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LANDCARE: With Christmas quickly approaching and mobile phones on top of many wish lists a timely reminder from LandCare about recycling old phones. "They're Calling on You!" is a joint initiative between Zoos Victoria and the Jane Goodall Institute whereby phones are refurbished and resold at low prices to disadvantaged community groups internationally. The money is used for the conservation of the habitats of gorillas and other primates. For more information and to send in your phone go to: <http://www.zoo.org.au/get-involved/act-for-wildlife/theyre-calling-on-you>

INVERGORDON GROUNDS COMMITTEE: The inaugural Community Garage Sale in November was a great day, with 11 enthusiastic stall holders offering goods for sale. Thanks to president, Max Wright who was one of the busiest people on the day cooking his very popular egg & bacon sandwiches! With the assistance of St John Ambulance Victoria, through the Community First Aid program, we are purchasing a 'Heart Start' defibrillator kit which also includes training on how to use the machine. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 7.30pm**. Any interested members of the community are invited to attend and be involved with the maintenance and future development of our valuable local asset. **President:** Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary:** Rick Orr 0417035634, **Treasurer:** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Rose Parish 58655151.

INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP: The Community Group meets at 7pm prior to the Grounds Committee meetings. Its focus is to raise and discuss issues of local importance and refer them to relevant authorities. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon and Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Services. Katamatite – December & February, Invergordon - January. All welcome. Contact Vin & Joan Manly 58655209. **Special date to remember:** A combined Community Church & Uniting Church **Christmas Eve Service** will be held on **Monday, December 24 at 8pm at the Uniting Church**, Centre Road Invergordon, led by Mark Rumble. Carol singing, items and more. All welcome - supper to follow. Christmas Day service at Cobram at 9.15 am.

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 January 20 and February 17, 2013. There are still a few copies of the Invergordon History book available for sale at the hall for \$20 each.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: The countdown is on towards the end of the year with staff and students busily completing their academic and sporting programs at Invergordon Primary. This year the school tried something different for their Christmas concert by hosting an open community event at the Invergordon sports ground. There was a jumping castle, train rides and mini golf, followed by the presentation of Christmas carols, skits and dances by the students, gifts for the staff, Grade Six graduation and a disco. The event was well supported by the school families and local residents.

The final term of school has been very sport orientated. A Cricket Victoria clinic earlier in the year has been followed up by further skills development during weekly sport sessions and Grades 4-6 students combined with Katamatite students to learn the finer points of sailing at Victoria Park Lake in Shepparton. There has also been a trip to the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club where students were able to try both sports. Finally, leading up to the summer holidays the whole school has participated in the annual swimming program at Aquamoves. On the academic front all students have been working towards the education goals they set earlier in the year and the integrated area of study has focussed on the Environment. Safety is always a priority of activities at school and recently the Grade prep-2 students attended the Wangaratta Traffic School where they learnt about the different road signs and what they mean and the importance of wearing helmets while bike riding. Next year's prep students have attended for three transition days where they have met their teacher and classmates, enjoyed playtime in the school yard and completed some work. They are now looking forward to attending Invergordon Primary on a full time basis in 2013. At the other end of the school the Grade Six students have spent a full day at their chosen Secondary Schools in preparation for the next phase of their education. Parents Club has had a busy time, not only organising the activities for the Christmas break-up but also running a fundraising BBQ at Woolworths in Shepparton which netted \$298 as well as compiling the trades and services calendar. The calendar has been delivered to local letterboxes and once again received great support from Invergordon and district businesses. During lunchtimes the students have been busy with craft sessions, the boys making kites with Mr Baker and Mr Pearce and the girls making decoupage with Mrs Pearce, activities all have enjoyed. The school is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Treena Stephens of Invergordon as Acting Principal for Term 1, 2013 while our principal, Mr Marc Baker will take on the principal's position at Strathmerton Primary School. The school community wishes Marc and his family well for the future. Finally thanks to Greg and Carol at the Invergordon Store who display our weekly newsletter on their noticeboard so the community can stay involved with happenings at the school. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, see you back at school in 2013.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: The D Grade side is sitting on top of the Cricket Shepparton ladder following an exceptional start to the season. The E Grade side has been competitive too and is in finals' contention occupying fourth place on the ladder. Trainings are 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 KATANDRA PONY CLUB: Pony Club has now concluded for the Summer holidays but not before a busy round of rallies, events and shows. The November 4 rally featured a talk by equine dentist, Sarah Wynd followed by a Navigation Ride around the local area. The Christmas Gymkhana, on November 25 included Dressage, Ridden, Showjumping, Games and Fancy Dress classes concluding with a BBQ lunch, a visit from Santa and a cooling water fight on what was a very hot day. Awards handed out at the Gymkhana went to Chelsea Watters (DC Award), Jacinta Qose (1st High Points Award), Tiffany Martin (2nd High Points) and Lara Blackburn (3rd High Points). Several riders and their families also attended Equitana in Melbourne where they took in some spectacular riding shows and got great ideas for new equipment and activities for local rallies. The IKPC applied for, and was successful in gaining, a Volunteers Grant which will be used to purchase a new stove, urn and chairs for use at the clubrooms. Life member, Margaret Campbell compiled a history of the pony club for inclusion in the Northern Zone History Book. It concluded with the words "The aims of Pony Club are still relevant today. To learn to ride and enjoy horses and to care for them. To promote Sportsmanship, Citizenship, and Loyalty. To ride in a safe environment, and most of all, to have fun!!!" Pony Club rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month at the grounds, corner Centre and Youanmite Roads, Invergordon. Next rally date is February 3. New members are always welcome, for information contact DC Melissa Blair 0418278542.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays from 7.30pm at the Invergordon Community Centre. There are various speakers, a special children's message and a "cuppa" afterwards. Next meeting dates are December 24 (joint Christmas Eve service at the Uniting Church), December 28, January 11 and 25, February 8 (Community Meal from 7pm) and 22, 2013. For information contact Rose Parish 0400655154.

