



# IDEAL Community News

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**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. **A working bee will be held at the grounds on Sunday, October 9 commencing at 10am.** Tasks to be completed include cleaning inside the building, removing long grass around the grounds and a general tidy up in preparation for the upcoming cricket season and the back-to celebrations. Please bring along lawnmowers, whipper snippers, as well as cleaning equipment. For information contact Max Wright 0429 138021. Please make an effort to attend as many hands will make light work.

**INVERGORDON 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS:** Plans for the back-to are progressing well with almost 300 invitations posted to all parts of Australia. Anyone who didn't receive an invitation or knows of someone who would like to attend any of the activities can download invitations at [www.invergordon.org](http://www.invergordon.org). **A reminder the RSVP date is September 23, 2011.** In preparation for the celebrations on October 22 & 23 there will be a working bee at the Community Centre and grounds on **Sunday, October 9 commencing at 10am.** This is being held jointly with the Grounds Committee. The History Hall is nearing completion and the committee is seeking the assistance of anyone with experience or an interest in visual displays to lend a hand with arranging the photos, news clippings and other items. Also if anyone has items to donate for display, perhaps old tools from the early days these would be gratefully received. If you can assist please contact Vin Manly 58655209. The time capsule will be lifted on Sunday, October 23 at the BBQ lunch. Anyone wishing to include photos or letters when the time capsule is re-buried can bring them along on that weekend. The weekend's activities are open to all, past and present residents, those with a long association with Invergordon and new arrivals as well. **The next event planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.** All welcome.

**UNITING CHURCH:** Invergordon and Katamatite combine and alternate between the two churches for 11am Sunday services – September and November at Invergordon and October at Katamatite (**except for 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Invergordon for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service at 10am**). On September 11 there will be a bring and share lunch after the service. On **Thursday, September 15** is the Ladies' Guild bus trip to Swanpool Cinema to view the films "Second-hand Wedding" and "Waking Ned Devine". Cost \$55 per person includes bus fare, films, lunch, morning and afternoon tea. For departure times and bookings phone J Manly 58655209 or R Kennett 58621707. All welcome. There are still a few seats left so join us for an enjoyable day out, probably for the last time as the Cinema is due to close at the end of 2011. For further information about the church please contact Joan and Vin Manly 58655209.

**INVERGORDON/KATANDRA WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Upcoming dates are September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18 and December 2. Several important dates are planned including the AGM following the September 9 service and the Community Meal on November 4. There will also be a special service on October 21 to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary back to celebrations. For further information about the Community Church please contact Rose Parish on 58655151.

**INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB:** The Annual General Meeting was held recently with the following office bearers elected: Daniel Bye – president, Michael Bye – secretary, Casey Brown – vice president/treasurer. This year the club will field two teams in D and E Grade sections of the Cricket Shepparton competition which gets underway on October 22. This is an additional team to last season. Training has commenced on Sundays at the sports ground from 11am and will shift to Thursday evenings once daylight savings starts in October. The club is always looking for new members so if you're interested in playing cricket you will be welcomed. Social memberships to the club are also available for those who don't play but would like to come along to Thursday training sessions and enjoy a BBQ and the bar. For further information about the club contact Michael Bye 0437 663801.

**INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS:** Wednesday, August 31 was a great night for Invergordon's indoor bowlers when they were presented with the 2011 winners' pennant, a great thrill after being runners-up the previous two seasons. Team members were Russell Batey (skip), Marg McClelland, Tom McClelland and Shirley Clarke (skip), Joyce Crichton, Max Taylor and Rodney Clarke (emergency). The pennant will be proudly displayed on the honour board at the Community Centre. The last event for the season was the 100Up which was won by Marg McClelland with Joyce Crichton runner up. This will be the final report for this year. Joyce Crichton (secretary).

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE & TAX HELP:** Cobram Community House offers free legal advice on Wednesday evenings from 6pm as well as assistance with tax. To make an appointment or see if you qualify for help contact 58722224.

**INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We are just over half way through term three with students having many opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. Acting principal, Collette Caffrey is teaching grades three to six and has enjoyed getting to know the families of students as well as members of the wider community. Collette's speciality is literacy so she is regularly offering advice to parents on how they can work with their children to develop proficient reading skills. During this term the grades prep, one and two are working hard on their readers. They are improving their reading levels with the aim of reaching their set goals by the end of the year. Their main area of study is learning about the local community which is topical given the district will celebrate 50 years of Closer Settlement in October. The younger students also played host to visitors from the Katamatite Pre-School who attended recently as part of the prep transition program. The whole school travelled to Numurkah in August to watch a performance of "The Little Mermaid". Students are also busily organising their costumes for the annual Book Week festivities which will this year be hosted by Invergordon. Other small rural schools will gather here on September 8 to mark Children's Book Week. There will be a parade of costumes early in the day followed by a variety of activities organised by visiting MARC van librarian, Robyn Mitchell. Grades three to six recently formed two teams to participate in the Tee-ball Championships in Shepparton. The teams had mixed success on the field but all enjoyed the outing and displayed excellent sportsmanship. These days are invaluable to students of small rural schools as they allow children to develop extended friendship networks which are often renewed in the secondary school years. Also in sporting news staff from Kelly Sports, which conducts the Active After School program at Invergordon, are coming in every Friday to assist the staff in conducting a whole-school sporting session. These activities are being enjoyed by all. With Spring now here thoughts are turning to the vegie patch. New topsoil was delivered a fortnight ago and planting will get underway soon. If any community members enjoy gardening and can spare some time to assist the students please contact the school office. Parents' Club continues to be active raising funds and assisting the school where possible. They are presently collecting docketts from Woolworths and vouchers from Coles which can be redeemed for educational resources and sporting goods. If you have any docketts or vouchers they would be gratefully received by the school. These need to be delivered to the school office by September 18. Coming up the Parents' Club is making preparations for catering for the Sunday BBQ lunch during the weekend of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The calf drive has recently concluded and raised \$400. The school wishes to thank the generous farmers who donated calves as well as Rodney Clarke who donated his commission and collected the calves. There is always something exciting happening at Invergordon Primary and the school welcomes involvement from the community.

For information about any school activities contact the office **58655287** or keep an eye on the noticeboard at the Invergordon Store for our weekly newsletter.

**INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB:** Pony Clubbers have received some excellent instruction at recent rallies. In late July a group travelled to the Shepparton Equestrian Centre for a combined rally with Caniambo Pony Club and last weekend Sally Fitzgerald instructed at the local grounds. In August our members were invited to Numurkah Pony Club's rally where they enjoyed meeting fellow horse enthusiasts and utilising different facilities. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of each month and new members are always welcome. For further information contact DC Sarah Campbell 0437 251575.

**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 September 15 & 29, October 13 & 27 and November 10 & 24. Please contact GVRLS 58321600.

**YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS:** The CWA meeting held on August 4 had 10 members in attendance and plans were made for the Group Conference in Numurkah on August 23. Upcoming events to raise funds for cancer research through the Relay for Life include a "High Afternoon Tea" on September 28 and a barbecue lunch at the Youanmite Hall on November 6. For information about the afternoon tea please phone 58285257. Members of the Youanmite branch joined with others from the Central Murray Group for a two day trip where places of interest visited included the Chocolate Factory at Corowa, Jindera Museum and the State Conference at Tallangatta. The Youanmite Hall Committee's Christmas in July was a great success with 110 adults and 19 children enjoying a roast lunch followed by plum pudding. There was also a silent auction and entertainment. CWA meetings are held at the Youanmite Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 1.30pm and craft days on the fourth Monday of the month. All welcome. Enquiries to 58285203.

**MEN'S SHED:** Local men with some spare time on their hands are invited to call in to Cobram's Men's Shed. Open each Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-12noon the "Shed" offers a place for men to meet, have a coffee and chat as well as help complete different projects around town. Equipment in the shed is used to make garden ornaments, wishing wells etc which are then sold. Regular BBQ's are also held. Any interested men are welcome to call in and check out the facilities. Enquiries contact Cobram Community House 58722224.

**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.

**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](mailto:milkman44@bigpond.com) by October 28.