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50 YEAR CELEBRATION: Organisation is continuing for the 50 year celebrations on **October 22 & 23, 2011**. The committee was thrilled to receive confirmation last week of its successful grant application for \$5610 from the Public Records Office of Victoria's Local History Grants. Funds will be used to compile and publish the history book. Nationals MP, Tim McCurdy will make a formal presentation to the group at the **Invergordon Primary School at 11.30am on Wednesday, July 13** to which any interested parties are invited to attend. Preliminary plans for the weekend celebrations include open days at the Primary School, bus trips around the district, catered dinner Saturday night including launch of book, Church Service on Sunday at 10.00am, BBQ lunch at Recreation Reserve and lifting of the time capsule. We would like to hear from any former students of the school who would be prepared to contact others in their year to spread the message. The refurbishment of the History Hall is underway with Neil Fry taking charge of the repairs and painting of the building which will eventually house photographs and memorabilia of Invergordon and surrounds. Many locals and former residents have generously given photographs, old maps and newspaper articles to be copied for inclusion in the history hall. When completed it will be a valuable community asset documenting the development of the area. It is planned to officially open the History Hall during the Sunday proceedings at the Community Centre. A website has been set up to promote the celebrations as well as feature news and events relating to Invergordon. The web address is www.invergordon.org

HISTORY BOOK: Thank you to all who sent contributions for the Invergordon History Book and to those who researched and compiled histories of groups etc. I am unable to accept any more contributions as the book is well on the way to completion. If you haven't ordered a copy/copies and would like to please phone 58 621707. It would help us decide how many to have printed and to keep the cost as low as possible. Rosemary Kennett.

The next event planning meeting will be held at the Invergordon Community Centre on Monday, August 1 at 7.30pm. All welcome.

RECYCLING : ALUMINIUM CANS: A reminder that Dot & Neville have ceased the community recycling program (including aluminium cans). The Moira Shire transfer station at Yabba accepts recyclables free of charge. Opening hours are every Sunday from 9am-12noon.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: President. Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary.** Position unfilled at this stage. **Treasurer.** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Jenny Wright 0407531181.

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Service - Invergordon –July & September, Katamatite – August. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 58655209. Please mark **Thursday, September 15** on your calendar for our regular bus trip to Swanpool for our film day. As the historic Swanpool Theatre is closing at the end of the year this will be our final trip to this venue. The Church is delighted Moderator Isabel Thomas Dobson has accepted the invitation to attend the 50 year anniversary celebrations in October. Isabel has local connections having grown up at Naring.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Upcoming dates are July 15 & 29, August 12 & 26 and September 9 & 23. The Community Meal held on July 1 was well attended and another of these regular evenings is planned for later in the year. For further information about the Community Church please contact Rose Parish on 58655151.

INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS: We are half way through our pennant season and have won all of our matches except for the past two. We have just slipped out of top spot on the ladder but hope to be back on the winners' list shortly. The championship is yet to be played and it is hoped we will have completed this before the next report. Social bowls is held at the Community Centre every Sunday night from 7.30pm. New players are always welcome. For information please contact Joyce Crichton on 58655523.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB: Our young members are continuing to enjoy learning from experienced instructors at our monthly rallies. In May Rhonda Quinse taught the girls some valuable skills in the dressage arena, this was followed in June by instruction from Northern Zone Chief Instructor, Jeanette Graham. Most recently we were fortunate to have two former members, Melissa Campbell and Hayley Lia return to teach members in the areas of flat work and show jumping. Our next rally will see us combine with Caniambo Pony Club to use the excellent facilities at the Shepparton Equestrian Centre. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of each month at the Pony Club grounds, corner Centre and Youanmite Roads, Invergordon. For further information please contact DC, Sarah Campbell 0437 251575. New members are always welcome.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: Students, families and staff are now taking a well-earned school holiday break after a busy term two at Invergordon Primary.

