



Inverloch Historical Society Inc

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From the President

National Volunteer Week is 21-29 May 2018. Your historical society operates thanks to our volunteer members and is one of many organisations at Inverloch that exist because of committed community members. Recently, in the monthly newspaper *The Senior*, the following stirring report appeared. It is worth reading. Here is a small quotation:

"Volunteering Australia says about 4 million people aged 15 and over participate in formal volunteering. Their economic value to society is estimated at around \$100 billion a year. Close to one million Victorians are involved in formal volunteering. Statewide there are more than 120,000 not-for-profit organisations, most of which rely solely on volunteers to operate ... But the benefits aren't simply a case of dollars and cents. Volunteering provides the opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to connect. It also helps to connect people to career paths and labour markets, builds a sense of altruism and citizenship, and inspires people to work together to solve problems and improve communities."

As the Society continues to develop its collection through our digitisation program, many photographs of Inverloch's past are becoming available to all via the internet. Shining through are many examples of individuals and groups involved in community activities. The two buildings depicted at right on this page are examples of this.

On the left side of the photograph is the original CFA fire station going back to the 1950s, while the building on the far right shows the "new" CFA fire station built in the 1970s. Compare that, with what stands in A'Beckett Street today!

The photo below at right, shows the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club's watchtower, just recently relocated a couple of hundred meters up the beach.

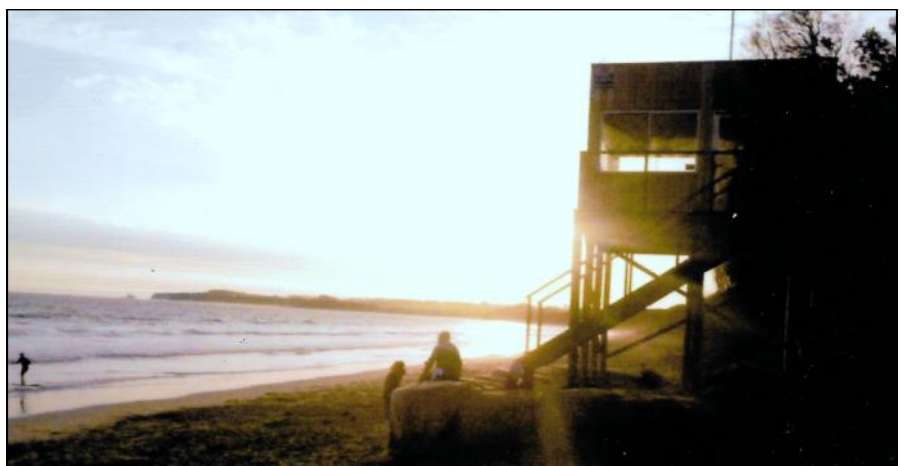
Volunteers bring a vigour and warm-hearted response to all that they do. It is very encouraging to our Committee when members volunteer to help with the many and varied tasks that keep us going. No matter how big or small those tasks are, all contributions make a difference and are valued. We simply could not achieve our objec-

tives if we didn't have the help of so many. *So, I challenge all members to keep up the good work.*

Ripple on The Esplanade

Rejuvenation of *Ripple* is almost complete. Bass Coast Shire Council is to be congratulated for funding its renovation. The Society has been asked to provide photographs and information for the display panels around the ketch. The earlier panels have faded and become unreadable and Council's request has led to quite a search to find the originals and has given us the opportunity to improve upon what was there. Member Ray Burt and I have really had our noses to the grindstone, but the end result will be well worth the effort.

Ripple's steering wheel, previously displayed on a board behind the ketch, had deteriorated to the point of falling apart. The wheel has been reconstructed by Inverloch Men's Shed, another volunteer community organisation. The renovated wheel looks magnificent and will be installed in the coming weeks. We appreciate their generous support and will make a donation to their organisation.



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Have you seen the Society's website recently? Well, if you haven't, have a good look right now. Member Rod Pettit has done a marvellous job so far. He is a man of energy and ideas! We need ideas and positive suggestions to take forward our aims and aspirations for the Society. Rod is helping members, and others who visit the website, to see a more informative, bigger and brighter picture of Inverloch since 1886. Well done!

