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Next Meeting: Wed 23rd January 2008: 2.30-4.30pm. RSL Hall

We hope all readers had a very happy Christmas, and we extend New Year greetings to you all at this time. We meet at 2.15pm for tea, coffee and a chat before the meeting commences. Visitors are always welcome. At our November meeting there were 29 members present with 5 apologies.

Christmas Break-up: This was held in the Broadbeach Dining room Inverloch. The Broadbeach Complex is located at the end of Meanderri Drive Inverloch. A group of children from the Inverloch Cub and Scout group entertained members as they arrived, with a selection of Christmas songs and we thank them for their efforts. Thankyou also to Fleur for organising transport for the children to and from the venue. A pleasant afternoon was had by all present. A number of members were fortunate to win lucky number prizes and we all appreciated our Christmas Cards and greetings from the Committee. President Noelle thanked everyone for their support during the year and this was followed by afternoon tea. For those who wished to do so, a guided tour of the complex was offered, and most members took advantage of this opportunity. There was much of interest to be seen and we thank our guides on the day for their expertise.

Christmas Raffle: Another very successful Christmas Raffle has concluded, and our grateful thanks are extended to a group of members who sold raffle tickets at various spots within the shopping area. They stuck to their task regardless of the weather, and as a result of their efforts, the Society's funds have increased by \$750. Well done everyone! Special thanks to Co-ordinator Kath Bendle and ticket sellers Thelma Kee, Audrey Carter, Joanne Van den Elst, Dawn Wangman, Ruth Tipping, Robyn Allen, Kevin Allen, Elaine Stott and Kathy Edmonds.

Congratulations to the prize winners who were as follows.

First Prize – Hamper One – Lillian Smith

Second Prize – Hamper Two- Joan Adams

Third Prize- Carry Bag- Kath Bendle

Acquisition: "Not enough grass to feed a single bullock" by Rod Charles and Jack Loney (A History of Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Waratah) Donor Nancye Durham: "I the Aboriginal" by Douglas Lockwood Donor Dorothy Beard. "Contemporary Artists of Gippsland" donor Fleur Speed. Painting "The Straitsman" by William Duke donor Hazel Hayes: Manifest details regarding "The Ripple" Mounted on hardboard donor Ellen Woodbridge via Ruth Tipping: Two Photos, one of Eagle's Nest and the other of rocks along the coast. Both are black and white Valentine's Post Cards donor Lyn Shaw. We extend our thanks to all donors. In addition we have acquired the following books. "Founding of the Australian States and New Zealand" by Charles Long: "The tree book No. 2" by David Stead and "A school course of Science" by James Hunter.

Guest Speaker: Terry Quinlan. His topic was the Kokoda Trail. Tony told us he has walked the Kokoda Trail nine times and goes there each year. In earlier days he rarely saw anyone along the way, but last walking season which ended in October, there were 5000 walkers. Whilst walking the Trail, Tony said that people realise first hand the extreme hardships the Australian Forces had to face. Kokoda was a theatre of battle which began about 29th July 1942 and continued until January 1943. The climb on the Kokoda Trail reaches heights of 8000 feet in the Owen Stanley Ranges, which are as high as 16000 feet in places. Some visitors find the walk too difficult. The walk is quite steep over 50% of the time. Tony starts his walk on the North side of the country. On the first day elevation is 1000 feet to 4000 feet. Food along the way is basic, but food which gives energy. The walk takes eight days to allow participants an opportunity to stop and admire the view when appropriate, and then concentrate on the Trail to avoid falls and other accidents. We thank Tony for his excellent talk and slideshow presentation. Lots of questions followed his talk indicating the degree of interest he evoked. He was thanked by President Noelle and a presentation made in appreciation.

Guest Speaker: Next Meeting: for details see the Notice Board in the Arcade.

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