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NEXT MEETING: Wed 23rd August 2006: 2.30- 4.30pm RSL Hall.

Please join us at 2:15pm before the meeting commences for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. This is an opportunity to catch up with friends, or view any new items of interest on the display tables. As always, visitors to our meetings are most welcome.

Our Guest speaker this month will be **Alan Gostellow** from General Practice Alliance, Inverloch.

The 10th Annual General Meeting, also our birthday meeting was held last month. The annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30.06.06, as audited by Ron Webster, was presented by Treasurer Mavis Parks and accepted. President Ruth reported on the year's activities and the Committee was thanked for their assistance and support during the year. President Ruth thanked retiring Secretary Norm Deacon for the time and tireless effort he has put into the task since becoming the inaugural Secretary, 10 years ago. His work has been much appreciated by the Inverloch Historical Society. She also mentioned improvements which Norm had initiated during his time as Secretary. Attendance at the A.G.M. was 38 members, with 9 apologies. Our two visitors were Ron and Lorna Webster.

Office Bearers and Committee members appointed for 2006-2007 are: President- Ruth Tipping: Vice President- Bob Speed: Treasurer- Mavis Parks: Secretary- Noelle Green: Committee Members- Robyn Allen and Kevin Allen: our Patron is Eulalie Brewster. At the conclusion of the meeting we enjoyed afternoon tea, including the birthday cake, which was cut by Inaugural President Nancye Durham and inaugural Secretary Norm Deacon, followed by the singing of happy birthday.

Workshop: A successful Workshop was held on July 19th at the RSL Hall. 10 Members sorted newspaper articles and pictures from 1987, into a variety of categories. It was a most interesting exercise, and will now be followed up this month with another sorting of similar material from another year. Please join us on Wednesday **August 16th**, 9.30-11.30 at the RSL Hall.

Excursion: Plans for a visit to Gippsland Heritage Park Moe and Darnum Musical Village have been finalised. It will be held on our normal meeting day, Wednesday 27th of September. The cost of \$26.00 includes morning tea, admission to both venues and the bus fare. We have a guided tour at Heritage Park, and at Darnum we will have a guided tour for one hour, and an hour of entertainment. B.Y.O. lunch or buy it at Heritage Park. A stop is planned at the "Spud Shed" Nursery near Darnum. Departure time is 8.45am from the V-Line Bus Stop, and we expect to return to Inverloch at 5.30pm. As usual, Ross will have drinks available for sale on the bus. Please support this excursion as it promises to be a most interesting day.

Guest Speaker: After conducting the election of office bearers for the coming year, Cr. Ross Smith was invited to speak to the members and visitors attending. His topic was the life of General Sir John Monash who was born in 1865, and educated at Scotch College where he became Dux of the school. He specialised as a building engineer, and at 23, was chief engineer on the construction of Princes Bridge in Melbourne. He was involved in the construction of many other bridges including Anderson St. Bridge. John Monash was known for the meticulous manner in which he planned, in effect, he was a perfectionist. He led a very full life and at the age of 49, he became a Colonel while at Gallipoli. In July 1914, he was promoted to Brigadier General. Ross drew our attention to a book by Roland Perry entitled "Monash....The Outsider who Won a War.", and it was from this reference that Ross described the battle scenes and atmosphere which occurred on 8th of August 1918 at Amiens in France during a massive Allied offensive against the German Army. It was John Monash's planning which caused the major turning point of World War One. Monash had unbounded faith in the fighting capacities of his troops and they had a growing faith in him as their commander. His message of unnecessary casualties had filtered down to every digger at the front line. Following the victory at Amiens John Monash was Knighted on the battlefield by King George V. We thank Ross very much for talking to us about this famous and very great Australian.

Footnote: Eulalie mentioned the connection John Monash had with Inverloch. In 1908 he was sent to Inverloch to Survey Anderson Inlet. While here he suggested that the rock platform area below Venus St. would be a suitable site for a Pier.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION: Fee \$12 per annum due at the June meeting

MEETINGS: Held at RSL Hall Bolding Place Inverloch on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m.
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