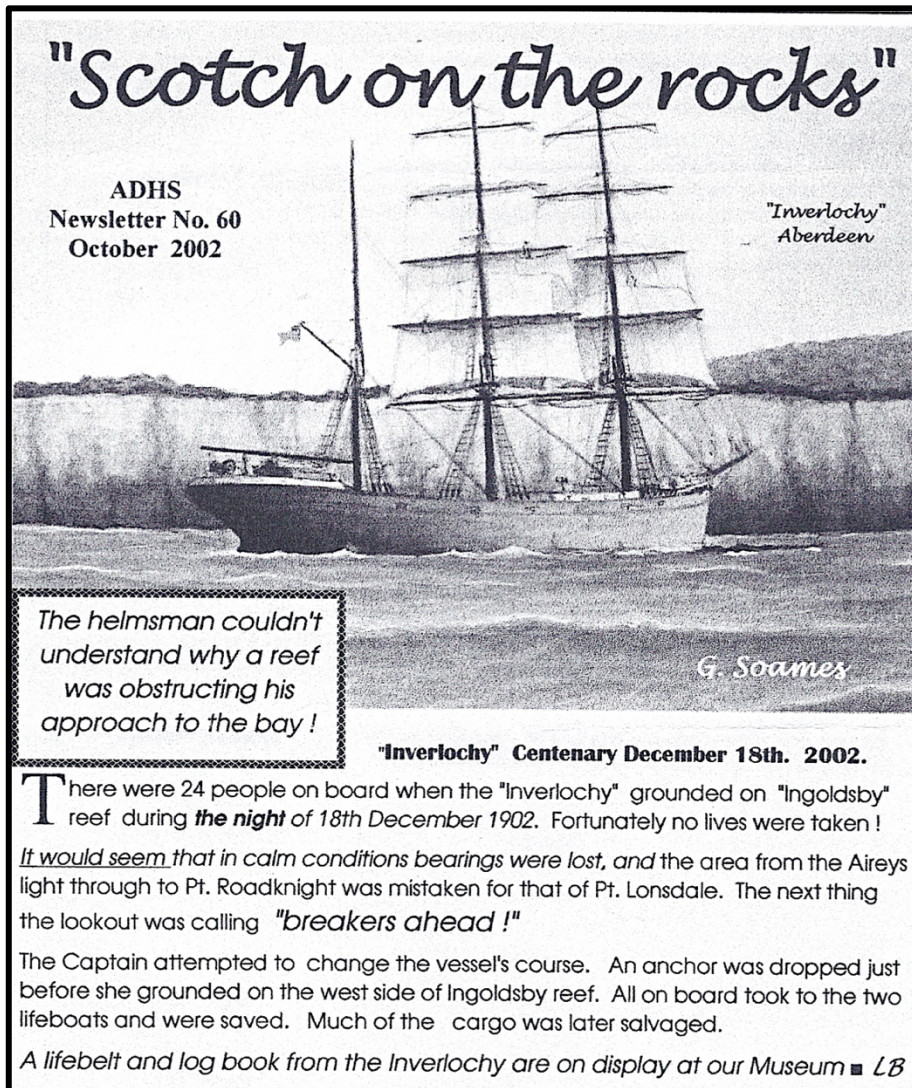


**Nibbles:** A happy and healthy new year to you all. In this issue of Nibbles we're pleased to announce that the Anglesea & District Historical Society is getting back to its normal operation in line with the requirements of the State and Shire COVID guidelines. We've had the museum open each Sunday afternoon during January and it will revert to its normal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from February onwards. We're also having our first general meeting since the COVID lockdown. At 2pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 our guest speaker Eric Messer is going to tell us about "The Night the Inverlochy was wrecked." Do come along. The presentation will be in the Senior Citizens Hall. I have included an advertising flier in this edition of Nibbles as a reminder. In keeping with this theme, our "blast from the past" is an article from the front cover of the October 2002 edition of our newsletter written by our then historian Lindsay Braden on the centenary of the sinking of the Inverlochy. The excellent painting of the Inverlochy accompanying the article was done by one of our historical society members Mr Geoff Soames. Also in this edition of Nibbles, our museum curator Susan Clarke has provided an informative outline of the museum's Inverlochy display. But first of all the quiz, which you will not be surprised to learn, is based on this very theme.

**Quiz:** Try your luck at these questions. The answers are towards the end of this issue (no peeking).

- Q.1. What was the date on which the Inverlochy was wrecked?
- Q.2. Who was the captain of the Inverlochy?
- Q.3. What was the estimated value of the cargo of the Inverlochy, and what was it worth after salvage?
- Q.4. What was one of the top priorities of the salvagers?
- Q.5. What was one of the outcomes of the Marine Board of Enquiry into the sinking of the Inverlochy?



