

# IDEAL

## Community News

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**RECYCLE:** We have recently sold 554.70 Kg of aluminium cans, receiving \$523.80, half going to Grounds Committee and half to the Uniting Church.

The total money that has gone back into the community from the sale of product and the Moira Shire contribution is just over \$15,000 since we started at the end of 2002. Sometimes it seems to be too much work involved for the return, but taken overall that return from something that would otherwise be waste makes it more worthwhile continuing. But we would ask that care is taken to only include what we can sell, we are not a recycling/waste service as such. Please ensure only aluminium cans (no steel, if a magnet sticks it is steel). Plastics No 1 and 2 only, glass bottles/jars (no window glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs etc). Lids off and food rinsed out. Thanks for the continued support of the program. Contact Brown's 58655242, 982 Shepp/Katy Rd or email [toadbrown1@bigpond.com](mailto:toadbrown1@bigpond.com)

**GROUND'S COMMITTEE:** Pres. Max Wright 58655026, Sec. Dot Brown 58655242, Treas. Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Denise McLarty 58655268.

**Community Evening - January 30<sup>th</sup>** A pleasant evening was spent outside consuming BBQ, and listening and dancing to the music supplied by the Ballyregan Bush Band. **The Community Award** was presented to Neville Brown in appreciation of his contribution to the Invergordon community over many years in various roles.

**Moira Shire Small Grant:** We were successful in our application for \$2,500 towards the installation of solar power for the community rooms.

**Committee Members:** The 3 year term for the committee ends this year, we would like to hear from anyone willing to consider contributing to the community by accepting nomination for the Committee of Management.

**Vandalism:** Several acts of vandalism at the Community Centre have been carried out recently which has upset the volunteers who maintain this wonderful facility. Everyone is urged to be vigilant so as to protect this, and other important community assets.

**SOLAR VALLEY GOES SOLAR:** Invergordon are combining with Numurkah to host an explanation night about the new bulk buying scheme that is being proposed by the above group. The Grounds Committee are considering this option for solar power for the community rooms. **Date February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Further details in local papers/TV.

**TENNIS CLUB:** We have received some interest in forming a ladies mid week team in the Shepparton competition. The competition has already commenced but another will commence in July/August. Four ladies are required, playing Tuesday afternoon starting at 1.00pm or Thursday morning 9.30am. Please contact Trudi Kennedy on 58655182, Peter/Linda Carkeek 58655186 or Nev Brown 58655242.

Winter Saturday tennis commences in May going through to August and requires 3 ladies & 3 men. This is a doubles competition with a number of grades, teams being graded according to ability. Please contact Carkeek's or Brown's.

We have good courts & facilities for tennis & it would be great to once again have teams playing competition. Don't be put off by the word competition as all grades are catered for.

**UNITING CHURCH:** Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Service - Katamatite – February & April, Invergordon - March. We have installed 3 small second hand air conditioners purchased with some of the money received from the recycle program.

The dinner/PSA held at the end of November was very successful and enjoyable. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 58655209.

**YOUANMITE CWA:** The first meeting of the year was held on February 4 and the 13 members present delighted in listening to the rain on the roof of the Youanmite Hall. The local branch will host the Central Murray Group Conference at the hall on Wednesday, February 24 commencing at 9.30am. Guest speaker will be Jean Black from the CWA's Social Issues Committee who will outline some of the issues the CWA is campaigning on to assist country people. Competitions for the conference include making clothes for premature babies (which will be donated to a maternity hospital), decorated coathangers (which will be sold with proceeds directed to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre) and red jam (to be used for functions at CWA headquarters). Each branch will also vye for the Henderson Cup (public speaking) and the Wellington Cup (best three articles of craft). The first Youanmite Craft day will be held on Monday, February 22 at the hall from 10.30am with the theme being UFO (any craft project). The branch was thrilled to hear of the success of three of its members in the Murray Marathon in December. June Field, Jenny Moodie and Gillian Lawless finished second in their section. For information about CWA please contact Linda Gillespie 58285203, Dorothy Down 58285206 or Alma Chapman 58285236. **PRELIMINARY NOTICE:** The annual luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 23 at the Youanmite Hall with stalls and entertainment provided.

**GIRLS! GATHER & GOSSIP:** Moira Shire in conjunction with local health services will host a Women's Health Day at Numurkah Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2 from 9.30am-3pm. Guest speakers will impart a wealth of information on various topics including women's health issues, relaxation, relationships and parenting. Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to Numurkah Community Health 58 620560 by February 22.

