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Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th November, 2007 2.30-4.30pm. RSL Hall

We meet at 2.15pm for tea, coffee and a chat before the meeting commences. Visitors are always welcome.

At our October meeting there were 31 members present with 8 apologies. Three visitors were welcomed, Gina Bevan-Jones, Harry Dunn and Noel Powell.

Christmas Raffle: Kath Bendle is co-ordinator and has requested donations for the hamper. Volunteers to sell tickets are required. Permission has been granted to sell tickets in front of the Supermarket, Chemist and Jewellery Store. Please support Kath and her team during this special annual event for the Historical Society of Inverloch.

Tourist Walks: Eulalie will be conducting the walks in January next year. She will need assistance in several areas. Carrying the battery for the microphone, collecting money and registering those participating. More details will be available at the next General Meeting in November.

2008 Calendar : Calendars are now on sale for \$10.00. They display photographs of Inverloch in earlier days and are most interesting and informative.

Filing: Eulalie reported that filing usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month had finished for this year.

Horse Drinking Troughs: Nancye Durham spoke in appreciation of the recent trip to Yarram. She drew our attention to an article in the Gippsland Heritage Journal regarding horse drinking troughs. While in Toora during morning tea, Nancye noticed a trough near the old Railway Station. The Author of the article stated that the troughs had been scattered around Victoria and there were only 6 left in the Gippsland area. It was pointed out that the Author had not mentioned troughs located at Toora and Tooradin. Nancye commended the Gippsland Heritage Journal to members as a most useful resource for learning about the past in Gippsland.

Acquisitions: "An Ornament of the City"-The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, by Peter Donovan. The book has a number of references to Dr. Ken Howsam who was Curator and Registrar of the Inverloch Historical Society for several years, President and ultimately a Life Member. Dr. Howsam was Medical Director of RVE&E Hospital from 1947-1982. The book was donated by Eulalie Brewster, thank you Eulalie. "Law on Water" Water Police of Port Phillip (1838-1900) and their Administrators by Shirley A. Videon, 'Anonymous Donor'. A relay banner from the Commonwealth Games, January-March 2006. Bass Strait Petroleum Development Map. Anonymous Donor. Two wedding photos, family group photo of the Smith family and a photo of the Inverloch Coast. A card sent to Helen Divine on the occasion of her engagement dated May 18, 1964 contained a finely crocheted dressing table set and was sent by Myrtle D. Nelson, Tarax Bar, Beach Road, Inverloch. Donated by Fleur Speed, thank you Fleur.

Date for your Diary: The Christmas Break-up this year will be held on the 19th December, 2.00pm at the Broadbeach Dining room, Inverloch. The Broadbeach Complex is located at the end of Meanderri Drive Inverloch. Bring a plate of food to share and dress in Christmas gear if possible. It is not a meeting but an opportunity to meet socially at the end of a busy year. If you require transport, be at the RSL Hall at 1.30pm and transport will be arranged.

Our Guests - at the October meeting were the children of Grade 3 of Inverloch Primary School and their teacher Wendy Page. For over ½ an hour the children asked members a series of searching questions about their memories and recollections of earlier days about Inverloch and the area in general.

Questions included "What was the most modern thing you used to use?" "What was the best invention 50 years ago?" The children were told that electricity came to Inverloch about 70 years ago and could they imagine Inverloch without electricity, no television, no video games! "What electrical thing changed your life?" and "what kind of cars were used back in your days?"

It was great to hear the children's questions and to hear the thoughtful responses from members. At the conclusion of the session, the children were presented with some photos of old Inverloch, showbags and a book was presented to their teacher. Many thanks to Vice President Fleur Speed for organizing the visit and for guiding the questions and answers for the time the children were present.

Note from President Noelle: On the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October, the South Eastern Historical Association organised a "Discovery School" with Wonthaggi Historical Society as the Host. Wonthaggi had been preparing for this weekend for 18 months and showed that they have enormous pride in their Town. They have thoroughly researched and documented all aspects of their history.

On Saturday we met at the Union Theatre and surprisingly all of the speakers were men. Jimmie Quilford who farms at Harmer's Haven, told of the first black coal mine at Cape Patterson, observed by Hovell from the water. John Bordignon spoke of the methods of extracting coal from the Wonthaggi Mines and the hardships experienced by the men who lived in sparse conditions in "tent city". Sam Gatto, President WHS. told us of Wonthaggi being set up by the Government as a State Town because of the need for coal.

Dinner was at Picasso's and Dr. Peter Brooks spoke of his early life in Wales.

Sunday there was a Coach Tour to the first mine where a plaque was dedicated to Hovell. This was followed by a tour of all the mine sites, lunch and a walk around the Town with notable buildings being identified. Finally we went to the Museum at the Railway Station.

Thank you Wonthaggi and well done.

Next Meeting: Guest Speaker to be advised on the day.

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