As well as the all-important classroom lessons the students have been involved in a variety of other learning activities. Those passing by the school may have noticed the brightly coloured Life Education van parked in the school grounds. Van staff work with the children to enforce positive social skills and deliver important health messages including drug education.

Grades four, five and six students attended camp in Melbourne recently where they spent their week visiting various sites of interest including the Eureka Tower, Melbourne Museum, Puffing Billy and Tutankhamun exhibition. They were also fortunate enough to be in the crowd at a football match at the MCG.

Now that Winter is upon us the students' attention has turned to football with Steve Ash coming in every Thursday to conduct the Auskick program. These sessions are always enjoyed after Parents' Club have served up hot pies, pasties and sausage rolls for lunch.

Also on the sports front four students represented the school at the Cross Country primary schools' event in Shepparton. Talysha Dawson, Tom Johnstone, Lachlan Ash and Lincoln Bruce-Walton performed exceptionally well with Tom and Lachlan finishing in the top 10 and advancing to the Zone titles. These were held in May and both boys performed well in the large fields of runners. Lachlan finished 12th and has since competed in the State cross country event in Melbourne.

A change of colour of the school jumper was introduced by school council earlier in the year and students are appreciative of the warm, navy polar fleece jumpers and vests on our cold Winter days.

Parents' Club has had a busy term catering for two clearing sales and conducting the annual Freeman's Bakery pie drive. These events raised \$1000 for the school and organisers were thrilled with the support from the wider community in placing pie orders. Also a very successful Tupperware party was held at the school, in the new kitchen/staffroom area. About \$3000 worth of Tupperware was sold which entitled the school to receive a large selection of items for use in the new kitchen. As an ongoing fundraiser Parents' Club is collecting ice cream containers to on-sell to a local business. If you have any spare containers please drop them into the school office.

Our principal and grade 3-6 teacher, Marc Baker will be working at Orrvale Primary School in terms three and four to further develop his leadership skills. He is looking forward to returning to Invergordon in 2012 with new skills, strategies and understandings to further benefit the students. In Marc's place, Collette Caffrey has been appointed as principal and classroom teacher.

The school is regularly opening its doors to the wider community and recently staged the Biggest Morning Tea. The event was hosted by the senior students, with the assistance of Parents' Club and raised \$168.20 for vital cancer research.

Finally you can keep up to date with all the happenings at our school by reading the weekly newsletters on the noticeboard at the Invergordon Store. Thanks to Carol and Greg for their continued support. For any information about the school please contact the office **58655287**.

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 July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18 and September 1. Please contact GVRLS 58 321600

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: The CWA annual casserole luncheon was just the thing for those wishing to escape the cold June weather. Members from Central Murray, Eastern Goulburn Valley and Moira Groups attended along with ladies from the local district. The luncheon of casseroles and salads was followed by fruit salad, apple sponge and cream. Visitors purchased items from the well stocked produce stalls and were entertained by Jan Howard who recited her own poetry. A parade of a collection of aprons, dating back to 1927, was another item of interest on the day. CWA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Youanmite Hall at 1.30pm Contact 58285206. Craft days are on the fourth Monday of each month, also at the hall from 10.30am. Contact 58285203.

COMMUNITY CONNECT: Due to insufficient patronage the Goulburn Community Transport weekly bus service between Invergordon and Shepparton has ceased. Community AccessAbilities will continue to assist people with essential community transport if they are socially isolated, frail, aged or have a disability. Please contact 58318515 to determine eligibility.

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, and certification of documents etc. Please contact Cobram Community House 03 5872 2224 to make an appointment.

FREE TAX HELP: From mid-July Cobram Community House is offering a Free Tax Help Service. For more information or to make an appointment please contact 03 5872 2224.

NEXT IDEAL: The IDEAL newsletter is published and delivered to local properties every two months. If your community group has items to include please forward them to milkman44@bigpond.com by August 24 .