



# IDEAL Community News

## Invergordon & District Environment & LandCare

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IDEAL President: Doug Brown 58655207, Vice President: Vin Manly 58655209,  
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**LANDCARE:** The Farm Tree & LandCare Association has several grant opportunities available. Firstly up to \$2500 is on offer to establish a community garden with an emphasis on attracting volunteers to become involved with community based environmental projects. For information go to [landcareonline.com.au](http://landcareonline.com.au). And one for the children, Yates and Junior LandCare have joined forces and invite young people to contribute a short film or series of photographs which capture their backyard environment. Entries close on November 16, go to [juniorlandcarechallenge.com.au](http://juniorlandcarechallenge.com.au).

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE: President:** Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary:** Rick Orr 0417035634, **Treasurer:** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Rose Parish 58655151. In an effort to protect this valuable community asset a new alarm system has been installed at the Community Centre. It is hoped the added security and vigilant locals will deter vandals from causing damage to the volunteer maintained facilities.

**INVERGORDON GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
SPRING CLEAN CAR BOOT & GARAGE SALE**

**Sunday, November 18 from 9am**

**Invergordon residents are invited to bring along their unused, saleable goods,  
and convert them to cash.**

**Keep an eye on your letterbox soon for a flyer with further details and booking  
information.**

**INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP:** This group of local residents meets quarterly to discuss issues of concern and if required, refers them to relevant authorities such as Moira Shire. Meetings are open to all and people are encouraged to come along and have their say. Meetings are held at the Invergordon Community Centre commencing at 7pm, prior to the Grounds Committee meetings. New residents are welcome, for further information contact Doug Brown 58655207.

**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 October 25, November 8 & 22, December 6 & 20. For information please contact GVRLS 58321600.

**UNITING CHURCH:** Invergordon and Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Services. Katamatite -October & December, Invergordon - November & January. All welcome. Contact Vin & Joan Manly 58655209. **A Community Dinner is planned for Sunday November 25 at 12.30 pm in the Community Rooms.** This will be a 2 course meal of roast meats & salads followed by desserts, catered for by Murph's Roving Roast. Cost \$22 for adults, \$15 for children 10 -14 & \$8 for children 5 - 9. This is a community function, open to all, not just church members. Newcomers to Invergordon are especially welcome - a good opportunity to meet some of the locals. Payment would be appreciated when booking & booking is essential. Contact Joan Manly on 58655209, Sandra Morley 58655223 or Rosemary Kennett 58621707. Following dinner there will be a short session with Laurie & Sandra Morley speaking about their recent overseas trip including the Trans Siberian Railway. Don't miss this interesting and entertaining afternoon.

**INVERGORDON HISTORY HALL:** Located at Recreation Reserve, Centre Rd. Regular opening time is third Sunday of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Next dates are November 18 and December 16. There are still a few copies of the Invergordon History book available for sale at the hall at a cost of \$20 each. **Wanted** - donation of old stove top Fowlers preserving sterilizer (not thermostat controlled) for History Hall. Please phone Rosemary Kennett on 58621 707 if you can assist.

**INVERGORDON KATANDRA PONY CLUB:** After a long hiatus the local Pony Club Gymkhana made a successful return to the Northern Zone event calendar in early September. Staged at the Invergordon grounds the event attracted approximately 30 riders competing in two pony club rings, a fun ring, and concluding the day with games such as the Old English Plate, Barrel Race and Bending Race. High Point winner of the day was Breanna Sargent of Numurkah Pony Club with her horse Summer Sensation. She received a garland donated by Coolinda Park and a trophy provided by the Blackburn family. The planned October rally was cancelled due to the rain and grounds being too wet. Recently card secretary, Sue Qose attended a gear check training day at Barmah and is now qualified to conduct gear checks on rally days as well as advise on correct protocols when out competing at shows, gymkhanas and events. The history of the local pony club has been included in the PCAV Northern Zone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary history book and the club wishes to thank Life Member, Margaret Campbell for her work in completing the Invergordon Katandra contribution. Pony Club rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month at the grounds, corner Youanmite and Centre Roads in Invergordon. New members are always welcome, for information contact DC Melissa Campbell 0418278542.

**INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB:** Well the cricket season is upon us yet again and the Invergordon Cricket Club is back up and running. Once again we will field two teams in the Shepparton Cricket Association, one each in D and E grades. We have two new captains for the year, Travis Murdoch and Micky Bye stepping up with Locky Gilligan and Bob Green helping out as their deputies. Trainings will be held at the Invergordon Community Centre grounds on Thursday nights at 6pm. All welcome to attend. Bar will be open for those interested. New players and supporters are always welcome. For further information contact Daniel Bye (president) on 0418871614.

**INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** In the most recent newsletter Invergordon Primary staff thanked and congratulated the parent community for their continued support of the school and its students. Some of the voluntary tasks undertaken by families in the past term have included extensive gardening and infrastructure maintenance, fundraising, providing hot lunches through the winter months and assisting in the classroom with academic studies and craft. Small primary schools rely and thrive on such support and Invergordon has long been the envy of other schools for the level it receives. Locals may have seen students out and about several weeks ago on a bike hike, an annual event at the school. After two weeks of an intensive bicycle education program the bike hike takes a different route each year and allows the children to put into practice the learned safe riding techniques whilst having fun at the same time. Illustrator, Richard Herbert was a popular visiting artist to the school during the term. Richard is the creator of the illustrations in some of the students' favourite storybooks and they were pleased to see, first-hand how he invented his wonderful characters. The grades 3-6 boys made use of the kitchen to cook up a mouth-watering meal of spaghetti and meatballs. As well as enjoying eating the finished product the boys also learned that cooking requires reading, comprehension and listening skills and lots of maths. The sports shed will be re-stocked with new sporting equipment, courtesy of Coles, after more than 6000 shopping tokens were collected and will now be redeemed for new equipment. The school wishes to thank the wider community who supported the project and dropped their tokens into the school office. Looking ahead plans are being made for the transition program for the preps of 2013. Transition dates for Term Four are Friday, October 26, Friday, November 9 and Friday, November 23. Parents Club is planning a welcome Morning Tea for new parents to coincide with the November date. Enrolment forms and information packs are available from the school office. Parents Club recently held a Father's Day raffle and will be running a fundraising BBQ outside Safeway in late October. They are also in the process of organising the annual trades and services calendar which is delivered to all Invergordon properties each year. If you require any information 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 INDOOR BOWLS:** There was an exciting conclusion to the 2012 pennant season with Strathmerton defeating Nathalia by one shot, with the second last bowl of the match and a measure by the umpire deciding the final result. Congratulations to both teams for a great match. Invergordon club has now completed the 100 Up competition with the final contested by husband and wife, Rodney and Shirley Clarke. This too, was a close match with an extra end required to be played to get a result. Shirley came home with the bragging rights winning by two shots. Well done to both. This is the final indoor bowls report for 2012, when we resume in the New Year we will be looking to recruit some new members. Wishing all readers a Merry Christmas. Joyce Crichton (secretary) Phone 58655523.

**INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays at the Invergordon Community Centre at 7.30pm. Next dates are November 2 (Community Meal @ 7pm), 16 & 30. Rose Parish 58655151.

**YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS:** Youanmite CWA hosted the Central Murray Group Conference on August 22 with members from the Moira and Eastern Goulburn Valley Groups joining the ranks of members from local branches at a well attended day. The competitions of a square fruit cake and child's windcheater were won by Youanmite and the Baby's jacket by Cobram branch. The Chapman Trophy, for three articles of craft, was presented to Youanmite. Rod Kilgour from VicRoads was guest speaker and gave an informative talk about road use relating to Victorian older drivers as well as handing out some valuable information for members to take home. CWA of Victoria will celebrate its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in March 2013, the same year the CWA Associated Country Women of the World celebrates 80 years of fellowship, lobbying and assisting their local communities. Youanmite, at its October meeting distributed \$700 to local charities. Coming up the annual meeting will be held on November 1 at 10.30am followed by the normal gathering at 1.30pm in the Youanmite Hall. Prizes will be presented to competition winners from during the year. The Christmas break up will be held in the Katamatite Hall on December 6 and members will exchange gifts as well as provide items for the residents of Numurkah Nursing Home. The High Tea, held on August 29 was a great success raising \$900 for the Relay for Life team. CWA members, also joined forces with the Hall Committee to cater for a clearing sale at Yabba raising a substantial profit for the Youanmite Hall. The Social Connections' September gathering was a mystery trip commencing with morning tea at Ted and June Fields' property where visitors enjoyed great views of the healthy paddocks of green and yellow crops and full farm dams. Following that it was on to Benalla for a visit to the Art Gallery and Historical Museum followed by a BBQ lunch in the Rose Gardens. Youanmite CWA meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 1.30pm with craft days on the Fourth Monday from 10.30am-3pm. New members are always welcome. For enquiries phone Linda 58285203 or Alma 58285236.

**MOIRA SHIRE:** Nominations are now open for the 2013 Australia Day Awards. Council is calling for nominations in the following categories, Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year and Environment Project of the Year. Nominations close on Monday, October 29 and forms are available from the Shire offices and service centres.

**COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE:** As well as offering accredited education opportunities CCH also has an extensive program of leisure activities. Coming up in the next few months are ukulele and guitar lessons and scrapbooking sessions. There is also free tax help available to eligible patrons. Some of the courses available include Cert III Children's Services, Cert IV Disability, Community Services (Diploma), Cert I, II and III Business and Certificate in General Education for Adults (I, II, III, intro and initial). For further information contact CCH on 58722224.