

TUBBUT TATTLER

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Tubbut Neighbourhood House
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Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Kevin Parker 1942-2025



Kevin was born in Melbourne in 1942. He and his family subsequently moved to Echuca where his mother had a dress shop. Kevin and his brother Philip spent much time around rivers, fishing and hunting with their father.

Kevin studied architecture at the RMIT, and later began his architectural illustration career, working for many of the top architects in Australia.

His life-long passion for the bush and rivers led Kevin, with his partner Joanna, to buy "Springfields" at Deddick in 1990.

Kevin rendered a detailed set of drawings of the iconic McKillop's Bridge and exhibited these in 2003 at the Gippsland Art Gallery (Sale), along with pastel drawings of fire-affected local landscape following the extensive bushfires of 2003.

His love for drawing and painting the awe-inspiring landscapes all around him, has led to successful exhibitions in Sale, Orbost, Castlemaine, Cooma, and Bairnsdale.

Kev died on November 6th, 2025 at the Bairnsdale Hospital following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

CLASSIFIEDS

Available for parties and anything—Tubbut pizza oven (Bonang Hall also has one available for public hire



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Rehabilitation and rescue of injured and orphaned native wildlife
Call Joe or Rena

0497200927
24 hours

Tattler Contributions: We welcome your articles, news, reports on local groups, photos from local events, milestones, interesting stories, poems, biographies, births, deaths, historical items, and more. *We also welcome any letters to the editors.*

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FOR HIRE

The Tubbut Neighbourhood House has the following for Hire:

Trailer—\$5.00 per day

Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day

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Laminator, recording VHS to DVD player, Laptop, tablet, digital photo scanner, convert photos, slides or negatives to digital, record records to USB

Delegate Multi-Purpose Service
11 Craigie St, Delegate
(02) 64598000

The Delegate MPS Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC)

ATCC

The Delegate MPS Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC) is not an Emergency Department, for all Emergency type presentations please proceed to the nearest Emergency Department at the Bombala MPS, or phone 000 for an Ambulance. The ATCC is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm, please call Delegate MPS (02) 64598000 to make an appointment. Outside of these hours, please consider if your presentation is an Emergency and therefore not for Delegate MPS.

Our nurse-led ATCC is offering:

- Wound Care
- Nursing Assessments
- Blood Pressure readings
- Blood Sugar readings
- Suture or Clip removal
- Injections with Doctors written order
- Other procedures that do not require a doctor

Pathology

Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am. No appointment necessary. Not available on public holidays

Other Community Health Services Available on request

- Dietician
- Diabetes Educator
- Immunisations
- Podiatry
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Community Health Nurse
- Women's Health Nurse

To refer to any of the above please ring Community Health Central Intake Team on
ph. 1800 999 880

Victorian Visits

Community Nurse Visits Victorian Clients every fortnight. For referral or information ring ORBOST Regional Health (03) 51546666 or Delegate Community Health Nurse on (02) 64598000

Handy Man available call Peter on 0492888057

Local Concreter—Tubbut and surrounds

All types of concrete work—slabs, driveways, paths, sheds, repairs and more

17 years experience

Contact: Jason 0413633255

Email: twojsconcreting@gmail.com

Tubbut Neighbourhood House

Xmas Card Making

Wednesday the 10th of
December at Tubbut
Neighbourhood House

\$10 for materials

BYO Lunch

Please let us know what sort of activities you would like to see in the new year.
It would also be great if you would like to share your skills and teach a workshop.

Our last community lunch
for the year will be on the
17th of December at the
Supper Room in Tubbut
See you there.

Regional Wellbeing Survey

<https://www.regionalwellbeing.org.au/>

It would be fantastic if we could get people doing this Regional Wellbeing Survey – if 100 people do it we can get a special report for our area.

The Neighbourhood House
will be closed from the 19th
of December and open again
on the 12th of January 2026

Word Search

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Tannenbaum
Jingle Bells
Miracle
Christmas
Magic
Scrooge

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Kris Kringle
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Naughty
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Mistletoe

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Sudoku

The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3×3 boxes. Visit www.sudokuoftheday.com for further tips and help about how to play – and good luck!"

