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Next Meeting: Wednesday July 23rd. 2008. 2.30 – 4.30 pm. RSL Hall

We meet at 2.15 p.m. for refreshments and an opportunity to meet with fellow members before the meeting commences.

Annual General Meeting: A final reminder that the next meeting on **July 23rd 2008** will be the A.G.M. The Annual Report and Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June will be presented. An election of Office Bearers and Committee will be held. The Society is in urgent need of a Secretary and members of Committee. Please consider if you are able to assist in this vital area of the Society's administration.

Boating Accident: In connection with the recent passing of Dr Ken Howsam, I had a phone call from Ann Turner who, with her husband Ken, was holidaying at Inverloch. Ann was seeking information regarding a boating accident which involved the Sack family on December 28th 1939. Ann's grandfather, father and two uncles were on the boat when it capsized. Nancye Durham was able to locate a relevant newspaper article amongst the Society's records and Ann was given a copy. Ann was hoping to meet Ken Howsam when sadly he passed away only a few days after her visit. Details of the accident are set out below exactly as they appeared in the article. The name of the newspaper is unknown as it was not recorded on the newsclipping.

The Royal Humane Society has awarded Bronze Medals to three Wonthaggi boys for their outstanding bravery at Inverloch on December 28th, 1939.

When a fishing boat capsized at Inverloch, Mr Harry Sack, 42 of Camberwell and his son Allen were drowned. Two other sons, Leslie 18, and Kevin five, were rescued in dramatic circumstances. Four boats took part in a three hour struggle against 10 feet breakers and a fast out flowing tide.

Alexander Enterkin and Joseph Chambers, two school teachers, dared the breakers in a canoe. They gave valuable assistance to the stranded party. Their canoe was carried out over the bar and capsized in the breakers.

Kenneth Howsam, son of Mr. And Mrs. Howsam of the Wonthaggi Branch of the Commercial Banking Company, rowed out in a 10 feet dinghy, over the bar, and found Enterkin, Chambers and the Sack boys clinging to the canoe. With the four survivors in the dinghy, Howsam set out after Mr. Sack whose clothing kept him afloat.

Mr William Young of Inverloch then rescued them in a motor boat. Mr. Sack died after being admitted to hospital.

The Rocket Shed: After two years of lobbying, the Rocket Shed, which was originally situated on the Inverloch Coast line and is 106 years old, has finally returned to the temporary care of the Inverloch Historical Society. The Bass Coast Shire paid all expenses and trucked it from their Council yards to a site behind secure fencing in Bear Street at the Highway end. It can be viewed from the street even if the gate is locked, but can be inspected at Inverloch Bargain Centre at any time when the gate is open. This is our oldest building and is a great asset for Inverloch. The restorers will commence work soon and the people of Inverloch will eventually decide on its location. President Noelle Green.

Guest Speaker: Past President Ruth Tipping was guest speaker at the June meeting and her topic involved her long association with the Inverloch Angling Club. The Club was formed on 25th of April 1959, and the first meeting was held at Carter's Camp on the other side of the Inlet where there was a small jetty. Initially there were 28 members. Fishing competitions were held without formal preparations. Eventually, meetings were held in the football club rooms, and later on, the hotel.

In 1962, permission was granted by the authorities for the Angling Club to have their own club rooms on land provided. The building came from Monash Hospital and was formerly used as an infectious ward and also a psychiatric ward. It was transported by Henry Donohue, cartage being thirty-one pounds and ten shillings. All work done subsequently on the building was by volunteer labour. The building is still used today by all types of Community Groups throughout the year. May thanks Ruth for your most interesting and entertaining talk.

The tape of Ruth's talk is available in the audiotape library.

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