**MOBILE LIBRARY:** The Goulburn Valley Regional Library Service's mobile library visits Invergordon each fortnight from 9.30-11am and parks outside the primary school. Upcoming dates are March 4 & 18, April 1, 15 & 29. Membership of the library service is free.

**INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB:** Pony Club commenced the year with a casual trail ride on Sunday, February 14. The next rally dates are March 14 & April 11 at the Pony Club grounds, corner Youanmite & Centre Roads, Invergordon. Pony Club offers a safe environment for young horse enthusiasts to learn more about riding and the care of their horses. New members are always welcome. For information contact DC Sarah Campbell 0437 251575 or secretary, Jenny Lia 58 299512.

**INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Students and staff have had an enthusiastic start to the school year at Invergordon Primary with an exciting program of learning planned for 2010.

We welcomed four new preps along with a grade five student from a family new to the area and all have settled quickly into school life.

Our principal, Marc Baker is teaching grades 3-6 while Cheryl Thomas is in charge of the prep-2 class. Trevor Mills is teaching the senior students each Friday during first term and all staff have the support of our dedicated aides Bev Pearce and Aleasha Appo, volunteer Rose Parish and business manager, Andrea Schifferle.

Staff commenced the year with three professional development days where they gained further valuable skills which will be put to use in the classroom and schoolyard. Traditional learning areas of literacy and numeracy are complemented by other study realms including science/technology, cooking/gardening, music, language (Italian) and sport. The school is also visited by specialist teachers for art and library thus providing a well-rounded curriculum.

The school is now the proud owner of a bright, new banner which will be used at sports days and other school functions. The banner was created by Geoff Wilson who has two grandchildren attending the school. Geoff has a strong association with Invergordon having coached the Invergordon Hawks Football Club during the 1970's.

Parents' Club will continue to be active in fundraising and supporting the school during 2010. Coming up they will conduct the Bunnings Community BBQ on Sunday, March 14 which should prove a profitable exercise. We were also successful in gaining a Small Volunteers Grant of \$4500 to purchase a trailer barbecue which will make life much easier when catering for clearing sales. All money raised by parents club is used to provide additional resources for the students and to help offset the cost of excursions and camps.

The school is a vital part of the Invergordon community. As well as providing an excellent education to the district's children it also opens its doors and welcomes others to attend events such as the ANZAC Day service and Biggest Morning Tea.

Thanks to Greg and Carol at the Invergordon Store who make space on their notice board for our weekly newsletter to keep the community updated on our wonderful school.

**INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB:** With three weeks of competition remaining the club's E grade team is virtually assured of a final's berth while the C & D grade teams are a slim chance of playing in Cricket Shepparton's finals fixtures. Training is held every Thursday from 5.30pm at the grounds. New players and supporters are always welcome. For information contact Brian Thurston 58283291 or Peter Wright 0417 438606.

**INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP:** Invergordon Community Group comprises representatives from the Moira Shire, DPI and local organisations. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis with various issues of concern discussed and raised with the relevant authorities. Presently the group is keen to see improved signage/traffic islands placed at the Nathalia/Katamatite and Labuan Roads intersection along with improved drainage along Cosgrove Road. The next meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday, May 17 at 7pm. All welcome.

**INVERGORDON 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS:** Planning is continuing for the 50 year celebrations scheduled for October 2011. The event will mark 50 years of the allocation of blocks on the Invergordon settlement, the opening of the school on its present site and dedication of the church. It will also be 25 years since the time capsule was buried and this will be raised as part of the celebrations. Rosemary Kennett is compiling a history book and is seeking contributions from original settlers and their families, others who have at some time called Invergordon home and organisations and clubs which have operated here. Pieces for inclusion in the book should be forwarded to Rosemary as soon as possible. The organising committee is awaiting the outcome of a Local History Grant application, which if successful will, in part, fund the book. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis with the next scheduled for Monday, May 17 at 8pm at the Community Centre. Staging the back-to will be a large undertaking and will require the involvement of many people so please mark the date in your diary and come along as "many hands make light work"!

**COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Invergordon/Katandra West Community Church meets on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre. Meeting dates for the coming months are February 26, March 12 & 26 at 8pm and April 9 & 23 at 7.30pm. Contacts for the Community Church are Laurie & Sandra Morley 58655223, Rose Parish 58655151, Max Wright 0429138021, Mark & Lauri Rumble 58655228.

**INDOOR BOWLS:** The annual general meeting of the Invergordon Indoor Bowls Club will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday, March 14 at 8pm. Contact Joyce Crichton 58655523. All welcome.

**NEXT EDITION:** The next edition of the IDEAL newsletter will be published in April. News to [milkman44@bigpond.com](mailto:milkman44@bigpond.com) by Friday, April 9.