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Wellness Space

The Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Space is a health clinic serving the communities of Goongerah, Tubbut and Bendoc.

Led by a community Nurse Care Coordinator, the clinic visits:

**Goongerah on Tuesdays
7023 Bonang Rd, Goongerah**

**Tubbut on Wednesdays
2584 McKillops Rd, Tubbut**

**Bendoc on Thursdays
Dowling Street, Bendoc**

**For more information or to make an appointment call
0456 167 011**

If you would like to book a time out of business hours, or if the Wellbeing Space day in your area does not suit you, the Community Nurse Care Coordinator may be able to arrange an appointment that is easier for you to attend.

Services include:

Health education

Health checks and health care plans

Telehealth appointments and support

Pathology

Wound care, dressings, suture removal

Urine analysis

Help filling medical forms, My Aged Care and Home Care Packages

Hosting service providers such as GPs, Women's Health Nurse

Mental health support via referral

Help navigating health services

Other services will be added as they become available.

If you have any questions about the services available at the Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces call 0456 167 011.

FROM ISOLATION TO ACCESS

How the Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces changed healthcare



ERRINUNDRA TO SNOWY
WELLBEING SPACES
Tubbut Bendoc Goongerah

BEFORE

Delayed or avoided care due to cost, distance, and time

"For decades, people here faced a stark choice: travel hours on dangerous roads or go without."



AFTER

Local, timely, proactive care

"If it wasn't for [the nurse]... my partner could have lost her leg. It saved her leg."

Social and emotional isolation

"People don't talk to each other much these days... After the fire, everyone kind of looks after themselves."



Connection, trust, and hope

"This is bringing the community together... Even people who hadn't spoken to each other for years, I saw them talking to each other in the waiting room."

Limited service and technology access

"We are not particularly computer savvy, but if we had opportunities to have face-to-face videoconferencing health things, I think that could be handy."



Reliable access and telehealth support

"Got to sit down with [the nurse] and do telehealth with Dr [name of GP], get the bloods and pathology, that was super handy."

Poor experiences with distant providers

"You travel a long distance, wait in a waiting room with sick people, and then the doctors tend to just stare at their computer and want to get you out quick."



Positive, respectful care

"When professionals visit us up here... you're the reason they're there, so they are present with you."

UPDATE FROM TAMA - E2S Service Liaison Coordinator

The E2S Wellness Project is finishing off the year with resounding success! A huge thank you to everyone who has visited the Nurses and Specialists. Without your attendance, we will lose this service and have to go back to driving for hours to health appointments or not go at all and allow our bodies to go into disrepair. The energy surrounding the project is contagious and now we have three Nurses onboard and a variety of health specialists wanting to come up and add years to our lives with the treatments they can offer that will also improve our wellbeing. Sorry to those who missed out on the skin checks this year, there should be more next year though.

I am working on next year's calendar which will contain dates of visits from the Nurses, Doctor, Skin specialist, Pathology, Acupuncturist, Physiotherapist, Chiropractor and Wellness through Art -basket weaving. We are in dialogue with a Podiatrist, Dentist, Women's Health Practitioner and Hearing Specialist, hoping to lock them into coming also.

I've loved having chats with some of you, both in person and on the phone. such a witty, resilient and astute group of residents up here! I'm looking forward to more of that next year. Please let me or Birgit know of any suggestions you may have or to express interest in any of these services.

Mobile: 0448 639 754 Email: tama.green@orh.com.au Workdays: Tuesday & Wednesday

Wellness Space

Acupuncture is coming to E2S Wellness Spaces!

Tubbut 3rd December – Morning

Bendoc 3rd December – Afternoon

Goongerah 4th December - Morning

What is acupuncture -

Professional acupuncture and Chinese medicine services tailored to your unique health needs. Our treatments support general wellbeing and assist in the management of a wide range of symptoms including:

Musculoskeletal pain (e.g., back, neck, joints)

Headaches and tension

Fatigue and low energy

Sleep disturbances

Digestive complaints

Menstrual and hormonal imbalances

Stress-related symptoms.