Developing the Inverloch Maritime & Historical Museum

Several Society members (John Hutchinson, Terry Hall, Lynn Kirk & Ray Burt) met at the Council's offices with Mayor Cr Pamela Rothfield, Dep Mayor Cr Brett Tessari, Cr Julian Brown, Cr Les Larke and several members of Council's staff, to discuss the issue of the use of a Crown Land site near Inverloch jetty, with a view to constructing a museum on that site. The meeting lasted an hour and we were well received. Our research was appreciated and well worth the effort taken. We thank the Councillors and staff for their time and the opportunity to develop our ideas. We came away pleased with our progress so far.

Old Photographs, Documents, Maps Etc. (Ephemera)

With no building to call our own, adding new material to the collection can be a major problem for the Society. Conven-

iently, and with some relief, it will be extremely pleasing to know that passing your old photographs and artefacts to the Society no longer means we will keep them. Should you not wish to donate your photographs etc., you can simply lend them to us for a couple of weeks and they will be returned after Graham Paterson and Susan Hacker have scanned and catalogued them.

Graham recently took me through some of the recently added photographs. It was exciting to see the range, the interest and the sheer beauty of some of the old materials. We will have much to display at our forthcoming Exhibition at the Hub for all of August 2018.

Raffle

Our annual fundraising raffle will be held during August 2018 to coincide with the Exhibition at the Hub.

Committee member Lloyd Bennetts has volunteered to organise the raffle. Details will be announced soon.

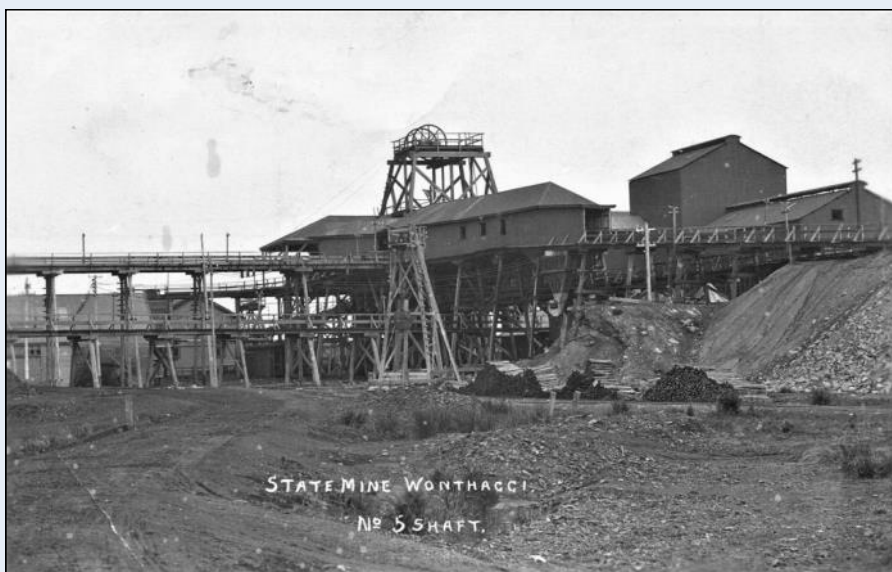
ANZAC Day Commemorations at Inverloch

As is our tradition, the Society placed a wreath at the cenotaph at Inverloch on ANZAC Day.

The RSL is a strong supporter of our work and aspirations. The historical display in the RSL Hall, curated by Colin Levison, is first class. Colin does outstanding work.

Excursion to the State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi (Note—No Underground Visit)

- Meet at Inverloch Recreation Reserve at 10.30 AM on 23 May 2018, ready to depart. We ask members to use private cars and to give a lift to others.
- At the mine site, meet in the Hall in the picnic area. Tea and coffee will be provided.
- There will be a short meeting at 11 AM, including some background information on the coal mine, the site, and why black coal mining developed at Wonthaggi.
- There will be two options for lunch—
 1. Bring your lunch and eat at the hall.
 2. Purchase lunch and eat at the Café.
- After lunch, at approximately 1.15 PM, Margaret McCulley will provide an above ground tour & commentary about the buildings that supported the mine's operations. There will also be a film screening and diorama of the mine in the Museum.
- The tour will conclude around 2.30 PM. Members will be welcome to linger at the Café.



Key Projects & Volunteers

Digitisation & Cataloguing : Graham Paterson & Susan Hacker
Webmaster & Social Networking: Rod Pettit
Museum : Terry Hall, John Hutchinson, Lynn Kirk & Ray Burt
Promotion & Merchandising: Ray Burt
August 2018 Exhibition: John Hutchinson, Ray Burt, Rod Pettit
Ripple Information Panels: Ray Burt, Terry Hall & John Hutchinson
Fundraising Raffle: Lloyd Bennetts
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