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(What's Happening in Invergowrie)

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Council meeting to discuss “The Draft New England Development Strategy”

Currently each Council in the area is preparing an individual report taking into account their own Council area and the NESAC (New England Strategic Area Councils) region. As a result this report is quite large as the report contains a copy of the edited Strategy and all of the 59 submissions received across the NESAC Councils.

Therefore, if you would like to receive a copy of the report being presented to the Uralla Shire Council meeting on 27 April 2009, Council is requesting you register your name so that it may be made available to you on Tuesday 22 April 2009, prior to the meeting.

Council will be making paper copies of the report, submissions, and the draft Strategy available for collection only or it can be electronically sent via email to you. If you wish to receive a copy of the report and its attach-

ments, and to ensure you receive a copy of the report prior to the meeting you are asked to contact Ms Megan Cone on 6778 6314 to reserve a paper copy for collection or to advise her of the email address the report is to be sent to.

Council will be allowing one presentation from each submission with a 5 minute time limit per-presentation. If a member of your group, representing your submission wishes to make a presentation to the meeting on Monday 27 April 2008, you are required to contact Mr John McKinnon on 6778 6303 to register your name prior to 1.00pm, Friday, 24 April 2009. No registrations will be taken after this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Council on 6778 6300. Yours sincerely

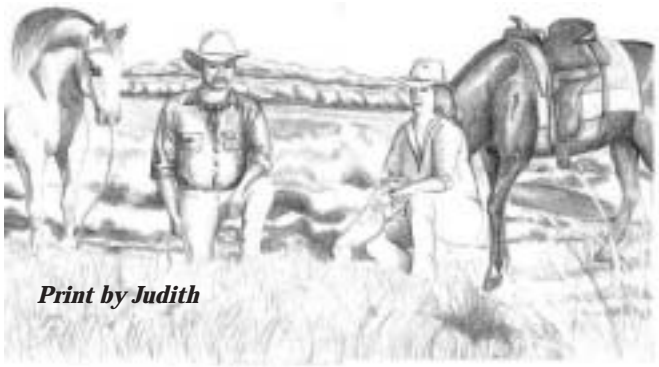
The Invergowrie website (and other stuff)

Our own website is progressing nicely we have had 100's of 'hits' and the Guest book is becoming more popular (see separate article) , and I hope to have soon a 'forum' where people can air their views and get feedback from all residents (who are on-line).



According to the latest news we will have a much faster broadband within six months, so those still on dial-up will be able to get a better service.

I am always after photos and stories about our wonderful area, stories and photos about our wildlife and our varied flora.



I have put up a new 'species' list although it's very old (Sept 1992) I'm sure most of the flora is still standing.

I am still waiting for a story of our 'history' but we want to make sure we get it right. If anyone has photos of our 'heritage' let me know and either email it to me or I can scan it for them, just email me.

Arts Community

I am especially interested in the artistic community and showing their talents. I have an artist and a silversmith already listed, but

always looking for more.

I'm sure most of you have checked out the section on the subdivisions, it's a very important part of our way of life to make sure these are designed with the environment in mind.

There is a very good weather link which shows the weather



Rabbit damage

just for Invergowrie for a week including sun and moon rise and sets. I learned something interesting about the equinox's. They are not when day and night are of exact length, or sunrise and sunset and the same time eg 7AM and 7PM. It is when the sun passes over the line of the equator.

A few Invergowrie residents have opted to 'go solar'. Check out the 'Solar New England' logo on the main page.

Rabbits

Rabbits are becoming a real menace in our area. The residents of Mt Mitchell Rd and Amaroo Rd had a roadside meeting. At that meeting everybody agreed to carry out a control program at the end of April

or early May using Calicivirous on carrots, this was accepted, as the other option was to use Pindone and some of the residents had reservations in regard to native animals and also the birdlife. Get in touch with Brian Ferris by clicking on the rabbit icon on the main page of website or ring him at 67722366 (work) 0427007184 (mobile) 67753148 (after hours).

There is also a 'sales and service' section where residents may advertise their business' and goods.

Speed limits

There is a lot of discussion about the speed limits in our area, most agree that 100k is too fast for some of our streets. We have approached council and they are unwilling to get into a discussion about it. "We should contact the police or the RTA" they say. Apparently we have to have a fatal accident of a very bad collision before something can be done. "Not good enough" I hear you say, well we will have to take some action about this at our next public meeting. You can write to council at 32 Saliabury St Uralla 2358

Some quotes from our Guest Book

(All surnames and email address have been deleted)

Ken

Friday, December 12th 2008 -
08:56:42 AM

I have just checked out this website for the first time & it is BRILLIANT!!!!!!!

My compliments to the webmaster....you are a LEGEND!
regards Ken

Richard

Sunday, January 4th 2009 -
07:13:56 AM

I was a resident of Invergowrie Perthshire Scotland for 25years and was pleasantly surprised to find another in Australia.

Regards Richard

Di

Thursday, February 19th 2009 -
11:49:38 AM

I have lived in Invergowrie since 1997 and it has been a pleasure to live in such a beautiful, relatively unspoilt area with an abundance of outstanding residents and wonderful neighbours. The incredible richness of the wildlife has been a constant joy and pleasure and it is sometimes through the eyes of friends who

visit that I once again realise how truly lucky I am. There is however a stigma seemingly attached to the name "Invergowrie" from days gone by and even some of the local real estate agents discourage people from considering our lovely area - this of course, depending on your point of view, could be thought of as good or bad. My only fear is that new subdivisions will greatly increase traffic numbers requiring the local council to reconsider the already inappropriate speed signage in the inner areas of Invergowrie particularly between junction of Invergowrie and Bundarra Rds to Fardell's Corner and most of the roads coming of that area.

