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Next Meeting Wed 26th March 2008: 2.30-4.30pm. RSL Hall

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday March 19th 2008: 9:30am RSL Hall

Visitors are always welcome as we gather 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.

Can you help? Again we need to mention that the Society urgently requires a Secretary. This is a very important position within any organisation, and although we are coping very well indeed, thanks to the expertise of present committee members, the position of a permanent Secretary is needed. Please give the matter your consideration, and phone President Noelle Green on 5674 1341 if you can assist or know of anyone who can.

Arcade Notice Board: Patsy Williams is changing the displays and notices on a regular basis. She plans to use themes concerning our town and local area, therefore if you have any suggestions for a suitable theme, please pass them on to her.

Planned Bus Trip: Because of unforeseen circumstances, this trip has been cancelled. Co-ordinator Ruth Tipping advises that she will plan ahead for a probable trip in September.

Genealogy Conference: May 2nd – 4th 2008. This function is a Statewide affair and will be held in the Community Hall at Inverloch. The Society will be represented there, and local people are invited to organise a table involving family and/or local histories with a display. Joan Lehmann is the contact person.

Acquisitions: Cliff's Poems. Proudly definitely Australian. By Cliff Zerbe 1998: Daisy Bates. "The Great White Queen of the Never Never. By Elizabeth Salter.

Last Meeting: There were 35 members present, 8 apologies and three visitors.

April Meeting: It was agreed that at the April Meeting we would celebrate our 12th birthday in advance. Inverloch Historical Society began on June 26th 1996. Instead of a general meeting we will have a celebratory birthday party. It is suggested also that all attending bring a plate of food to share, and to bring an item to show and talk about, something special, but not necessarily of historical interest.

Society Material: The Committee wishes to inform both members and non-members of I.H.S. that permission to use any Society material (eg. calendars, books, maps, photos) must be sought from the Committee. Copyright applies and a written application is required before any request can be considered.

Guest Speaker at March Meeting: see notice board in the Arcade for details

The Guest Speaker -February meeting: Dr. Ian Leonard. His topic was "My experiences amongst aboriginals." Ian commenced by mentioning Daisy Bates, who gave most of her nomadic Missionary life to her aboriginal friends. She lived in a tent in very remote areas. He mentioned Rev. John Flynn, who set up the Australian Inland Mission, Royal Flying Doctor Service and the School of the Air. Aboriginal people didn't receive any benefits at that time, paternalism was accepted as the norm. Ian also talked about Dr Charles Duguid who spent much of his life influencing aboriginal affairs. He was born in Scotland in 1884, and in the 1930's became involved with aboriginal people until his death at age 102. He and his wife founded the Aboriginal Advancement League in 1935.

In 1975 Ian and his family travelled to the Flinders Ranges, The Birdsville Track, Coopers Creek, Lake Eyre whilst in flood, and other places. The family had their longest holiday in 1979 when they traversed the Great Victoria Desert, down to the goldfields near Kalgoorlie and on to Perth. They returned home via the Nullabor Plain.

The extensive journey gave the travellers an insight into how both Federal and State Governments dealt with aboriginal people within their jurisdiction. Permits were required by visitors to visit aboriginal settlements, one year in advance. Alcohol was a big problem in the settlements also. Docker River was the first settlement they visited along the way. Access to petrol supplies was difficult where local rules applied. The family travelled on to Warburton River Mission in W.A. Again, a place in difficulties due to alcohol abuse. Ian thought the recent Sorry Day inspiring and momentous in our history. Much has been written and will continue to be written. Ian concluded by saying that Dr Duguid would be pleased, his mission was accomplished. This is a brief precis of Ian's talk. The audio tape is available for borrowing if you would like to hear the information again.

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