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**Excursion:** to be held on our next meeting day, Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The plan has been changed and is as follows. The bus will leave the V-line bus stop Inverloch at 9.00 am. Morning tea will be provided, then on to Morwell where we will meet with Bruce McMaster from the Morwell Historical Society. He will accompany us on a tour through Morwell and Yallourn North where he will point out historical places of interest. Lunch will be at the Morwell Bowling Club at your own expense. The cost of the excursion is \$18.50. Bookings are essential, and can be made by contacting Ruth Tipping 5674 3319.

**Annual General Meeting:** This was held on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. The annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30.6.2009 as audited by Ron Webster was presented by Treasurer Liz Catt and accepted. The minutes of the previous year's AGM were read and confirmed. President Nancye Durham, in her report, mentioned that there had been nine general meetings, nine committee meetings, two excursions and that attendances have risen. There were 52 present at the July meeting. Currently there are 70 members of the Society. Nancye outlined the wide variety of experiences and activities the Society has had during the past year. She thanked all who have contributed, their work has not gone un-noticed.

**Office Bearers and Committee appointed** for 2009-2010 are: **President** – Nancye Durham. **Vice President** - Patrica(Patsy) Williams. **Secretary** – Phyllis(Phyl) Hipworth. **Treasurer** – Elizabeth(Liz) Catt. **Committee Members** – Kevin Allen and Ian McBurnie. Cr Ross Smith was a welcome guest at the meeting; and following the appointment of Office Bearers and Committee for 2009/2010 he commended the Society for its work and offered his continuing support in the year ahead.

**Olive Wilson:** In our publication, "Silvertails on the Hill", is included a chapter on the Ledwidge Story written by Olive Wilson. It recalls memories of arriving in Inverloch as an 8 year old and of her schooldays, the beach and baths at Abbott Street; they had a bathing box there. Olive reminisced on growing up here in the 1920-30s and when "Pine Lodge" was opened she was employed as receptionist with book keeping duties. Later she married and moved away, returning again in 1966. The "Tales of the Inlet" play recently produced here, portrayed Olive in one of the character roles of the play, depicting extracts of her story. We have heard that Olive has now moved to live with her daughter at Lakes Entrance. We wish her well there and send our best wishes as she settles in to her new location.

**Guest Speaker:** Again we were pleased to welcome one of our own members, Wendy McBurnie, to be guest speaker and her topic was Pine Lodge. Wendy mentioned that IHS has a wonderful record of the development and history of Pine Lodge, and that it would not be possible to go into too much detail in the time available. She was also aware that many people present would have different and very meaningful memories of this, for its time, quite amazing construction. An advertisement for Pine Lodge states as follows."Pine Lodge, Inverloch, Luxurious Private Hotel. Opened 15<sup>th</sup> November 1930. C.W. Wyeth Proprietor. Telegrams - Pine Lodge Inverloch. Telephone Inverloch 7. There were many details regarding accommodation, recreation and service. Among them: "Hot and cold water in all rooms, sewered throughout, rooms singly and en suite, Continental Chef, conducted motor tours and picnics, motor boating and short nine hole golf links. Calvert Wyeth had the forward thinking and drive to build Pine Lodge in Inverloch. He came to Inverloch as a seven month old baby, the youngest of six children. He attended Inverloch Primary School and in later years became an engineer. During World War one he enlisted with the Australian Flying Corps and was sent to England for training. On his return to Australia, and following the sale of a manufacturing business he had established, he began to build Pine Lodge. Pine Lodge employed many local people during its construction and also when it was completed. From 1942-1947, Pine Lodge played a different role. Calvert Wyeth offered Pine Lodge for use as a Naval Hospital. It was at this time that Wendy's family connection with Pine Lodge began. Her uncle, Chief Petty Officer Ern Ramsden, spent a year at Pine Lodge recovering from war injuries. His wife and their three children were accommodated at Two Views guest house and the children attended Inverloch Primary School. He was one of 13 sailors who survived the sinking of HMAS Yarra in the Sunda Strait off Java on March 4<sup>th</sup> 1942. Wendy related other family history memories for Barbara Robinson, Joan and Ken Lehmann and Olive Wilson. At the conclusion of her talk Wendy was thanked by Patsy Williams for her interesting presentation.

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