Every treatment begins with a detailed consultation based on the principles of Chinese medicine.

Meet Michelle -

Michelle Carroll brings 30 years of clinical experience in healthcare. Michelle's experience spans a career as a Paramedic, Naturopath and Acupuncturist. She has a Bachelor of Health Science in both Natural Medicine and Paramedicine, and a Master of Applied Science in Acupuncture.

"My approach is rooted in a deep understanding of natural medicine and a commitment to personalised care. My goal is to collaborate with you, removing blockages that hinder your body's ability to achieve optimal health.

I have a special interest in pain management, mental health, and complex chronic conditions."

Bookings can be made by calling Tama on 0448 639 754 or through your local Neighbourhood House.

Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces

December 2025



Services include:

Health education

Telehealth appointments and support

Urine analysis

Help navigating health services

Help filling medical forms, My Aged Care and Home Care Packages

And more ...

If you have any questions about call 0456 167 011.

Here is some of what we offer

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy start to 2026

Dear Errinundra to Snowy Community Members,

The E2S Team would like to thank you for your support for the Nursing Service in 2025. It is always a pleasure to work with and for you and we would love to welcome you to the Service in 2026 if you haven't tried it before. Come in and have a chat and find out the many ways we can support your health. Specialists are booked for 2026 visits.

Birgit (Nurse Care Coordinator) 0456 167 011

Tama (Admin Coordinator) 0448 639 754

Compliments/Complaints feedback@erh.com 03 5154 6666

Christmas Break Where / When

- Goongerah
2025 last day – 9th December
2026 first day – 6th January
- Bendoc
2025 last day – 11th December
2026 first day – 8th January
- Tubbut
2025 last day – 10th December
2026 first day – 7th January



Here to Support our Communities

Operates fortnightly in each community – please check the Tubbut Tattler and Bendoc Wheel for updates

Put this on your Fridge 😊

Dates for the rest of 2025

Nurse Birgit Tubbut 10th Dec
Bendoc 11th Dec

Nurse Lachlan Bendoc 4th Dec
Goongerah 9th Dec

Skin Check Tubbut (Morning) 8th Dec
Bendoc (Afternoon) 8th Dec

Acupuncturist Tubbut (Morning) 3rd Dec
17th Dec

Bendoc (Afternoon) 3rd Dec
17th Dec

Goongerah (Morning) 4th Dec
18th Dec



The Big Bonang Arvo

The Big Bonang 2025 Celebrates Community Spirit and Support

The Big Bonang event, held on 14 November 2025 at the Bonang Hall, proved to be a huge success, bringing together local organisations, health services, volunteers, and community members for an evening of connection, support, and celebration. Throughout the event, there was a steady stream of residents accessing the on-site doctor and nurse, ensuring that vital health support remained easily available to the remote Errinundra to Snowy district community. A wide range of community organisations also attended, offering information, services, and friendly faces.

Represented on the day were:

- CFA
- East Gippsland Shire Council staff
- Councillor Travaskis
- Mayor John White
- Tama Green and the Equine Therapy ponies
- St Vincent de Paul
- The Mental Health and Wellbeing Local
- Orbost Regional Health
- Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces Nurse
- Local artists' corner
- Tubbut Neighbourhood House
- Physiotherapy services
- Forest Fire Management DEECA
- La Trobe Regional Health
- Women's Health Nurse

Together, these groups created a vibrant hub of support and resources for residents, reinforcing how collaboration strengthens community resilience.

As evening approached, attendees enjoyed a delicious community dinner, giving locals the chance to relax, catch up, and share stories. The night ended on a high note with lively entertainment from local band the Snowy Jammers, whose music brought energy and warmth to the gathering.

The 2025 Big Bonang once again showcased the strength, spirit, and unity of the region — a reminder that even in a remote part of East Gippsland, community connection thrives. We at the Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Big Bonang 2025! We would like to acknowledge and thank the Gippsland Community Foundation who supported us with funding to organise and deliver the Big Bonang.



