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NEXT MEETING: Wed 25th October 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. We extend a warm welcome to visitors who attend our meetings.

Our Guest speaker this month will be **Terry Hall**. He will speak about his early memories of Inverloch.

Working Bee: The most recent Working Bee was held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday September 20th. On this occasion, there were fewer helpers, however we managed to work through many topical cuttings from the year 1990. It is a most interesting task and is an ideal way to learn more about the area in which we live. There will Not be a Working Bee in October, the next one will be in November. We need your help, so please endeavour to keep the third Wednesday in November free.

Acquisitions: From Barton to Bruce. The Melbourne Prime Ministers 1901-1927. Edited by Brian Costar. Donated by Mavis Park. Thank you Mavis : Tracing your Family History in Australia. A Guide to Sources, by Nick Vine Hall. From an anonymous donor : Victorian Historical Journal Volume 76 No 2, October 2005 and Victorian Historical Journal Volume 77 No 1, May 2006. The Journals are issued from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Excursion: Our excursion on 27th of September was very informative and filled with items of interest along the way. We departed from Inverloch at 9.15am, drove through the scenic hills to Leongatha, and on to Mirboo North where we stopped for morning tea at 10.00 am. Ross Wise drew our attention to the excellent childrens' playground in the Park, the old Railway Station, now a play centre and the long picnic table. Eulalie Brewster also mentioned places of interest and their historical significance as we passed by them. The area of Driffield was named by an early settler, after a town in Yorkshire, England. Near where the old town of Yallourn formerly existed, we stopped at a viewing area and looked out over the valley at Hazelwood and Loy Yang Power Stations. Judy Wise was born at Yallourn and told us about the town and its surrounding area before it was removed completely. It was a great opportunity to take in the excellent view and the history of a part of our State important to us all.

The next stop was the Old Gipstown Pioneer Township, where we began with a talk from the manager. The Park was established in 1973 with the assistance of a Moe Community Group under the auspices of the local Council. The Township sits on Crown Land, and 100 people are employed to maintain and restore the collection of authentic buildings dating back as far as 1850 through to the 1920's. The site covers 8 acres and features several National Trust Classified Buildings. The aim for the future development is for the local community to "own" the Township, which highlights Agriculture through dairying, timber and horticulture. We were told that 80% of the buildings are original, there is a current program to catalogue everything in the township and that operating costs are close to \$250000.

A brief stop was made at the Spud Shed and Nursery near Darnum, to purchase fruit and vegetables, and then on to Darnum Musical Village. We were entertained by Albert Fox on the organ before breaking into two groups for a tour of the Village. This involved a look at the French polishing room and the workshop where repairs and restorations are carried out. In the display sections we viewed many unique instruments such as organs, pianos, concertinas and percussion. In the Methodist Church which came originally from Boolara, we heard the pipe organ, a number of other organs and an organ/piano played. In the old home we saw a square Grand Piano which was built in London in 1827. The oldest instrument at the Village is an 1810 accordion. Back in the main building we were entertained by Susan and Colin Parish, with the grand finale being several songs from Peter Drysdale playing the saw. After being farewelled from the Musical Village we headed for home via Poowong and Korumburra. Many thanks to Ross and Judy for looking after us in their usual caring and friendly manner. We do value their friendliness and attention to detail. Many thanks to President Ruth for organising yet another successful excursion, it was much appreciated.

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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