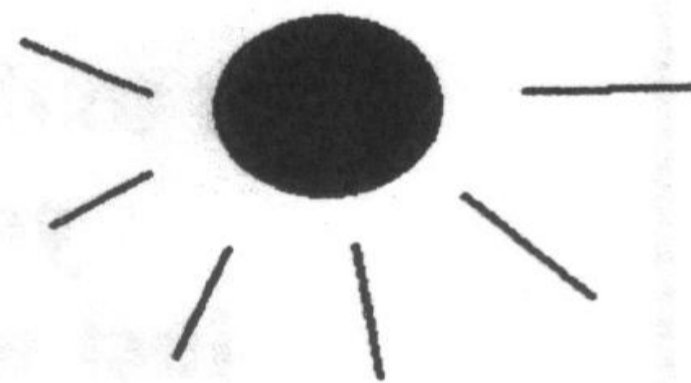
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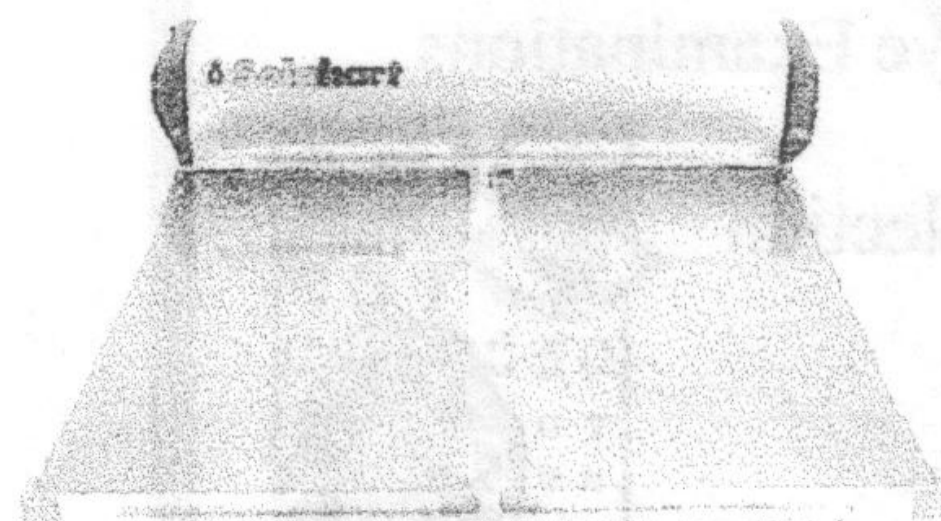
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We have also completed hazard reduction burns around town, which will ensure added safety in the event of any nearby breakouts. We would like to thank the volunteers involved, and Delungra Hotel for preparing lunch for them.

Please be advised that a fire permit will be required for ANY lighting of fires, as of 1<sup>st</sup> August this year. Permit officers are: Leah Humphreys, Barry Taylor, Mark Douglas, Kent Warner or the Rural Fire Service.

We also remind you to check those smoke detectors and make sure you change your batteries regularly. Stay safe.

*Michelle Snare. Secretary.*

### Residents of Delungra Please Note

The next Meeting of the Australia Day Committee will not be held until the third Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, due to the absence of the Chairperson and vice-Chairman. The meeting will still commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Bowling Club.

*L Ogilvie. Secretary.*

## Australia Day Committee AGM

AT the recent Annual Meeting of the Australia Day Committee, Graeme Wright was elected as chairman, Tim Lloyd elected as Vice Chairman and Lorna Ogilvie elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Glad Dorrington was elected as Hall Marshall. Other positions will be allotted to volunteers as the time gets closer. You are invited to attend our meetings and advise us of what you would like to see happening at our very successful Australia Day Celebrations. Remember it is your day.

*L Ogilvie. Secretary.*

### **Delungra Historic Motor Club Inc.**

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 17/7/10.

All positions were filled. A sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all, and we welcome our new members.

