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Next Meeting: Wed 28th February 2007: 2.30-4.30pm RSL Hall.

Please Note: There is no meeting in December and there will not be a meeting in January.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th of February 2007 : 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 chat.

We wish all members and their families a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: Thank you all for your support of this annual event, many thanks also to the organisers and ticket sellers. The Raffle will be drawn on December 16th 2006.

Expo of Community Groups: This proved to be a most successful occasion with 34 displays and approximately 300 people visiting the Community Hall at Inverloch. Grateful thanks to our members who prepared the material and who were on duty during the day.

Dates to Remember: * Sunday 7th January 2007 Anderson's Inlet Angling Club, Twilight Market from 2.30pm onwards. Inverloch Historical society will have a display there.

* Friday 5th January 2007. A Historical Walk led by Eulalie Brewster commencing from the Community centre at 9.00am. Cost is \$5.00

Working Bee: The next morning planned is Wednesday February 21st leaving at 9.30am. It is a most interesting task, and contributes to our understanding of Inverloch in previous years.

Acquisitions: Life in Old Van Diemens Land by Joan Goodrich. Lasseter's Last Ride by Ion Idriess, both from an anonymous donor. Inverloch and District Community Branch of Bendigo Bank Campaign May 2005-2006. Presented by Terry Hall. Thankyou Terry. Werribee Park . Produced by the Board of Works. Donated by Mavis Parks, thankyou Mavis. Maps of 15 South Gippsland Towns. The date of issue is unknown. It was received from an anonymous donor.

Walk to the Magnat 2007: Advance notice regarding suitable tides. Friday March 23rd - 9.33am: Sunday 25th March - 11.05am, and Monday 26th March - 11.49am (lowest tide). More details next year.

Members' Show and Tell involving items of Sentimental Value: **Colin Leviston** showed us War Service Certificates of family members, details were obtained from the War Museum in Canberra. They outlined the family member's name, rank, serial number, date of death on active service and where they died. Colin showed us some 'Dead mans Pennies', also known as 'Death Plaques' which were issued to families of members of the Commonwealth Forces who died during WW1. **John McLean** had several items of interest. They included a 'Pop Pop' boat, which had a tiny boiler heated by a candle stub. The resulting steam propelled the boat along. He showed us a lightning suppressor for a crystal set aerial, a wooden cotton reel used by children as wheels for model tractors in the 1930's, and a 240 volt wooden plug which had no earth pin. It was used on iron and toaster cords in the 1930's and was considered to be dangerous. **Pauline Kitson** showed us a George III gold coin which was minted in 1790. **Eulalie Brewster** displayed a table runner and table cloth made in Finland about 40 years ago. They were used as Christmas decorations on our afternoon tea table at the conclusion of the meeting. **Robyn Allen** had a Victorian era Visiting Card Case made of Sandalwood. The case belonged to her grandfather. **Ruth Glare** showed a passport, which belonged to her father when he migrated to Australia from Scotland. She outlined the history of her father's involvement with Australian life in early years. Ruth displayed a brooch, which had been given to her grandmother by Ruth's father many years ago. **Hazel Hayes** brought her grandmother's wedding ring, it was made of Welsh gold. Her grandmother was born at sea in 1857 on a ship on its way to Australia. Hazel had some family photographs for members to see. **Jack Sandercombe** had a night lamp given to him when he was about four years old. It belonged to his grandmother. **Ian McBurnie** showed a compass once owned by his grandfather when he was seeking gold in Western Australia. The compass had been handed down through the family to Ian and would be well over 100 years old. **Mavis Parks** displayed a silver tea pot and a matching silver sugar basin and milk jug. They had been given to her husband by his grandmother in 1946. The silver tea pot was a prize won by Sir William Clarke for 'Best Merino Ram' on March 11th 1880. A more detailed account of the Clarke family history is available on request from Mavis.

President Ruth wished everyone present a happy Christmas Season, the meeting was closed, and we all enjoyed the end of year Christmas break-up afternoon tea.

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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