



## INVERLOCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

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**Next Meeting:** Wed 27th February 2008: 2.30-4.30pm. RSL Hall

**Next Committee Meeting** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008: 11am RSL Hall

We meet at 2.15pm for tea, coffee and a chat before the meeting commences. This time also provides an opportunity to view items of interest which are placed on display.

**January Historical Town Walk:** This annual, and much enjoyed event was again conducted by Eulalie Brewster, 12 people attended and plenty of questions were asked. Thankyou Eulalie for your time and effort.

**Can you help?:** The Society urgently requires a Secretary. Requests have been made at General Meetings for someone with secretarial skills and an interest in the work of the Society to come forward, but no one has offered so far. If you have knowledge of computers and would be available to assist, please contact President Noelle on 5674 1341. The Society also needs someone to type the Newsletter. At present this is achieved on a month by month basis, but there is a time approaching when this will not be possible. Please contact the editor on 5674 2650. Without the help of these important elements of the Society, we will struggle to communicate relevant and vital information to all members.

**Angling Club Market:** This event was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2008, at which a photographic display regarding the Inverloch Historical Society was set up by Ruth Tipping and a group of helpers. A number of visitors expressed interest in the display and questions were asked. Several historical books were sold on the day. Many thanks to Ruth and helpers for all that they did.

**Advance Notice:** Ruth is preparing for the first bus trip in 2008. The date for your diary is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. More details will be available at the next General Meeting, in the Arcade Display Cabinet and the March Newsletter.

**Acquisitions:** A Crown Seal. This was used to place the metal caps on bottles. Calvert Wyeth invented the Crown Seal and held the patent. "Pacific Victory" by Hugh Buggy. Published circa 1950: A Dictionary of Natural History. Published circa 1890: "Buckley's Hope" by Craig Robertson. Published 1980: "Phillip Island in Picture and Story." Compiled by Joshua Wickett Gliddon. Issued by the Committee of Trust "Warley" Bush Nursing Hospital Phillip Island. Published May 1958. All of the above books were acquired. Received from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Victorian Historical Journal, November 2007, Volume 78 No 2: "Out of the Wreck" by Joe and Lyn Chambers, Published 1985 by Wonthaggi and District Historical Society: "The two Worlds of Jimmie Barker." The Life of an Australian Aboriginal 1900-1972 as told by Janet Matthews. Published 1977: "Convicts and the Colonies" by A.G.L. Shaw. Published 1978. The final three books were donated by Nancye Durham. Thankyou Nancye. A 2008 calendar from the Heritage Council of Victoria. "Celebrating 100 years of the Womens' Vote in Victoria". Donated by Noelle Green, thankyou Noelle.

**Last Meeting:** There were 39 members present, 11 apologies and two visitors.

**The Guest Speaker** at the February meeting will be Michael Cleeland and his topic, "Dinosaurs."

The Guest Speaker at the January meeting was John Coghlan. He spoke about his memories of Inverloch in the 1970's when he was a teacher in the district. He came to Inverloch in 1969, at the age of 22 and taught at Wonthaggi Technical School. He was married in 1969 and his family lived and grew up in Churchill St Inverloch. John recalled entering the town and seeing the sign "population 1500" and that sign wasn't altered for the next 10 years. He said that the Surf Beach was called "Sunnysands" in the 70s. He played cards at Pine Lodge and the buildings didn't change while he was involved there. He remembered pantries, stables and pictures of the bathing enclosures, both the 'Poles' and the Pier. John said that the Networks in which he was involved helped him to become familiar with the dynamics of the area. He mentioned sports groups (tennis, football, squash) churches and schools. He preferred to socialise with local people rather than his colleagues. He recalled the renovations to Cross' store in the 1970's and the original post office before it was also altered. He remembered the many people who camped around the Flat Rocks area and beyond in the 70's. He compared this era to the present day when this area is now overlooked by the new RACV Complex. Thanks to John were expressed by President Noelle and he was presented with a gift in appreciation.

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