News from the Shire

Pedal power: Business Support Voucher Program shifts Snowy River Cycling up a gear

Earlier this year, Orbost-based business Snowy River Cycling received support through the East Gippsland Shire Council's Business Support Voucher Program. For owner-operator Michelle Webb, the program was not just helpful – it was a turning point.

"I genuinely believe this has been one of the most impactful initiatives to come out of the Forestry Transition Fund for small business owners," Michelle said.

"Navigating the Timber Transition Fund on your own can be daunting, especially when you're also the person running the business day-to-day. The voucher program was that missing link between local business owners and the State Government: it bridged the gap."

The program provides tailored, one-on-one professional support from local service providers, helping businesses build clarity, resilience and long-term growth. The program is by referral only and designed to support applicants of the DEECA transition fund.

Vouchers can be used to access advice in areas including business planning, financial management, marketing and operational support, as well as assistance to prepare applications for Forestry Transition Fund grants.

"Being connected with local mentors who understand our region made all the difference. The program wasn't just about developing business tools – it was about bringing clarity to what we wanted to achieve and how to get there."

Through the program, Michelle worked with local advisors, Stephen and Leecia Angus of Snowy Advisory, to develop a three-year strategic plan, which positioned her to successfully apply for support through the Victorian Government's Forestry Transition Program and ultimately allowed her to purchase an enclosed bike trailer and four e-bikes, expanding her guided cycling experiences across East Gippsland.

"This support gave me the ability to scale sustainably- to grow in a way that still holds onto our values of authenticity, service and local connection," Michelle said.

"Without the mentoring I received, I wouldn't be where I am now."

When asked what she hopes Council will continue to invest in, Michelle is clear:

"If we want to strengthen our local economy, it's not just about backing small businesses financially- it's about giving them the practical tools to succeed. And that comes from one-on-one, tailored mentoring. That's where real growth happens.

"Not another webinar. Not another generic workshop. Real conversations with people who listen, understand, and guide. I'm [really thankful](#) for this program. It helped me believe in the future of my business and the region we work in. That kind of support goes a long way."

The Business Support Voucher Program remains open to small businesses across East Gippsland and continues to play an important role in strengthening local economies, supporting transition and fostering new opportunities for growth. Details can be found on Council's website, eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/business-support-voucher-program or by contacting the Economic Development team on (03) 5153 9500.

Jodie Ashworth new East Gippsland Mayor

Paynesville's Jodie Ashworth has been elected Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.

First elected as Councillor in 2024, Cr Ashworth brings experience in small business, tourism, maritime operations, financial counselling, conciliation or dispute resolution, and volunteerism to the role.

In 2023, Cr Ashworth was awarded a scholarship to the Women Leading Locally program, an initiative of the Victorian Government to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria. Cr Ashworth has also completed a certificate in Community Leadership and Governance (Local Government).

"Being elected Mayor of East Gippsland is a privilege, and I accept this role with determination and a clear commitment to serve our community. I am honoured by the trust my fellow Councillors have placed in me," Cr Ashworth said.

"I am proud to call East Gippsland home. I have raised my family here, built businesses here, and worked alongside people through some of the toughest moments in our region's history."

Cr Tom Crook was elected Deputy Mayor. Cr Crook has been a Councillor since 2020 and served as Mayor in 2023-24 (the final year of the previous Council).

Cr Ashworth congratulated Cr Crook on his appointment, and thanked the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Crs John White and Sonia Buckley, for their service over the past 12 months.

"I am committed to a term of strong governance, respectful behaviour, transparency and informed decision-making that aligns with community priorities as reflected in the Council Plan," Cr Ashworth said.

"I will lead with honesty, integrity, courage and independence. I believe I can bring people together, focus on solutions, and lead with fairness and a clear vision for our shire. We may come from different backgrounds and see issues differently, but our diverse knowledge, skills and experience is what makes this Council group strong.

"We must make decisions not just for the next budget cycle, but for the next generation. My commitment is to plan strategically for a financially sustainable, future-focused East Gippsland that is positioned strongly for decades to come."

