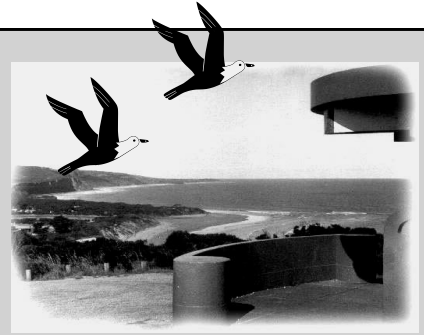


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seaside tidings from ...
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Meetings
The Historical Society meets on
the first Sunday of each month
unless otherwise notified

Museum
Our Museum at 5a McMillan
Street Anglesea, will be open
during the Xmas and Easter
holidays on Sundays 2-4pm or
by appointment.

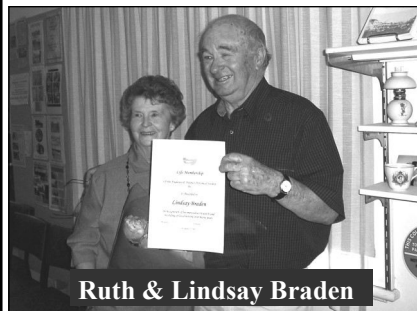
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President's message

We are delighted to
announce our hard-
working Lindsay
Braden received his long
overdue Life Membership
Award at our December
meeting.

Lindsay has been the instigator
of research over many years,
both for our Society and the
general public, and ably
assisted by his wife Ruth
.This year on Sunday, March



Ruth & Lindsay Braden

**11, we are holding a Heritage
Day at the Bark Hut, Aireys
Inlet, from 10 am – 4 pm.**

At 2 pm the Surf Coast
Mayor, Rose Hodge, will
officially open the day.

There will be demonstrations of
blade shearing, displays of old
machinery and equipment,
stories of older residents,
photos, children's races, and a
barbecue lunch catered by the
Lions Club of Anglesea.

*We look forward to seeing
everyone there.*

■ *Norma Morrison*

Recent acquisitions

- X Two collapsible tables (meeting size) donated by
Trish and Bruce Bodman.
- X Coronation book George VI and Queen Elizabeth 1937
- X Womens Weekly 1981 - Royal wedding preview
Charles & Diana.
- X Royal Wedding - Charles & Diana Newsweek 1981, Time,
Women's Weekly, New Idea.
- X Royal Christening - 1982 Prince William - Women'
Weekly, New Idea.
- X Prince Andrew & Sarah Ferguson - Wedding 1986
Book & Glass

Don't forget the Aireys Inlet Bark Hut Heritage day Sunday 11th March 2007
Displays - Demonstrations - Competitions - Food - Old photos etc.

MT. MISERY LOOKOUT ANGLESEA

Have you ever thought about the revegetated tracks at the top end of Anglesea's Harvey Street, just west of the communication dishes and the Barwon Water High level tank.

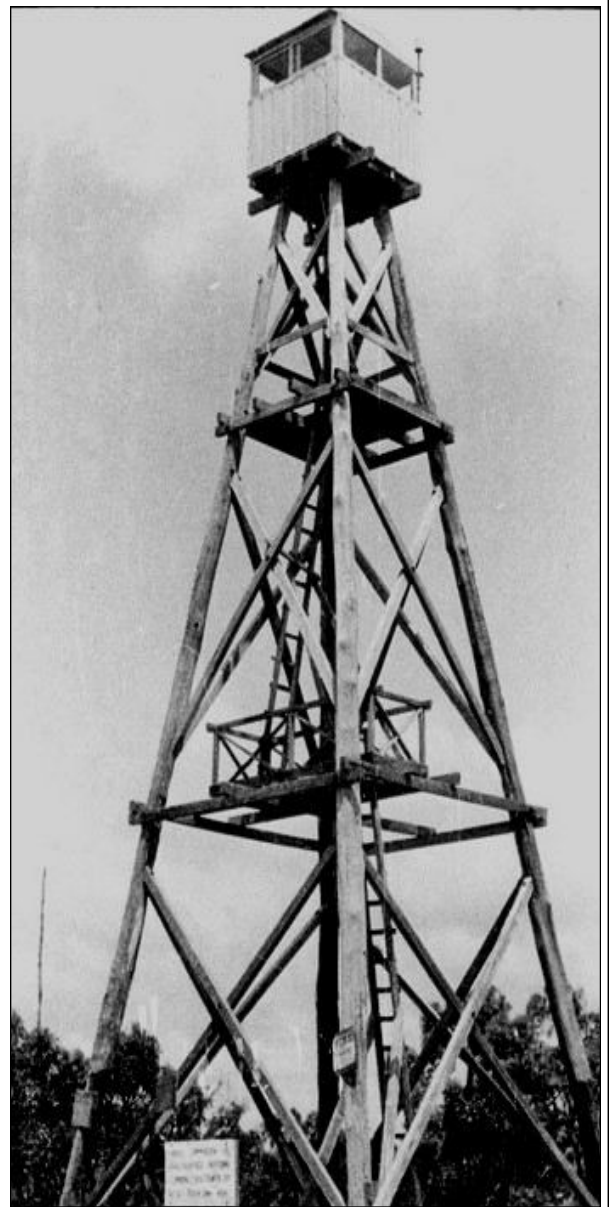
In the good old days before bureaucratic departments were given fancy names, this area was administered by a division with the down to earth title of Forests Commission of Victoria. This particular region was once part of a pine plantation area. Two workers cottages on the site were listed in the November 1938 phone book as Mt. Misery lookout, with the extension phone number of Anglesea River 16.

