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NEXT MEETING: Wed 27th September 2006: EXCURSION: 8.45 a.m.

Instead of the normal meeting this month, a bus trip to Gippsland Heritage Park Moe, and Darnum Musical Village has been arranged. 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. A guided tour has been organised 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 8.45 a.m. from the V-Line Bus Stop, and we expect to return to Inverloch at 5.30 p.m. Ross will have cool drinks for sale on the bus. Bookings are essential, and can be made through President Ruth on 5674 3319.

Working Bee: Another successful Working Bee was held on Wednesday August 16th at the RSL hall. Under the guidance of Eulalie we sorted another year of newscuttings into the appropriate categories, learning a lot about the history of our town along the way. Please support this important project each month as many hands make the task so much lighter, and there is still much to be accomplished.

The next Working Bee is on Wednesday September 20th at 9.30 a.m., RSL INVERLOCH.

Attendance at August meeting: 43 members and three visitors.

Mystery Photo: Keth Bendle has solved the mystery with the assistance of articles in the local paper, and a good response from readers identifying the photo of two men and three mules. The photo was taken in 1976 by Noel Stringer. Kath was told that the photo was from a record cover entitled "OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS" an American musical group known as "MEN FROM EARTH". Thanks to Kath for her research into the source of the photo.

Bass Coast Historical Network: President Ruth and Vice President Bob and Eulalie Brewster attended a Network Meeting held at Moyle's Building, the former Bank of Australasia in Wonthaggi. Other representatives of the district Historical Groups were present. The aim of the Network is to keep all local Historical Groups in touch with each other.

Trip to RACV Club, Sunday August 6th. There were 55 on the bus with Ross at the wheel. On arrival we received a welcome cup of tea or coffee, supplied by our guides Robert and Kim Petherick. The property was purchased in 2000 and building is underway, stage one is 95% complete. The total cost will be approximately \$31 million. Stage one consists of a Caravan Park with 32 Sites, 12 en-suites. There are also two playgrounds. The site is eco-friendly, the Amenities Block has heated floors, water is recycled. It is hoped that Stage one will be completed by Christmas. The main site is very impressive, and includes 26 rooms with motel type accommodation overlooking the sea. We hope to make a return visit to the RACV Club later in the year and nearer the time when all work will be finalised. We thank our guides for the warm welcome and hospitality they extended to us on the day.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at our August Meeting was Alan Gostellow, Chief Executive Officer of General Practice Alliance – South Gippsland. GPA is a network of local GP's who are working to improve the healthcare provided to communities, families and individuals in South Gippsland. The Alliance was founded in 1993, and all GP's who work in the area are eligible to become members of the Alliance. Throughout Australia there are 119 similar organisations established. Until recently there were no Fellowships for GP's in contrast to specialists, e.g. College of Surgeons. Therefore Professional Development was considered to be important so that standards and value of health care could be improved. Alan mentioned that finance comes by way of Specific Grants from the Commonwealth Government, with some assistance from the State Government. Such Grants include Aged Care, Mental Health and Workforce, which involves proving locums for GP's. South Gippsland is staffed by Alan as CEO and five other staff members.

Key Facts: The Alliance is located in south east Victoria and its rural geographical area is bounded by Phillip Island in the west, Kooweerup, Lang Lang, Mirboo North and Boolarra to the north and Wilson's Promontory to the south. It is 4160 square km. in area with a population of approximately 63,000 people. 65 doctors are established in the South Gippsland area, and 14 Practices are spread across 20 locations. In addition, at any one time, there are 12 Registrars available. Alan outlined much more information about GPA to us all, and we thank him very much for giving us his time to speak to us regarding an important area of our community which affects us all.

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

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