



# IDEAL Community News

## Invergordon & District Environment & LandCare

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**IDEAL:** President: Doug Brown 58655207, Vice President: Vin Manly 58655209, Secretary/Treasurer: Dot Brown 58623689.

**LANDCARE:** Television presenter and LandCare ambassador, Catriona Rowntree will be the guest speaker at a luncheon to celebrate the organisations' achievements in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District. The event will be held on **Wednesday, February 27** at Emerald Bank, Kialla. For information and bookings phone 58213530.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY:** National Clean-Up Australia Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 3. If you wish to be involved and join a local project visit [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au) for information on sites around this area.

**INVERGORDON GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** **President:** Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary:** Rick Orr 0417035634, **Treasurer:** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Rose Parish 58655151. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 10 at 7.30pm**. The committee has now taken possession of the new defibrillator and will soon be arranging training in its use for interested groups who use the facilities. The lights on the first 2 tennis courts are now operating on a time clock which can be set for a maximum of 1 hour and time added later if needed. The light switch above the time clock will need to be turned on, as was the procedure in the past for the time clock to activate the lights. If the lights go out they require approx 10 minutes to cool down prior to starting up again. The Invergordon Grounds Committee has made the tennis court lights available free of charge but requests users be conscious of not wasting power by running lights unnecessarily. The light switch can be turned off if you finish prior to the time clock reaching zero.

**INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP:** The Invergordon Community Group "Back to Invergordon" Event was nominated in Moira Shire Australia Day Awards and was successful in winning the award for Community Event of the Year for Katamatite and District. Congratulations to the committee and all involved for arranging such an enjoyable celebration of 50 Years of Closer Settlement at Invergordon. The plaque presented to the group will be hung in the History Hall. Photos of the "Back To" weekend activities may be viewed on [www.invergordon.org](http://www.invergordon.org) 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.

**INVERGORDON FRUITGROWERS ASSOCIATION:** Remind everyone to be vigilant in monitoring and controlling fruit fly on their properties. This is one insect pest we cannot let take hold in the area.

**UNITING CHURCH:** Invergordon and Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Services. Katamatite – February & April, Invergordon -March. All welcome. Contact Vin & Joan Manly 58655209.

**INVERGORDON HISTORY HALL:** A reminder that the History Hall is open on the third Sunday of each month from 1.30-3.30 pm or by special appointment for family or other groups Ph. 5862 1707. Upcoming dates are February 17, March 17 & April 21. Anyone with historical photos to copy/donate or memorabilia of the district please contact Vin Manly 5865 5209. There are only a few copies of the history book still available for sale at \$20.

The History Hall is located at the Recreation Reserve on Centre Rd.

**INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** School has resumed at Invergordon Primary with a busy timetable of educational programs planned for the year. Five new preps commenced their primary education in late January 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 Treena Stephens, a well known Invergordon resident, has taken on the role of Acting Principal and grades 3-6 teacher. 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 the junior grades’ study theme is Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales. Students are also completing an online English assessment so staff can determine individual strengths and areas needing improvement. In the senior classroom the students had a look at the nine Australian School Values. These include Care and Compassion, Doing Your Best, Fair Go, Freedom, Honesty and Trustworthiness, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion, and discussed what they meant. 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 have been called for School Council positions and Parents’ Club, which fundraises to support student learning and excursion programs, will hold a morning tea soon to plan their program for the year. Several families have been active over the holidays watering and mowing the lawns, maintaining the gardens and generally making the school grounds a pleasant place for students. Looking ahead the students will soon start training for the athletics sports which will be staged at McEwen Reserve, Shepparton in the last week of term. 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 CRICKET CLUB:** The D Grade side is still in finals' contention and will need some good results in the final two rounds to secure their place in the four. Training is 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:** The first rally for 2013 was held on February 3 at the grounds with all riders looking forward to getting back into it after the summer holidays. A full day was enjoyed with DC Melissa organising 3 instructors. The first, Toni Gough from the Shepparton Equestrian Centre is a regular at our club, and is great at flatwork and jumping with the riders. The other two instructors were Phoebe Medley and Javais Ham. Phoebe trains a lot of problem horses, and competes in dressage and showjumping while Javais is a show rider and trains at a lot of other pony clubs. Their instruction was varied and offered something for everyone. During the holidays several members attended shows and events, some even coming home with ribbons from the Standardbred Pleasure and Performance Horse Association of Victoria 2013 State Championship Show. Pony Club rallies are held on the first Sunday of the month at the grounds, corner of Youanmite and Centre Roads, Invergordon. New members are always welcome. Club contacts: Sarah Campbell president 0437 251575, Leanne Rovers secretary 58655409, Melissa Blair DC 0418278542

