



# IDEAL Community News

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**INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP:** The focus of the community group for the past 12 months has been the planning of the 50 years of closer settlement celebrations. A meeting to conclude the event was held recently with the following items noted:

- \* Committee members have received only positive feedback to the program which saw a broad range of events staged and supported by past and present Invergordon residents.
- \* The launch of the History book has documented the story, thus far, of Invergordon closer settlement and due to its excellent standard of presentation will provide value long into the future. There is still a limited supply of the history book available at \$20 contact Rosemary Kennett [rosemary.kennett@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.kennett@bigpond.com)
- \* The newly refurbished History Hall, given its own story and location, suits the purpose of housing the photographic and memorabilia collection which has many significant points of interest. We would like to add to our display so if you have anything that may be of local interest please consider allowing us to copy photos or display other items. The history hall will be open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during 2012 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm** with **January 15<sup>th</sup>** being the first open day.
- \* The success of the events is pleasing reward for the many hours of voluntary work by the organisers and a reflection of the community spirit of all the participants.
- \* All costs were covered with some surplus retained for ongoing expenses of maintaining the history hall. It was also pleasing that other local groups were able to add to their fundraising whilst combining to spread the work load.
- \* The website [www.invergordon.org](http://www.invergordon.org) is regularly updated with details of book sales, and ongoing history hall operation. There are some great photos of the weekend's events and is well worth having a look at.
- \* We are currently working on returning the unclaimed contents of the time capsule to individual owners and as this may take some time we have decided to delay any thought of a new time capsule until later in 2012

**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. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 8pm** at the Community Centre. The committee is still seeking a secretary, if you wish to be involved in the local community in some way this may suit you. Please contact the office bearers if you can help out.

**UNITING CHURCH:** Invergordon and Katamatite continue to combine and alternate between the two venues for 11am Sunday Services. At Katamatite in December and February. At Invergordon in January and March. **NB. Family Service at Katamatite on Dec.18th at 9.30am and Christmas Eve Service combined with Community Church at Invergordon on Dec. 24th at 8pm** are exceptions. All welcome. Enquiries Vin & Joan Manly Ph. 58655209.

"God's Hay Store" Opportunity Shop is now open in Cobram with a large variety of good quality secondhand clothes for adults and children, shoes, handbags, toys, books etc.on sale. Situated at 4 Hay Avenue at rear of church hall. Open Thursdays & Fridays 10am -3.30 pm, Saturdays 9am -12 Noon. Contact Shirley Davis Ph. 58734031 for information.

**INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Upcoming dates are December 30 and January 13 & 27. 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:** Seventeen of the Pony Club's life members were in attendance for the unveiling of an Honour Board at the Christmas Gymkhana in November. Following the morning's events the young riders, their families and visitors enjoyed lunch and presentations. Congratulations to trophy winners Jacinta Qose (DC Award and 1<sup>st</sup> Points Award), Tess Wright (2<sup>nd</sup> Points Award) and Lara Blackburn and Gemma Rovers (equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Points Award). The committee was pleased to be able to honour Margaret Campbell with a presentation for Distinguished Service in recognition of her 35 years as card secretary. Pony Club now has a break for Christmas and will resume in February. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month usually at the grounds, corner Centre and Youanmite Roads, Invergordon. For further details contact DC Sarah Campbell

**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 December 22. For January dates and other information please contact GVRLS 58321600.

**INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Yet another productive year is drawing to a close at Invergordon Primary with staff and students looking forward to a well-earned holiday.

Families were treated to a snapshot of the children's academic learning at the end of year "Celebration of Learning" event at the school on December 1. The evening's program included the grade six graduation ceremony where the senior students were presented with a book and certificate to mark the completion of their primary education. Lauren Harris and Stephen Graoroski were the recipients of scholarships to assist with their future learning. A variety of excursions have been undertaken in the last few weeks including a visit to the newly completed History Hall as part of the studies of Society and the Environment. The school is grateful to Neville and Dot Brown for giving up their time to talk to the students about the area's history.

There was also a visit to the Goulburn Valley Regional Library in Shepparton where some students were amazed at the collection of books, having only ever borrowed from the mobile library which visits the school fortnightly.

Sporting pursuits have included basketball clinics at the Shepparton Stadium, yachting on Victoria Park Lake, ten pin bowling and just in time for summer, the week-long swimming program at Aquamoves.

The students have also excitedly been watching the next section of the new playground take shape. This has been placed under the shade shed so it can be utilised by students in all weather conditions.

Parents Club have once again completed the trades and services calendar which have been distributed to local properties and rounded off the year by catering for Gillespie's clearing sale and raising \$800. They also hosted a morning tea to welcome parents of children who will be starting preps at Invergordon in 2012.

Looking ahead to next year there will be five new preps. All have completed their transition days at the school and have met their senior "buddies".

On the staff front, principal, Marc Baker, will return to the school after six months further developing his leadership skills at Orrvale Primary School. The school community wishes to thank acting principal, Collette Caffrey, for her efforts during that time. Collette is passionate about literacy and learning and has stressed to all families the importance of continuing their child's education during the holidays by encouraging their reading and social skills.

Invergordon Primary School wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas and looks forward to their return when school resumes in February.

Finally, thanks to Greg and Carol at the Invergordon Store who make room on their noticeboard for our weekly newsletter.

**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.

**INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB:** Both Invergordon teams have had an exceptional start to the Cricket Shepparton season with E Grade undefeated and on top of the ladder and D Grade with the one loss and second on the ladder. 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.

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

**COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE:** Is now taking enrolments for 2012 for courses in the areas of Children's Services, Business, Disability, General Education, Community Services. We also have programs for school students to gain Certificates in these fields. Opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period will be 10am-2pm. Next year we are hoping to start a mum and bubs group (massage, pamper sessions etc), so keep an eye out for start dates if you are a parent of a young child. For further information go to the Cobram Community House website [www.cch.vic.edu.au](http://www.cch.vic.edu.au)

**YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS:** CWA, craft group and hall committee are winding down for the year. CWA had their Christmas break-up at the Katamatite Hotel on December 1 where they enjoyed a tasty Christmas meal with all the trimmings. Following lunch, a meeting was held and gifts exchanged between members. Additional presents were brought along to be passed on to residents of Karinya Nursing Home at Numurkah. Branch Craft will resume on February 27, 2012 in the Youanmite Hall from 10am-3pm. For information phone 58285203. Youanmite members attended the Group Craft annual meeting to set the syllabus for 2012 along with sister branch, Thoona's Christmas party on December 14. Sixty adults and children attended the "Hall is where your Home is" BBQ lunch and drinks. This was a celebration of district halls being a traditional gathering place for the local community and featured music by Ian Johnston and Tom Boschetti. The Social Connection Christmas lunch and break-up was also held at the Youanmite Hall earlier this month. Members of the CWA and hall committee have been operating BBQ's at Harvey Norman as a fundraiser and would like to thank those who go along to cook and serve each time. Australia Day celebrations will be held in the Youanmite Hall on January 26 from 8.30am. Please RSVP to 58285236 if you wish to attend.

**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 February 15, 2012. Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.