A wooden look-out tower was constructed after the 1947 fire. This observation platform was assembled on the ground, then hauled into position with a basic truck and winch. *(No giant helicopters then!)*

Although this was constructed in 1947, by the late 1960's white ants were found to be making a meal of one of the support legs *(not good!)* Nearby residents mentioned that as a collapse was feared, the tower was eventually brought down with an explosive charge. Also the two workers cottages were relocated to other areas.

With the help of re-planting, nature (for better or worse) is slowly covering this once cleared significant fire protection area high above Anglesea.

■ *Lindsay Braden-*



Re-vegetated fire tower area 2007

The old telegraph route

saw many changes during it's lifetime

Restructured 3 insulator poles (which included a trunk service to the Lorne PO) crossing Big Hill Creek 1922.



OLD TELEGRAPH ROAD south-west of Winchelsea reminds us of a decision to take a submarine cable to Tasmania via Cape Otway and King Island. The line came from Melbourne via Geelong and Winchelsea to the coast at Moggs Creek. Thence to Cape Otway via Lorne and connect with a new submarine cable to Stanley in Tasmania. **This 1859 link (constructed with great difficulty) was only capable of Morse Code messages.**

It failed in 1861 !

The Cape Otway Telegraph Station then acted as Lloyd's Signal Station, forwarding shipping information to Melbourne.

During 1892 part of the original inland line was re-routed at Moggs, to make a telephone connection between Cape Otway, Lorne and the Aireys Lighthouse.

This lasted until the Commonwealth Government converted the Split Point Lighthouse to automatic control in 1919, making no need for the connection to continue.

Meanwhile back at Apollo Bay an updated submarine cable capable of telephone communication was laid in 1935.

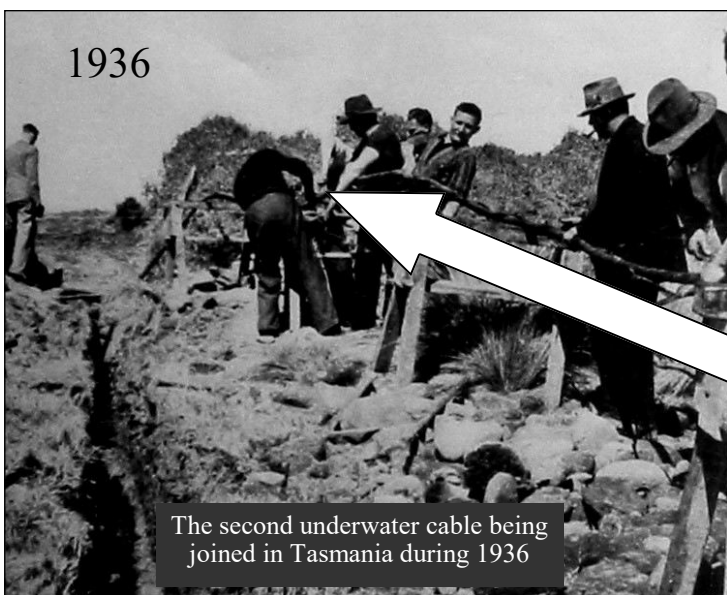
The course for the line from Melbourne was changed to inland from Winchelsea to Birregurra, south-west to Forrest, then along the old route to Apollo Bay. Siemens Bros cable steamer Faraday laid the line across Bass Strait, via King Island to Tasmania.