Regards Di

Helen

Thursday, March 19th 2009 -
05:56:50 AM

<http://www.help4everyparent.com>
I'm impressed with the Invergowrie site.

Gordon

Wednesday, April 1st 2009 -
01:55:53 PM

It is reassuring to see good community minded people contributing to our village life, many thanks for the time and effort in creating this wonderful web site.

Sadly as a long-term resident I've witnessed the destruction of the

local environment such as the removal of local native vegetation reducing the animal species that once roamed our properties.

I believe there is an urgent need to put an end to the trail bikes that now have destroyed our way of life; my initial discussions with neighbours have all echoed the same sentiments so a meeting is most urgent to restore our "Piece of Paradise".

Regards Gordon

Sally

Tuesday, April 7th 2009 - 10:08:07 PM

I am a relatively new resident - 2 years- and was attracted to Invergowrie because it is so peaceful and for the wildlife. When we first arrived we would have wallabies just sitting in the garden and the only sounds were birds. Now I am sad to say that trail bikes whine has added to the soundtrack- one which the wallabies don't like as their absence shows.

Unfortunately there seems little point talking to those who gain pleasure from turning their land into a trail bike course - they obviously are not the least concerned about the peace of their neighbours. Can this be something we all have to suffer?

Best regards,
Sally

Adam

Saturday, October 25th 2008 - 05:47:43 PM

<http://paradigmplay.net> As a resident of Invergowrie (Adina Road) I would like to give Colin my heartfelt thanks for creating this website.

It is a significant contribution to the Invergowrie community and I know will play a key part in further building and enhancing our unique place and people.

Well done! adam

Snakes in your backyard and The Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers

by Colin Wood

I urge people to be patient if they have a snake in their backyard. "Monitor it; they're usually just passing through. "Call in the kids and pets, and wait and see," he said. "NTWC is entirely dependent on donations and run by volunteers, and it is difficult for us to answer every call. "Often, by the time we get to a home, the snake is long gone." I tell people to call only if the snake was posing a real threat - had taken up residence in an area where it came into contact with people. And, most of all, he urged people not to reach for the

shovel. "Most snake bites occur when people get close to them to try and kill them. "Snakes are protected native animals and it is an offence to kill one." The best way to avoid snakes in the garden was to remove rubbish piles, wood piles or any other kinds of shelter, and buckets or trays of water, "To eliminate snakes in the house, keep doors shut and any gaps under doors should be blocked - snakes are sneaky and can

get in through those little gaps." The most common snakes appearing in the Armidale area are

red-bellied black snakes and eastern brown snakes. "Always assume that a snake is venomous if you are unsure of the species," . "Snakes will usually avoid humans and head in the other direction unless they are cornered or confronted - snakes are

not aggressive." If the worst happens, a person bitten by a snake must try and remain as calm and still as possible. . Increased activity will make the blood rush faster in your body and therefore spread the venom. Use a pressure/compression

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bandage on the bite site, the same pressure you would a sprained ankle. Do not stop circulation. Do not wash the bite area as this will help to determine the type of snake.



Bandage the whole length of the limb when practical, including over clothing where needed. Immobilise the limb, using a splint or bandage, and keep the snake bite victim still.

Get to a hospital as soon as possible. A snake venom detection kit will enable the hospital to detect the type of snake which bit the victim - even if the victim is unsure - and then treat the patient accordingly.

Residents for Rural Character

by Adam Blakester

Some time ago a local group was formed with the purpose of maintaining and enhancing the unique 'rural character' of the Invergowrie area and community. The term 'rural character' is taken from the Local Environment Plan that applies to our area, and zoning. The group have playfully described themselves as 'rural characters' as well!!

Since forming the group has coordinated or been involved with a number of developments for Invergowrie - this eZine is the most recent and the www.invergowrie.org website is another. Community meetings have been held on key issues, particularly the New England Draft Development Strategy (see separate article in this edition of WHII) and the Fardell Development.

The Residents for Rural Character were buoyed by an early success in working with the community and other interested stakeholders to argue that a proposed commercial dog boarding kennel business was not consistent with the rural character of the area.

Looking to the future there

have been discussions about making the Residents for Rural Character a more formal Group. Several people have expressed interest in being involved and at this stage we are still open to hear from anyone else who'd like to consider this kind of role in keeping Invergowrie the beautiful place it is, and over time making it even better.

I would like to end by saying thank you to just some of the many 'rural characters' who have put in so much of their own time, energy and money to make Invergowrie the special community it is:

Colin Wood stands out for his contribution with the website and eZine.

The Invergowrie Shop for distributing community meeting notices with the mail run.

The Environmental Defenders Office for their valuable legal advice on development applications and plans.

You, a fellow resident, for taking an interest in the unique quality and character of Invergowrie

Adam Blakester

Convenor, Residents for Rural Character



The Store ~ the “centre” of Invergowrie with Nat and Barney



Thye

Our Fire shed a place to help residents and a ‘meeting’ place