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**Next Meeting:** Excursion to Yarram - Wed 26th September 2007:  
9.00am departure.

Instead of the usual meeting, we will be journeying to Yarram on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> for the excursion organised by Past President Ruth Tipping. The bus cost is \$13 and lunch can be purchased for \$12.50. The bus will leave from the V-Line stop Inverloch at 9.00am. There were some seats still available last month so if you would like to come along, contact Ruth on 5674 3310.

**Working Bee:** The monthly Working Bees need lots of support, to ensure that the task is completed. Phase one is almost finished and the next phase will involve more detailed filing. Next Working Bee is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of September from 9.30am in the RSL Hall. BYO scissors and a pen.

**At the August Meeting President Noelle** made a presentation to **Past President Ruth Tipping** and thanked her on behalf of all members for her hard work and dedication to the IHS for seven years of the Societies' existence of 11 years. We are all very grateful for the time and effort Ruth has extended to IHS over the years. Ruth's comprehensive annual report August 2006-July 2007 is indicative of the busy and eventful year over which she has presided. Many thanks Ruth and best wishes for the future.

**36 members** attended the August meeting, there were 5 apologies and visitor Frank Eeles was welcomed.

**Notes from President Noelle.** We have a need for a volunteer to assist with some computer tasks. \* Name tags for members (holders have been purchased) \* Reprinting of small books \* Downloading of photographs. Please help if you can.

**Continuing details regarding committee members:** Our Treasurer **Mavis Parks** has been in office since 2001. We are grateful for her continuing work with the Historical Society.

**Eulalie Brewster** has been our Patron since inception. She grew up in Sandringham, became a primary teacher, married a dairy farmer at Nerrena where they lived from 1947-1974. She retired to Inverloch because of her love of bird life, the beach and the bush. She has become a vital member of our Society.

**Our Guest Speaker this month was Richard Cronk.** Richard talked about his early childhood in Wonthaggi and described the town as he remembered it in the late 1920's- early 1930's. He lived at 94 Watt St. where Coles Supermarket is presently located. His father Harry Cronk was a carrier, using horses to haul loads. They had six horses altogether. Richard described the various shops in the area, in particular the ice works, bakery, haberdashery and Fred Hesse's Men's Clothing Shop. He mentioned the schools, with the "Little" school in King St. and the "Big" school in Baillieu St. As a young lad he remembered roasting potatoes over a fire they lit in nearby ti-tree scrub and sailing canoes made from sheet iron on a dam. He mentioned the fire alarm bell which was very loud being switched through to their premises when the fire station was unattended. He also said that at one stage Wonthaggi was the fifth largest town in Victoria. We are very grateful to Richard for sharing his memories of early Wonthaggi with us. He was thanked by President Noelle and the usual presentation made.

**RACV trip: report from President Noelle.** On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30, Ross Wise took approximately 90 people to the new RACV Eco-Friendly holiday resort at Inverloch. We were met by Ed Davis and Lee Fitzgerald our most obliging hosts and guides, who took us on a tour of the complex. The main lodge has 26 sea-view rooms looking out over Cape Liptrap, Point Smythe and Wilsons Promontory. There are 10 two and three bedroom villas and 10 more will be built by Easter 2008. There are 32 caravan sites, 12 with an ensuite facility and an amenities block. Recreational facilities for guests include swimming pool, sauna, children's room, two rebound ace surface tennis courts, gymnasium, sports oval and a amphitheatre. A putting green is being prepared and a lookout will be constructed behind the villas on the West side. Breakfast, lunch and dinner can be served to 80 people in the dining room overlooking Bass Strait and is available to members as well as guests. The resort will open on 17<sup>th</sup> September. The RACV Club intends to involve itself in the local clubs and events and I would like to consider what sort of relationship we can have with them.

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