This set-up lasted until 1963.

In these days of modern telecommunication, the outdated underwater cables are remembered at the Apollo Bay Old Telegraph Station Museum ■ L.B.



Clarks circa 1910 bridle track followed the old single insulator Telegraph poles



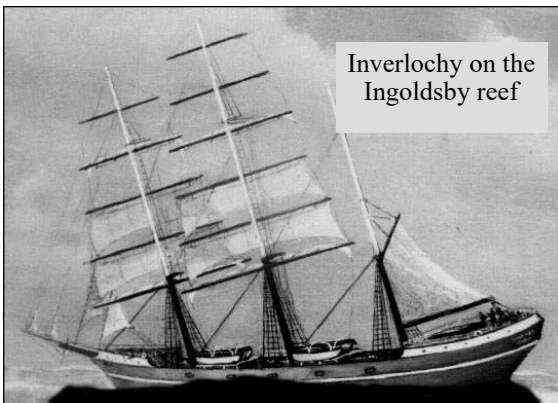
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The second underwater cable being joined in Tasmania during 1936

Anglesea / Scotland connection



Was the iron barque “Inverlochy” named after a now ruined Castle in central west Scotland ?



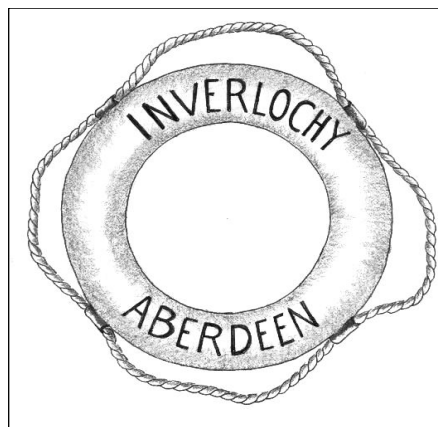
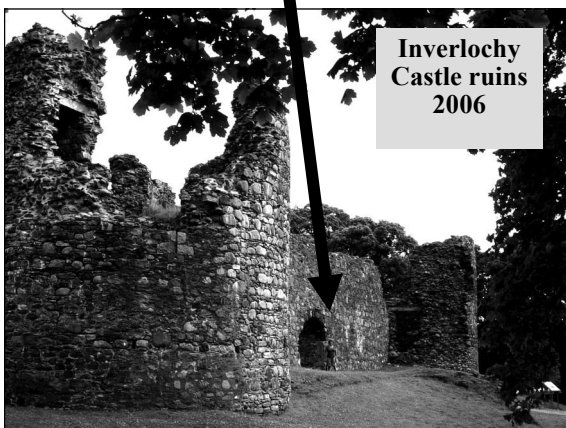
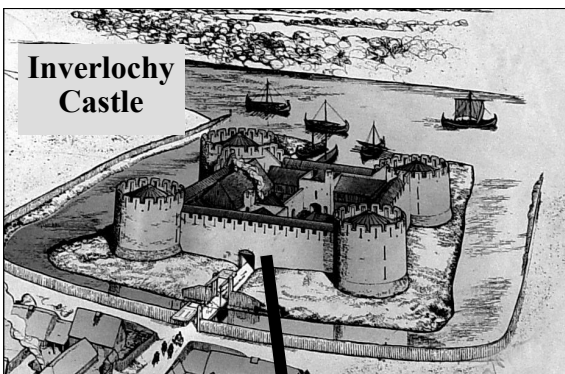
Member Rosalie Coutts and her husband Peter Bromley visited the above interesting site during July 2006, whilst undertaking yet another extended tour of the UK.

The large Castle was constructed around 1290. It is located at a position of strategic importance where the Lochy River meets Loch Linnhe, linking the Great Glen and Northern Highlands with the sea

Rosalie was present at our successful ADHS Luncheon which commemorated the unfortunate wreck of this three masted sailing ship off our Anglesea coast during 1902, and was familiar with the shipwreck names..

They both enjoyed their visit to Aberdeen on the east coast and the ruined Castle near Fort William on the west coast ■

*Recounted by - Rosalie Coutts
& Peter Bromley to L.B.*



Sketch of the Inverlochy life-belt on display at our Anglesea Museum



The “Inverlochy” was Aberdeen registered and named after its owner’s home region.

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