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 20, January 3, 17 & 31 and February 14 & 28. For information please contact GVRLS 58321600. **STORYTIME:** Numurkah Library hosts a monthly story telling session for pre-school aged children which is a fun way to help youngsters develop a love of, and respect for books. The next session is on Thursday, December 20 from 10.30-11.30am. For further information contact the GVRLS on 1300 374765.

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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Celebrate the festive season by attending Numurkah's Carols by Candlelight in Newman Square on Friday, December 21. Carols begin at 7.30pm. Preceding the carols, from 5.30pm, will be a family picnic with cheap food and drinks sold by local service clubs. BYO chair and rug.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: The last CWA meeting for 2012 was held at the Katamatite Hotel on December 5 with a lovely Christmas lunch followed by members exchanging gifts and collecting gifts for residents of Karinya Nursing Home in Numurkah. The annual Group Craft meeting was held on December 10 with some interesting crafts to be tackled for 2013 including Dorset stitchery, Filet darning, crochet flowers, knitted toys and more. The Group Craft Exhibition will be held in the Katamatite Hall on Friday, March 22, 2013 from 9am-4pm. This event is open to all interested locals and showcases the craft work of talented CWA members from across the district. Entry fee for adults is \$5. Youanmite CWA craft meetings will commence on February 25, 2013. For information contact 58285203. The Social Connections Group held their mystery bus trip/Christmas break-up on December 13, an event which was enjoyed by all participants. The group will resume its gatherings on the second Wednesday in February, 2013. Australia Day will be celebrated on January 26 in the Youanmite Hall.

AUSTRALIA DAY: Invergordon locals are invited to attend the Moira Shire's Australia Day celebrations at Katamatite on Saturday, January 26. Held in the Police Paddocks, corner of Foy and Beek Streets, the function commences at 8am with a free breakfast followed by the presentation of district awards. Keep an eye on local newspapers for information closer to the date.

COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE: Cobram Community House is winding down towards the end of the year but advises it is taking enrolments in the following courses for 2013: Cert II, III, IV Business, Cert III Children's Services, Cert IV Community Services, Cert IV Disability, Intro, Cert I, II, III General Education and Cert II Vocation Education. The staff encourage anyone interested in these areas of study to contact CCH on 58722224 and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe New Year. Stay tuned to see what is on offer for the coming year in the next edition of the IDEAL.

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.

NEXT IDEAL: The IDEAL newsletter is published and delivered to local properties every two months. The next edition will be compiled in February 2013. Thankyou to all contributors during the year.