**"Scotch on the rocks"**

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 October 2002

*"Inverlochy"  
 Aberdeen*

*The helmsman couldn't understand why a reef was obstructing his approach to the bay!*

*G. Soames*

**"Inverlochy" Centenary December 18th. 2002.**

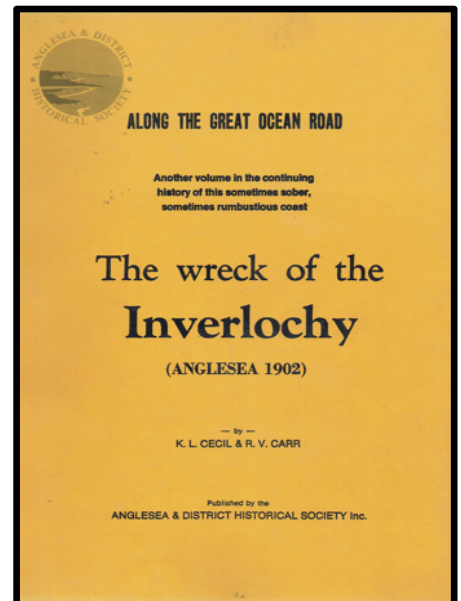
There were 24 people on board when the "Inverlochy" grounded on "Ingoldsby" reef during **the night** of 18th December 1902. Fortunately no lives were taken!

*It would seem that in calm conditions bearings were lost, and the area from the Aireys light through to Pt. Roadknight was mistaken for that of Pt. Lonsdale. The next thing the lookout was calling "breakers ahead!"*

The Captain attempted to change the vessel's course. An anchor was dropped just before she grounded on the west side of Ingoldsby reef. All on board took to the two lifeboats and were saved. Much of the cargo was later salvaged.

*A lifebelt and log book from the Inverlochy are on display at our Museum ■ LB*

Interested in finding out more about the wreck of the Inverlochy?



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(ANGLESEA 1902)

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Well if you are interested in finding out more about the wreck of the Inverlochy, you can purchase this excellent account written by Keith Cecil and R.V. Carr from the Historical Society for only \$15. Copies will also be available at the Eric Messer talk on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming events:**

**ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 2.00pm Sunday 7 February  
 @ Senior Citizens Hall

**Speaker:** Eric Messer – *guaranteed to entertain and inform*

**Topic:** 'The Night The Inverlochy Was Wrecked'

**Entry:** Visitors - Gold coin donation  
 Members - free

**ALL WELCOME**

*All activities are cancelled on days of code red fire danger.*



**SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

First event for the year

Thursday 18 February  
 10.00am  
 @ History House  
 Entrance 4  
 5 McMillan St.  
 Anglesea

**Speaker:** Pam Jennings  
**Topic:** Inquest Records  
**Members & visitors welcome**



**Family History:** Surf Coast Family History Group is also resuming its program of activities in February. Our first speaker for the year is Pam Jennings whose talks are always of keen interest to members. Pam's topic this time is "inquest records," on which she is a local expert. Note the date is the third Thursday in February.



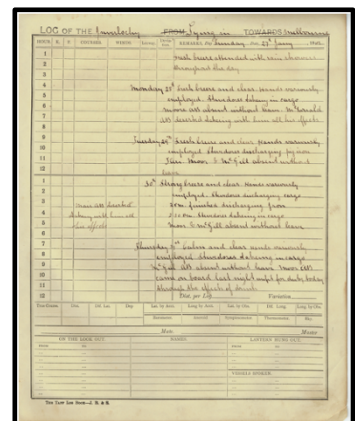
**Items from the Inverlochy:** We are fortunate to have in our collection several items from the Inverlochy. The most significant of these are: the log book, which has been scanned so that the contents can be viewed as digital files and we do not have to handle the delicate object itself; and the lifebuoy, which used to hang on the side of the change shed by the river, but which now resides at History House. We also have the salvage sled (photo left), which was abandoned after the salvage operation was completed in 1903. Left on the beach, it became covered in sand until a storm in 1976. Local resident Brian Smith hauled it up from the beach and kept it until 2018 when he donated it to the our Historical Society. Other items in our collection include glass and pottery shards recovered from the wreck, a petrified wooden pulley sheave, and a timber railing. On long-term loan we have the "commemorative bell" on display. The original ships bell which hung outside the hotel for many years is no longer in the area. The three masts from the ship were initially installed as flagpoles at different locations around Anglesea including the hotel, and the Mawson's property.



The Inverlochy lifebuoy on display at History House (2002)



An artistic reproduction of the Inverlochy lifebuoy located at Loverage Lookout



One of 424 scanned pages of the Inverlochy log

**Answers to the Quiz:** **Q.1** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1902. **Q.2** Captain E.R. Kendrick **Q.3** The cargo was valued at £40,000 however what was left after the shipwreck sold for just £160. **Q.4** One priority for the salvagers was the recovery of 10 miles of cable weighing a total of 50 tons in the Inverlochy's hold, destined for the Melbourne Tramway Company. **Q.5** The Marine Board Enquiry charged Captain Kendrick with careless navigation and his certificate was suspended for twelve months and he was ordered to pay costs of £120.