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INVERGORDON 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS: Memories were recalled and friendships renewed when hundreds of people flocked to Invergordon for the 50th anniversary celebrations on October 22 & 23. Almost two years of planning went into the weekend to mark the 50th anniversary of Closer Settlement, the dedication of the Uniting Church and opening of the Primary School on its present site. Although driven by a small committee the activities were embraced by the wider community with local groups joining in to assist with the smooth running of the event.

Highlights of the weekend:

*The number of scheduled bus trips around the settlement had to be extended to three to accommodate numbers. Ian Collins gave excellent commentary while Rodney Clarke drove the bus.

*Saturday night's dinner was attended by 230 people. Guest speaker, former local MP, Ken Jasper launched the history book, "Small Community-Big Heart (The Invergordon Closer Settlement Story)" which was compiled by Rosemary Kennett. Bush poet, Des Ginnane, entertained with his recitations and other speakers included Moira Shire Mayor, Ed Cox, and Rural Finance Corp Regional General Manager, Matt Gill. Invergordon Cricket Club manned the bar and members of the Pony Club assisted with waitressing.

*Acting school principal, Collette Caffrey said more than 200 people visited the school during the open days with senior students assisting as tour guides. A display of old photographs, put together by Bev Pearce, created much conversation.

*Murray Valley MP, Tim McCurdy unveiled a plaque to officially open the History Hall on Sunday. Visitors were amazed to see the transformation of the former Guide Hall and the extensive collection of memorabilia.

*An estimated 400 people were at the Community Centre on Sunday for the retrieval of contents from the time capsule and opening of the History Hall. Invergordon Primary Parents' Club provided a superb BBQ lunch.

*Book sales have surpassed 400. Anyone who has pre-ordered books and is yet to collect them or would like additional copies can contact Rosemary Kennett 58621707.

*Uniting Church Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Isabel Thomas Dobson addressed the celebratory Sunday church service. Around 120 people gathered there for the occasion. Rev Tom Tali and two former ministers took part in the service as well as Rev Janet Munro (nee Wright) who grew up in Invergordon.

INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP: The sole focus of the community group over the last 12 months or more has been the 50 years of closer settlement celebrations. Many hours of planning and discussion went into the events held over the back-to weekend so it was pleasing to have so many people come along and participate. As organisers it has been satisfying to have so many positive comments and follow-up emails thanking us for our efforts. With 50 years having passed these celebrations were attended by fewer original closer settlers but with an increased number of the next generation of those families along with more recent residents of Invergordon. It is hoped that the opening of the history hall and launch of the book “Small Community, Big Heart” The Invergordon Closer settlement Story will help preserve the significance of what was accomplished by that group of young hopefuls who came together to establish our community 50 years ago. We are still keen to add to the collection of memorabilia and photos in the history hall to create a more complete record of Invergordon’s past. Photos can be scanned and returned if you wish to retain the originals and this process also allows for digital storage as well. Also there are several items retrieved from the time capsule which are yet to be claimed. Doug Brown 58655207.

RECYCLING :The Moira Shire transfer station at Yabba accepts recyclables free of charge. Opening hours are every Sunday from 9am-12noon.

INVERGORDON 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 and Katamatite continue to combine and alternate between the two venues for 11am Sunday services. Invergordon - November & January. Katamatite - December & February. **NB.** Parish Service at Cobram on Nov 13th at 11.00am, Family Service at Katamatite on Dec 18th at 9.30 am and Christmas Eve Service combined with Community Church at Invergordon on Dec 24th at 8.00pm are exceptions. Christmas Day at Cobram at 9.15 am. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries Vin & Joan Manly Ph. 58655209

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 November 10 & 24 and December 8 and 22. Please contact GVRLS 58321600.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: Learning continues to be the main focus for staff and students at Invergordon Primary with plenty of fun activities thrown in along the way. Daily the students dedicate their mornings to an hour each of reading, writing and maths with the afternoons set aside for more creative pursuits including information and communication technology, art and cooking. Author/illustrator, Roland Harvey was a welcome visitor to the school for the recent Book Week activities. Students from Wunghnu, Katamatite, Katunga South and Waaia/Yalca gathered at Invergordon for a full day of literacy-related projects. On the last day of term three, students were invited to come dressed “out of uniform” and asked to make a donation to Camp Quality. Proceeds from the day were presented to the Numurkah-based crew who participate in the annual car rally to raise funds for children with cancer. Students in the prep-year two class are excited to assist next year’s prep students who have already had one transition day at Invergordon. The younger grades also travelled to the Wangaratta Traffic School recently where they spent the day learning about traffic safety and what different road signs mean. The whole school has been involved in planting seeds to germinate and then plant out in the vegie garden. Students are looking forward to a bountiful harvest in late Spring and Summer. Parents’ Club had an enormous undertaking when catering for up to 400 people at the back-to celebrations on the Sunday. Working together they dished up barbecued meats, salads and fruit salad and ice cream to the appreciative visitors raising approximately \$1200 for the school at the same time. Coming up the school would like to welcome interested members of the community to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at **11am on Friday, November 11**. For information about the school please contact the office **58655287** or keep an eye out for our weekly newsletter which is regularly displayed at the Invergordon Store, thanks to Greg and Carol.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Upcoming dates are November 4 & 18, December 2, 16 & 30. We will join with the Uniting Church for a Christmas Eve service. For further information about the Community Church please contact Rose Parish on 58655151.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB: Pony Club will finish another successful year with the Christmas Gymkhana this weekend. Life members have been invited for a special lunch which will conclude with the unveiling of an Honour Board in recognition of their service.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: Both Invergordon teams started the season well with first up wins in the D and E grade sections of the Cricket Shepparton competition. Training is at the sports ground from 6pm every Thursday. The club welcomes new members, either those who wish to play cricket or those who would like to be social members and come along to Thursday training sessions and enjoy a BBQ and the bar. Coming up the club will hold its Christmas party on December 17. For further information about the club contact president Daniel Bye 0418 871614.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: Youanmite CWA members Linda Gillespie and Dorothy Down have commenced their roles as Central Murray Group president and secretary by attending Branch annual meetings and functions as well as committee meetings at Head Office in Melbourne. The High Afternoon Tea, held on September 28 was a great success raising \$901 for Relay for Life. The last two Craft Days have been dedicated to scrapbooking, with members pleased with their pages created under instruction from Lorraine Armstrong. The theme of “Woollen Dog” has been chosen for the next Group Craft day at Youanmite Hall on November 14 (for details phone 58285203). On Sunday, November 6 a BBQ will be held at the hall to celebrate “Your home is where the Hall is”. The Social Connections Group recently enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Barmah National Park followed by a roast lunch at the Barmah Hotel.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT: Community AccessAbilities can assist people in the Invergordon area with essential community transport if they are socially isolated, frail, aged or have a disability. Please contact 58318515 to determine eligibility.

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.

UDV: Members are invited to the Region 3 Information Dinner at the Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah on Thursday, November 17. Presenters, Richard Anderson, Chairman of the VFF Water Council and Melanie Brown, the VFF Senior Policy Advisor for Water will hold an open discussion with particular attention to the Murray Darling Basin Plan. For bookings contact 1300 882833.

PARENTS’ SUPPORT GROUP: Cobram Community House invites all parents of children with special needs to join its newest support group. Come along and be part of a group where you can share information, make new friends and support others in the same situation. The group meets fortnightly. For information contact 58 722224.

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 December 15.