*Russell Kohen, President*

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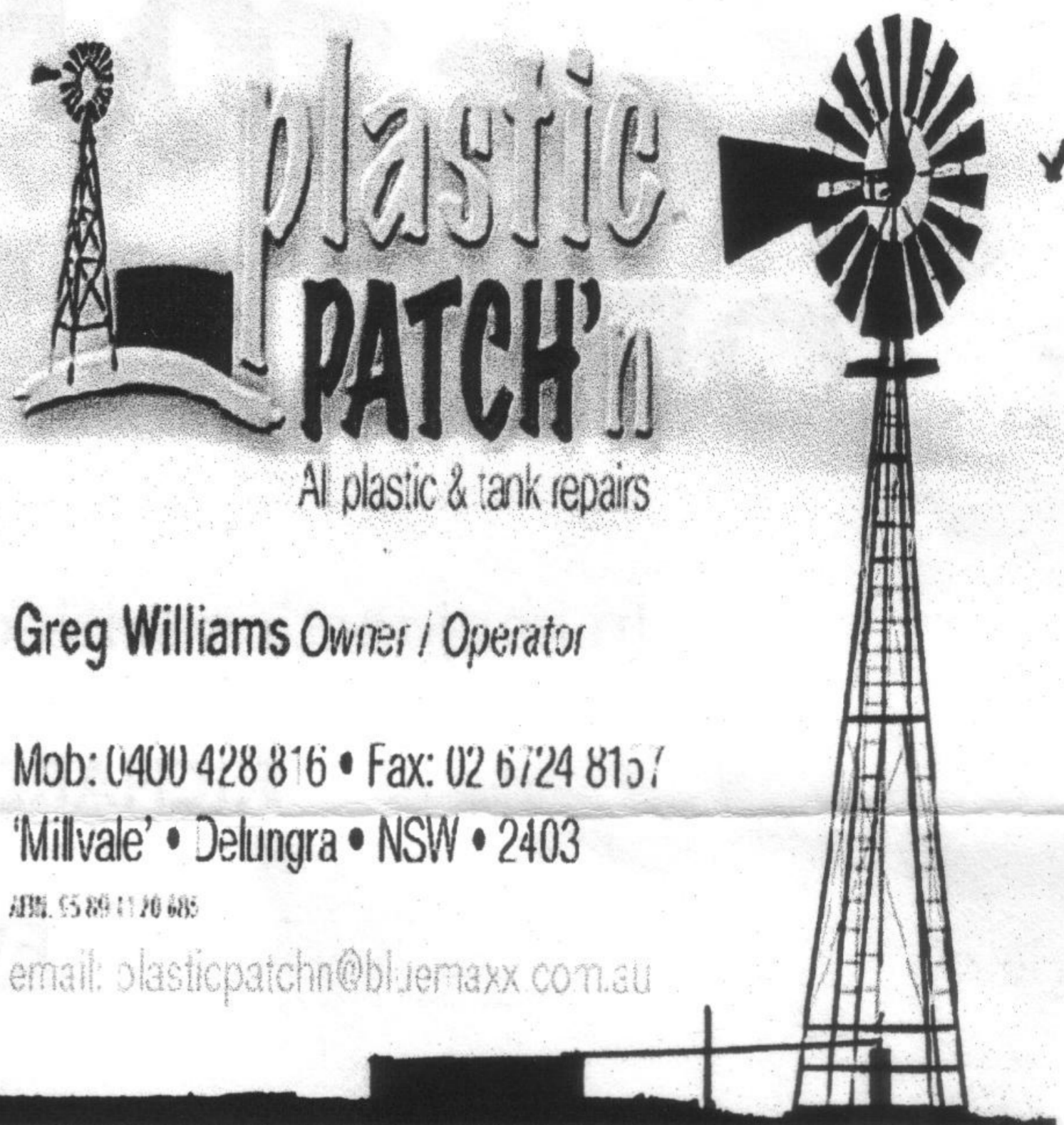
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