Both Crs Ashworth and Crook thanked their fellow councillors for the confidence placed in them and expressed their commitment to working collaboratively, as a team, to represent the region.

Council CEO Fiona Weigall congratulated Crs Ashworth and Crook on their appointments and thanked Crs White and Buckley for their contribution.

"Our team looks forward to working with our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and the wider Council to achieve the best outcomes for our community. I wish you every success in your term of office."

News from the Shire

Council sets clear path for waste reform with new 10-year plan

A long-term shift toward a circular economy is now underway across East Gippsland, with councillors adopting a new 10-Year Waste and Recycling Services Transition Plan.

East Gippsland Shire Council's plan for the coming decade outlines a staged approach to modernising waste and recycling services across the shire, with a focus on reliability, fairness, and cost-effective delivery.

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth said the plan reflects the views put forward by locals.

"Our community is passionate about protecting the environment and making the most of our resources," Cr Ashworth said. "By planning ahead and investing wisely, Council will deliver reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible services."

The framework is designed to reduce waste, lift recycling rates, and guide investment in infrastructure that supports a circular economy.

Key actions endorsed are:

- Introducing a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service from 2027, alongside planning for glass recycling as mandated under Victorian Government reforms.

- Expanding kerbside collections to more households, including rural areas.

- Planning for booked hard-waste collections to help households responsibly dispose of bulky items and reduce illegal dumping.

- Investing in new facilities, including a proposed organics composting site.

- Ensuring services remain available, accessible and affordable through delivery models that reflect community benefit, current usage, and changing needs.

- Supporting waste reduction, resource recovery, social enterprise partnerships and the establishment of local reuse programs.

- Helping households recycle more and send less to landfill, easing cost pressures on Council and community.

More than 900 residents contributed to the plan through surveys, drop-ins and targeted consultation. Community feedback consistently highlighted the need for improved recycling options, expanded kerbside services and education. Ongoing engagement will continue as the staged actions are implemented.

The mayor added that the plan also sets the region up to manage rising waste costs in a fair and practical way.

"Council offers a broad range of waste and recycling services to support large and smaller communities. Our aim is to ensure we provide services that are accessible, affordable and align with the needs of our community now and in the future," she said.

For more information about East Gippsland Shire Council's waste services, visit Council's website

East Gippsland comes together for 16 Days of Activism

East Gippsland is standing united this November and December to raise awareness and act against gender-based violence. From 25 November to 10 December, communities across the region and around the world will join the global movement calling for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

East Gippsland Shire Council is proud to support this important campaign, which this year in Victoria centres on the theme 'A violence-free Victoria: It all starts with respect'. This message reflects the values we want to see embedded across our community.

Respect, connection, and community spirit lie at the heart of making our region a safer place for everyone.

To mark the start of the 16 Days of Activism, Council's Corporate Centre will glow orange at dusk on 25 November, symbolising hope for a brighter future free from violence. An art installation will also highlight the campaign, encouraging reflection and conversation throughout the community.

Across Council's service centres and libraries, staff will proudly wear "Hands Up for Respect" t-shirts and share information about support services available to anyone affected by violence.

In partnership with the East Gippsland Community Safety Committee, Partners in Violence Prevention, and other key agencies, a variety of local activities will bring people together, culminating in a Twilight Community Colour Fun Event and community BBQ on Friday 5 December in Bairnsdale. This inclusive celebration is a chance for the community to connect, share, and show that respect is more than a message – it's something we live every day.

Together, we can make East Gippsland a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

Join us in taking a stand because a stronger, safer community starts with all of us.

The Local Rag

ALF MATTHEWS TELLS...

In 1956, when Min and Frank Matthews lived in the "old house" at Warm Corners (which was put up in a week according to a neighbour, and transplanted from a boggy spot to a not-so-boggy spot..), I had stayed with them. I rode the old half-draft horse Dick up the gully to Gilchrist's house (now on Manning's property, derelict.) which was then a decent three-roomed house.