**AUSTRALIA DAY HONORS 2013:** Many Invergordon residents will know June Field of Waggarandall who was involved with Guiding at Invergordon for many years in her capacity as district and then division commissioner. June was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the recent Australia Day Awards for her work in CWA, Guiding, Uniting Church including teaching Religious Education and the Youanmite Social Connections Group. She has also paddled in the CWA team in the Murray Marathon eight times in recent years, winning in the category several times. Congratulations June, you are a worthy winner of a prestigious award.

**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 February 22, March 8 & 22. 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 February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28 and April 11. 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. Upcoming sessions are on Tuesday, February 19, March 19 and April 16 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.

**INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS:** The Bowls Club is hopeful of enjoying another season at Invergordon but must first resolve an issue with Public Liability Insurance. A general meeting will be called when further information comes to hand. Joyce Crichton (secretary) 58655523.

**MOIRA SHIRE:** Community groups are encouraged to add their contact details to the Moira Shire's database to be notified of upcoming grant/funding opportunities from all tiers of government, private and philanthropic trusts. Presently the Shire is offering Small Grants, Community Assistance Grants and Event Sponsorship funding during 2013. For information or to add your name to the database contact the Shire's Grants Administration Officer.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:** The Shire is calling for nominations for the 2013 Moira Shire Council Woman and Young Woman of the Year. The awards recognise the hard work, determination and achievements of women in our community and will be presented at an International Women's Day function on Friday, March 8. Nominations close on Monday, February 25. For information contact Elizabeth Cox on 58719423.

**YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS:** Three Youanmite members, Pam Storer, Jenny Moodie and June Field joined members from Caniambo and Yarrawonga branches to compete in the CWA "Chicks With Attitude" team in the 404km Murray River Marathon in December 2012. The team has broken two records and its mascot, a giant silver cupcake towed behind the CWA fleet, makes them easily recognisable. CWA held their first meeting for the year on February 9 where arrangements were made for the upcoming Group Conference to be held at Strathmerton Hall on February 20. The Wellington Cup will be presented for best three articles of craft completed in the last two years, jar of red jam, three cupcakes and cot blanket. All exhibited items will be given away. The next Youanmite Craft Day will be on February 25 in the Youanmite Hall from 10am-3pm and members are asked to bring along requirements to make a toy monkey. The Social Connections Group enjoyed a morning tea and lunch in the Tungamah Hall on February 14, new members are always welcome. For further enquiries phone 58285236 or 58285203.

**COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE:** Upcoming courses include: Victorian RSA Tuesday , March 5 from 6-10pm cost \$90; Hygiene for food –Basic February 19 & 26 from 6-9pm cost \$120; First Aid March 1 from 9am-4pm cost \$190(Full fee workbook included), \$155(refresher); Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation-CPR March 1 from 9am-12pm cost \$75. The "Connecting With Community Day" on **Wednesday, February 20** is an opportunity for community members to meet and gain a greater awareness and understanding of the facilities, activities and services provided through Cobram Community House. Lunch provided. For information contact CCH 58722224.

**NEXT IDEAL:** The IDEAL newsletter is published and delivered to local properties every two months. This is my final edition of compiling the newsletter as Helen Osborne has agreed to take on the role. Thank you to all the contributors of the past few years. Sharon Wright.