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CONGRATULATIONS: To Neville and Dot Brown who were the local area winners of the Moira Shire's Environment Project of the Year. The couple were nominated for their efforts in instigating and operating the Invergordon recycling program. During the many years the project ran countless tonnes of glass, plastics and aluminium cans were recycled instead of placed in landfill. Money raised benefitted the local community. Neville and Dot were presented with a certificate at the shire's Australia Day celebrations in Katamatite.

WANTED: While the Invergordon Community Group has initiated the 50 year "Back To" for the weekend of October 22-23, help is needed to plan the event. **A meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms to form a committee.** This committee would be only for this purpose and not be ongoing. All welcome, it would be good to have representation from all age groups regardless of length of time living in the area. A flyer will be delivered later on.

HISTORY BOOK: Rosemary Kennett has been doing a lot of work on compiling all the contributions for the book which will be launched at the "Back To"

MOIRA SHIRE WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION: Enclosed is a survey and reply paid envelope to return to the Shire regarding the extension of the Shire collection as marked on the map. An 80% acceptance is necessary for it to go ahead and if that 80% is reached everyone on the route will be charged for the service. Please take the time to reply.

RECYCLE PROGRAM BINS: We still have bins available if anyone would like some. There is a marked bin for aluminium cans only, if you wish to continue contributing those. Thank you - Dot & Neville Brown, 982 Shepp/Katty Rd. The Community Group nominated us for an Australia Day Environment Award. We were presented with a certificate at the Katamatite breakfast. Our thanks go to the community members who supported the program it couldn't have been done without that.

MOBILE LIBRARY: The Goulburn Valley Regional Library Service bookmobile visits Invergordon on a fortnightly basis (Thursdays) outside the primary school from 9.30 – 11am. Membership of the library service is free. The bookmobile will be in Invergordon on March 3, 17 & 31 and April 14 & 28. Please contact GVRLS 58 321600.

AMENDMENT TO SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME: Information sessions will be held to provide information regarding proposed amendments to the Planning Scheme which affects the minimum lot size for subdivision in farming zones. Moira Shire meetings will be at Waaia Recreation Reserve on March 9th 10.am to 3pm and Tungamah Community Centre on March 10th 10am to 3pm. There will also be a session at Katandra Reserve on March 2nd from 10am to 3pm.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: President. Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary.** Position unfilled at this stage. We would like to hear from anyone willing to take on the position. **Treasurer.** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Jenny Wright 0407531181. Unfortunately we have had some more vandalism which is very disappointing.

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Service - Invergordon – March & May (except for March 20th for Annual Parish Service at Katamatite) Katamatite – April. On Sunday April 10th Katamatite will be celebrating 50 years since their current church building was opened. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 58655209

INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS: The **AGM** will be held on **Sunday, March 20** at the Community Rooms at 8pm. The new season will commence in April with all past players invited to return along with any newcomers to the area. New members will be made most welcome and will be assisted with coaching if required. For more information contact Joyce Crichton (secretary) on 58655523.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB: Pony Club concluded the 2010 calendar year with a successful and well attended Christmas gymkhana in late November. Young riders and their horses participated in games, dressage, showing and show jumping events before the day concluded with a family BBQ and presentations. Unfortunately the first rally of this year, a casual trail ride was cancelled due to wet weather. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month at the club's grounds, corner Centre and Youanmite Roads, Invergordon. New members are always welcome to come along and learn valuable skills in the areas of riding and caring for their horses. For further information please contact DC Sarah Campbell on 0437 251575. Pony Club would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Rodney Clarke who kindly mowed the grounds prior to the gymkhana. It was much appreciated.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE: Free legal advice is offered at the Cobram Community House every Wednesday from 6-8pm. Services include general legal advice, statutory declarations, certification of documents etc. Appointments are not necessary.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: The school year has commenced with four new preps excitedly starting their education at Invergordon Primary. Once again principal, Marc Baker will teach grades 3-6 while Cheryl Thomas is taking the prep-grade 2 class. Bev Pearce continues in her role as teachers' aide and Andrea Schifferle in the office as Business Manager. The new kitchen/staffroom will be officially opened soon and has already proven to be a comfortable meeting place for Parents' Club which re-convened for the year last week. The kitchen has excellent facilities and will provide a functional workplace for the students to take part in a variety of subjects across the broad curriculum. Senior students have taken their leadership roles seriously by looking out for their young prep "buddies" and look forward to organising lunchtime activities for the whole school to enjoy. In the classroom students have been reinforcing their understanding of the school values: **friendship, respect, learning, responsibility and safety** and finding practical ways of implementing them on a daily basis. Parents' Club raised more than \$6000 last year which will be used to purchase educational resources for students as well as offset the costs of camps and excursions. The annual trades and services calendar was delivered to local properties prior to Christmas and was well received. The school would like to acknowledge the generosity of Eddy and James Rovers who constructed the new BBQ trailer. This was funded by a Small Volunteers Grant of \$4500 and will make life much easier when catering for large events. Coming up the school will run the Bunnings Community BBQ on March 6. The wider community is invited to attend the school throughout the year at various events including ANZAC Day ceremony, Biggest Morning Tea and Education Week Open day. Please keep your eyes open for information about these upcoming events. Invergordon Primary School offers a wonderful learning environment for its students with dedicated staff, modern facilities and up-to-date technological resources. Visiting specialist teachers and ancillary staff, an extensive camps and excursions program, involvement with other small rural schools and an after-school-care program give the Invergordon students many opportunities to develop their academic and social skills. If you are new to the area and require an information pack about our wonderful school please contact the office on 58655287. 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 school.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm (8pm during daylight savings). Upcoming dates are March 11 & 25 and April 8 & 22. All locals are invited to attend the Community Meal from 7pm on March 11. This will be an opportunity for everyone who lives in the area to get together and enjoy dinner and fellowship. For further information about this event or the Community Church please contact Rose Parish 58 655151.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: CWA members are busily preparing for the Group Conference to be held soon at the Cobram Senior Citizens' clubrooms. Competition sections include best fruitcake, jar of marmalade, babies' white knitted cardigan and crafted oven mitt. All entries will be forwarded to needy organisations. This year the Group Exhibition will be held at the Katamatite Hall from 9am-4pm on **Friday, April 1**. Entries will be taken in a variety of sections including cookery, preserves, needlework, knitting, crochet, crafts, pot plants and floral art and photography. There are classes for juniors and men but entrants must be CWA family members. Upcoming dates: Mystery Bus Trip on **Tuesday, April 12** (bookings to 58 285236 by April 4). Youanmite Hall Ball on **Friday, April 29**. Prizes for Star, Matron and Beau of the ball, music by Ian Stewart, lucky door prize and a delicious supper. Christmas in July and Dutch Auction on **Sunday, July 3**, bookings are a must to 58 285236. Proceeds from the ball and dinner will contribute to the upkeep and improvement of the hall. For further information about CWA contact 58 285236 or 58 285203 (craft).

COMMUNITY CONNECT: Goulburn Community Transport operates a weekly bus service between Invergordon and Shepparton each Tuesday. Pick up time is 9.30am from Invergordon Primary School arriving in Shepparton (Maude Street) at 10.12am. The return trip commences at Maude Street at 3.45pm arriving in Invergordon at 4.31pm. The bus also stops at Congupna, Fairley's IGA, Wyndham Street and the Shepparton Railway Station. Cost to use the service is a donation. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 58318515. The service is being trialled and will only continue if it's well patronised. It could be used by those wishing to go into Shepparton for appointments or shopping or alternatively by Shepparton residents wishing to visit family or friends in Invergordon.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY: Sunday, March 6, 2011 marks the 21st anniversary of the inaugural Clean-Up Australia Day. Last year more than 588,000 volunteers registered to pick up rubbish from the country's streets, bushland, roadsides and waterways. It's fun, easy and can help make a real difference to the areas where we live. Volunteers can identify and target their own area or join another group. To register contact the Moira Shire or check out their website.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: The club fielded a D Grade side in this year's Cricket Shepparton Association and have proven very competitive presently sitting third on the ladder only one week out from finals.