I was intending to get some wattle-bark and hickory bark, but that night, I had a blackout, and rolled into the fire. When I came to, pretty badly burnt, I walked towards Clem and Dulcie's, then changed course and walked back to Min's. Had to stay 2 months in Delegate hospital, Jim Cameron drove me in, and I was well looked after there.

But, sorry to say, the old horse Dick got thrush in his feet, and Wally Matthews shot him. You can still see his bones up in the gully no doubt. He was a very good horse, half-human really. He used to harrow and plough, and he also worked for Frank Nevens at his Rising Sun Mill, pulling out silver wattle, which was then made into boxes I believe.

The hickory trees made excellent tool handles, shafts and so on. I used to work for Alan Taylor from Eden, sleeper-cutting with a broad-axe.. still got it too, if you want to learn to use it! Sleepers were 8"x 9" x 4½", and generally about 8' long. Timbers that were good for sleepers were box, stringy, gums, ash. I cut quite a lot out of the Warm Corners place.

On those flats there. Min and Frank grew good crops of carrots, parsnips, peas and tomatoes. Charlie Simpson grew good potatoes and pumpkins over on that sheltered flat you have the tip on. He also had good lucerne on that gully paddock the road loops around. But later on he couldn't manage to keep the stock off it. His son just let it go.

Since the ~~barn~~, I have been pretty low. A man needs company. Joyce Simpson was a lovely girl, used to give me things I needed, like a shaving brush, socks, you know... The new people coming into the Tubbut area strike me as very friendly people. It will be good for the community. As for their buildings, I think they should be left alone to build what they require for their own needs, at their discretion, like our pioneer fathers did. *told by Fiona.*



The Local Rag
October 1982
Issue 43

The Local Rag

The Dellicknora School Saga: A Beginning.

Someone to the area will probably find it difficult to imagine a Dellicknora populated by quite a few large families: five children was a fairly small family 50 years ago.

Where a clump of non-native trees can be seen, you can be fairly sure there was a house, the hills ringing with the cries and shouts of children. Fire has accounted for many of them, and people's memories are the only source of most of our local history.

Eleven years ago, when we arrived in the area, the Post Office was still operating out of the lovely little white house on the corner of Hobbs Road. (Kaus' place)

At that time, the Dellicknora School was operating in a bone fide school, the building having been moved from Delagata River about 4 years before. Pam, Lyn and Chris Cameron were attending the same school their mother had attended some 25 years earlier. 1972 was the last year for the Dellicknora school, in its third generation, and a few years later, the building and small plot of land were sold, by the lands department to Fred Kirk, its present owner.

It seems unlikely that there will ever be another school opened at Dellicknora, in these days of smaller families, and an Education Department which prefers a more centralised school, but you never know. Birth control methods may be outlawed, gold may be discovered.

The latest Dellicknora school was the third. The first school had been down the bottom of the first hill up Hobbs Road; it had been attended by Ted Ingram, Noel Hobbs, Sylvia Ingram and their generation. Some children walked from the Bonang area to attend, carrying their boots.

The second school was in the Dellicknora Hall building, under the pines, next to Alan Cameron's current cattle yards. About 50 years ago, it was being attended by the parents of the third generation school: Alan Cameron and his brothers and sisters, Jim and his brothers and sister, and others, which investigation will no doubt discover.

The third and final school began at Tellicura, the house which Alan and Sandy later had added to and renovated to live in. The first teacher was Tony Orb, in about 1964.

Followed by

Gordon Porter

Hon Dawson

Greg Curtin (now at B'dale)

In 1968, the school was moved into the schoolhouse, and the first teacher there was the wife of an earlier one: Maria, wife of Hon Dawson, who was teaching at Goongerah while she taught at Dellicknora. She was followed by David Stevens, who provided the photo. The final teacher was Eric Duggan, a state wide reliever, who stayed just long enough to close the school down. The Tellicura went to Tubbut, the shelter shed to Sonang, and the Tubbut teacher at that time, Brian Pomeroy picked some of the children up to attend Tubbut.



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