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COMMUNITY AWARD: If there is anyone that you think should be recognised for their contribution to the community of Invergordon please use the nomination slip included and return to any Grounds Committee member before the next meeting on April 11th. A decision will be made and the award presented at a planned community event to be held in May. The nomination can be for anyone who has made a contribution in the last year or over many years (not necessarily still living in Invergordon) and can be for quiet achievers who may not be otherwise recognised.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: President. Max Wright 58655026, **Treasurer.** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Jenny Wright 0407531181. **Secretary.** Dot Brown still acting as secretary (58623689) but a replacement is urgently required. Please give it some consideration, a great way to become involved in your community.

HISTORY HALL: Regular opening time is 3rd Sunday of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. March 18, April 15, May 20. Several copies of the book "Small Community – Big Heart, The Invergordon Closer Settlement Story" are still available for sale. These can be purchased at the History Hall or by contacting Rosemary Kennett 58621707.

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Service - Katamatite February & April, Invergordon March. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 58655209.

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

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: School has resumed at Invergordon Primary with a busy timetable of educational programs planned for 2012. Five new preps commenced their primary education in early February and with the assistance of their senior “buddies” are adapting to the new school routine. Cheryl Thomas is again teaching the grades prep-2 while the school is pleased to welcome back Marc Baker as principal and grades 3-6 teacher after a six month stint at Orrvale Primary School. Bev Pearce continues in her role as teachers’ aide and Andrea Schifferle in the office as Business Manager. The school is visited, on a fortnightly basis, by the mobile art and library vans which further extend learning opportunities. 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. Grades 4-6 will have an exciting start to the year when they attend camp at Anglesea in late February. The Active After School program has commenced providing a varied program of fun and fitness based activities for all year levels. Family involvement is highly valued at Invergordon and there are many ways for people to assist. Nominations are now being called for School Council positions and in order to keep the school yard neat and safe a fortnightly lawn mowing and maintenance roster has been drawn up. Parents’ Club, which fundraises to support student learning and excursion programs, is always seeking assistance and met for morning tea last week to plan their program for the year. 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. 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 PONY CLUB: Pony Club resumed for the year with a casual trail ride for its first outing. Rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month at the Pony Club grounds, corner Youanmite and Centre Roads, Invergordon. Instructors are engaged for each rally and teach the young riders all aspects of horse riding and care including dressage, flat work and show jumping. For further information contact DC Sarah Campbell 0437 251575. New members are always welcome.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: The Invergordon Cricket Club has continued on its winning way since the Christmas break. The D grade side has had some big wins thanks to some great individual efforts from Luke Tillman and Lachlan Gilligan who are regularly making big runs. Need to start working hard in the field but are sitting nicely in second position on the ladder. The E grade side, led by local resident Bob Green, are doing a fraction better sitting on top of the ladder and are looking forward to the finals. Regular run scorer and wicket taker Bruce Plunket has scored a massive 497 runs so far this year and taken 17 wickets along with Andrew Schutt. The club meets at 6pm every Thursday to have a catch up and chat with a BBQ a regular occurrence. Locals are invited to attend and get involved. The bar is always open on a Thursday night and Saturdays when a game is on at the ground.

If you have any questions please give club president Daniel Bye a call on 0418871614.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Upcoming dates are February 24, March 9. For additional dates and for further information about the Community Church please contact Rose Parish on 58655151.

INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS: We hope to be able to field a team again this season to defend our title as pennant winners, which we won for the first time in 2011. We are always looking for new members, you will be made very welcome. Our AGM will be held in the near future. If you wish to join the club or would like more information please contact Joyce Crichton (secretary) 58655523.

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 1, 15 & 29 and April 12 & 26. For information please contact GVRLS 58321600.

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.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: Following the Christmas/New Year break local groups in Youanmite are starting to organise their 2012 events. An Australia Day function was held at the Youanmite Hall on January 26 with locals enjoying raisin toast and lamingtons for morning tea following a flag raising ceremony. The Social Connections group met on February 8 with 13 members enjoying lunch and a chat. CWA member June Field gave an informative talk on the Murray River Marathon in which a CWA team entered and won their section. A bus trip is planned for next month's outing. CWA resumed for the year on February 2 with plans made for the Group Conference in Nathalia on February 22 and the competition and craft agenda set for 2012. If you are interested in learning wood scrolling, bargello, crochet, candle wicking, tatting or would like to make a felt bear or smocked cushion you would be welcome to come along to the CWA craft days on the fourth Monday of the month at the Youanmite Hall. For further information contact 58285203 or 58285236. Dates to mark in your calendars for the year are Youanmite Hall Annual Meeting (February 14), Hall Ball (April 27) and Casserole Lunch (June 20).

COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE: A variety of short courses and activities are available at Cobram Community House. For those who wish to learn about basic digital photography or how to use a computer two upcoming courses may be for you. Commencing on February 23 (Thursday) is a five week course on photography and on March 2 (Friday) you will be introduced to the basic workings of a computer. Cost is \$60. Also coming up for those interested in working in the hospitality industry is the Responsible Serving of Alcohol course from 10am-2pm on March 19. International Women's Day on March 8 encourages women to get together to support, share information and learn from one another. The following activities have been planned at Cobram Community House; mums and bubs yoga, healthy eating for life (demonstration followed by communal lunch), gentle exercise for the body & brain. Finally two great presentations, Looking after our Mates and an Introduction to the Older Road User are planned. Both focus on road safety, are free and include lunch. Enquiries for all activities to CCH 58722224.

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 April 15, 2012.